

2013 BOBBIE STEEN AWARDS

The **Bobbie Steen Legacy Foundation Award of \$1,000** is awarded to an **Emerging Leader** to further their education or to support programming which champions Women in the area of Sport and Physical Activity.

The 2013 Emerging Leader is **Dominique Falls**

Dominique has a Masters degree from UBC in the sociology of sport and is currently pursuing her PhD in Sociology at SFU. She has focused her research on the impact of sport on the lives of young Canadian girls, and throughout her studies has also published academic and popular writings about women's equality in sport.

After spending many years coaching metro soccer teams, Dominique took the head coach position on Canada's first ever Women's National Homeless Soccer Team helping the group of marginalized women from the Downtown Eastside prepare for and attend the Homeless World Cup of Soccer in Paris, France.

Dominique is involved in her home soccer club, the North Shore Girls Soccer Association, as the Vice President of the women's program. She felt that a strong, young female's voice was an important addition to the all-parent and predominantly male board. Her involvement has led to some progressive change in the practices and policies of the organization. Dominique has recently cofounded the Canadian Women's Soccer Task Force, a group that gives a voice to current and former female soccer players in Canada and is taking a critical stand against sexist practices taking place within the soccer system.