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Various peace, earth, and justice events in and around Vancouver. **1. Rock for Choice - to February 5th** **2. Crime &**

Punishment - musical - Jan 27-Feb 6th

3. Inquiry into Police Violence - forum - Jan 27th

4. Celebrate a Cuban Hero - Jan 28th

5. Labour Rally - solidarity - Jan 28th

6. BC's Social Fabric - tv - Jan 29th

7. Dennis Lakusta - concert - Jan 30th

8. Iraq Elections on Internet Radio - Jan 30th

9. Senate Hearings - media - Jan 31, Feb 1st

10. Democracy & War - forum - Feb 2nd

11. Free Mumia - call for demo - Feb 11th

12. Democracy & Haiti - filmmaker - Feb 11th

13. Travelling World Community Film Fest - Feb 11-13th

14. Cdns for Reconciliation - NY Parade - Feb 13th

15. Their Spirits Live - march - Feb 14th

16. Ministry of WLAP - workshops - Feb

17. Against Police Brutality - int'l day - March 15th

18. Employment Opportunity - SPUD

19. Employment Opportunity - Co-Op Radio

18. Employment Opportunity - Youth

19. Queers Against Kapitalism - QUAKE

20. Art Exhibits - to Feb 12th

21. Liu Institute Events

22. CED (Community Economic Development) Events

* Workshops for non-profits from Coast Capital

<http://www.coastcapitalsavings.com/Community/NonProfitWorkshopSeries/SynopsisOfWorkshops#02>

* From: thomas cheney <tatonkayouth16@yahoo.com>

Thank you for your interest in this matter. Here are the documents. We greatly appreciate Left Coast News distributing the information. Also there is a federal campaign on the voting age too.

www.vote16.ca

. Thanks again! [HTTP://vote16bc.org](http://vote16bc.org)

* From: Judy Lynne <jmlynne@telus.net>

This is a request that those of you who have not already done so, please go to

www.saveourferries.com

and consider signing the online petition to stop Bill 18.

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**1. ROCK FOR CHOICE**

11th Annual Vancouver Rock For Choice Festival

**January 26th-February 5th, 2005**



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of the reality of police violence and murder.

**Thursday, January 27th**

**6:30pm SFU Harbour Centre -**

**515 West Hastings St. Room 1315**

This is an issue that has persisted in local and international headlines for years. Police forces here in Vancouver and abroad continue to kill our brothers and sisters with impunity and we continue to demand and fight for justice. We know now better than ever that this justice will never be forthcoming from the system that these cops are sworn to protect and uphold. Police violence and murder and not accidents or occasional excesses - they are clear attacks against all people oppressed under the imperialist ruling classes.

We believe that police violence must be exposed and stopped. Right now, all the bureaucratic and juridical institutions who have been charged with this responsibility work only to protect and insulate the police. We do not believe that either the Public Complaints Commission, and certainly not other police forces, have any other class interests that the protection of the police and the maintenance of the status quo. We refuse to look to a government that uses law only to further criminalize and punish poor people for any retribution against these thugs.

The speakers at the first People's Inquiry will be:

- \* Julie Berg, sister of Jeff Berg who was murdered by the VPD;
  - \* Kat Norris, an advocate with the Indigenous Action Group who will speak of the violence experienced systemically and physically by indigenous people and specifically of Frank Paul's case (a Mik'Maq from Big Cove, NB who was also murdered by the VPD);
  - \* Rob Morgan, president of the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users;
  - \* Megan Oleson of the Anti-Poverty Committee and the 327 Carrall Street Safe Injection Site;
  - \* Anthony Fenton, human rights supporter who will speak of RCMP involvement in transforming former death squads into the current police force in Haiti.
- Please come and take part in this discussion and the on-going struggle against all forms of oppressive violence.

For more info on APC and ongoing campaigns check out our website at [apc.resist.ca](http://apc.resist.ca)

From: <[apc@resist.ca](mailto:apc@resist.ca)>

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4. CELEBRATE A CUBA HERO

Invite to celebrate the life and legacy of Jose Marti (Cuban Hero)

Friday, January 28th, 2005 @ 7 pm

Dogwood Centre, 706 Clark Dr. Vancouver

Performers from Pe?a Latina: Carlos Reygadas, Rene Hugo Sanchez, Gustavo

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3. April 4 Memo Sharply rising unemployment numbers. This should be countered with official interviews, stressing that the unemployment situation is now stabilizing and expected to fall soon

4. one memo ends with the following quote: "all such interviews must be vetted by either the White House or Pentagon before public airing" I, personally, find this quote particularly disturbing in terms of the "free press" used to describe our mass media.

Gerry

Senate Committee Hearings on the Media

The Senate Committee examining the state of Canadian media is coming to Vancouver on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1

Top concern: Is quality and diversity getting better or worse?

Open to the public, the hearings begin at 9 am each day at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue at SFU downtown.

From: "stephanie Mcdowell" <stevie1@telus.net>

10. "WHAT HAPPENS TO DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS IN A TIME OF WAR?"

Forum with

Naomi Klein, author

Terry Engler, president local 400 ILWU

Harsha Walia, No One is Illegal

St. Andrew's Wesley Church at Nelson & Burrard

February 2:

7:30 p.m.

What happens to democratic rights in a time of war?

Admission: \$5-10 sliding scale, no one will be turned away.

Organized by StopWar.ca

More information:

contact@stopwar.ca

www.stopwar.ca

Organized by STOPWAR.CA coalition

From: Mbriemberg <mbriemberg@shaw.ca>

11. FREE MUMIA

International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal and the National Task Force to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal are

calling for a mass

demonstration to FREE MUMIA on February 11th, 2005.

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We are calling for endorsements from all radical organizations in support of Mumia. This demonstration is occurring last minute due to under-handed games played by Philadelphia judges so we need to act quick. Please email your endorsement ASAP to icffmaj@aol.com or call 215-687-1147. Please leave your contact information with the endorsing organization's name. Thank you in advance!
To subscribe, send a blank message to lpdc-on@mail-list.com
From: info@leonardpeltier.org

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12. DEMOCRACY BETRAYED

Mark your calendar for a special forum on occupied Haiti:

Democracy Betrayed:

Presentation by journalist and filmmaker Kevin Pina

Friday, February 11, 7:00p.m.

SFU Harbour Centre, Rm. 1900

Admission by donation.

Independent journalist Kevin Pina will be visiting Vancouver as part of a cross-Canada tour. This is a unique opportunity to get on-the-ground news and analysis about the situation in occupied Haiti. Kevin will also be travelling to Victoria, and will be meeting with trade unionists, students and others while in B.C.

The Canadian government and military played a key role in the coup against Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and continues to be a major player in the occupation and illegal regime change. For more information on Kevin Pina's tour, contact

afenton@riseup.net

. Check out

www.haitiaction.net

for continuing coverage from Haiti.

Organized by Haiti Information Project Tour Committee.

Short Biography of Kevin Pina

Kevin Pina is a documentary filmmaker and independent journalist who has been documenting and covering the situation in Haiti for the past 13 years. He currently resides in Port-au Prince, Haiti where he has been writing and documenting the situation on the ground for the past five years. Pina produced previous film entitled "Haiti: Harvest of Hope" and is currently completing a second documentary entitled "Haiti: The Betrayal of Democracy." In addition, Pina is an Associate Editor for The Black Commentator online magazine and the Haiti Special Correspondent for the Flashpoints radio program heard on KPFA in Berkeley, CA and KPFT in Houston, TX. He is also works the founder and editor the Haiti Information Project (HIP), an alternative news agency that is featured on the web site www.haitiaction.net.

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Project-x@lists.resist.ca

<https://lists.resist.ca/mailman/listinfo/project-x>

Project-X list:

initiated for the (re)building of the Left.

From: Derrick O'Keefe <sankara83@hotmail.com>

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### **13. TRAVELLING WORLD COMMUNITY FILM FESTIVAL**

**With \*30 films\* and a \*Social Justice Bazaar\*, you'll be informed and engaged both on-screen and off. Featuring films from international and Canadian filmmakers including ?The Take? by Naomi Klein and Avi Lewis and Velcrow Rippers? ?Scared Sacred?, this year's festival includes the best social justice documentaries of 2004. Choices include the stories of:**

- \* No Place to Call Home : the plight of a working poor Canadian family;**
- \* End of Suburbia: our dependency on depleting oil supplies;**
- \* Let No One Put Asunder: gay marriage;**
- \* Afghan women activists;**
- \* a South African bush tribe which owns the source of an anti-fat pill;\* international labour movements;**
- \* the politics behind media, corporations, and terrorism; and\* inspiring positive action.**

**Feb. 11 - 13th 2005**

**Langara College**

**Media That Matters.... Travelling World Community Film Festival**

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***Travelling World Community Film Festival schedule also includes these dates in various BC communities***

**Feb 18 & 19, 2005 Nanaimo \* \***

**Nanaimo contact: Margorie Stewart - [stewartm@island.net](mailto:stewartm@island.net)**

**<mailto:stewartm@island.net>**

**Feb 25 & 26, 2005 Port Alberni \*The Valley and Beyond\***

**<http://outoffog.net/index.html>**

**contact: Dan Schubart - [danneau@danneau.com](mailto:danneau@danneau.com)**

**<mailto:danneau@danneau.com>**

**March 5 & 6, 2005 Salt Spring Island \*Our Island, Our World\***

**<http://outoffog.net/index.html>**

**contact: Dick Grier**

**<mailto:xl@pobox.com>**

**For more information on our Travelling Film Festival please contact:**

**Jeanette Reinhardt**

**phone: (250) 335 3262**

**email: [glenette@telus.net](mailto:glenette@telus.net)**

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***Opening Night: Scared Sacred***

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**Feb. 11th in Vancouver, BC**

In a world teetering on the edge of self-destruction, award-winning filmmaker Velcrow Ripper sets out on a unique pilgrimage. Visiting the 'Ground Zeros' of the planet, he asks if it's possible to find hope in the darkest moments of human history. Ripper travels to the minefields of Cambodia; war-torn Afghanistan; the toxic wasteland of Bhopal; post-9/11 New York; Bosnia; Hiroshima; Israel and Palestine. This unflinching documentary captures his five-year odyssey to discover if humanity can transform the 'scared' into the 'sacred.' Confronting horror and heartbreak around the world, Ripper meets those who have suffered first-hand. And in each place, he unearths unforgettable stories of survival, ritual, resilience and recovery. ?

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**Film Festival Schedule**

<http://www.codev.org/filmfest/films.cfm>

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***Social Justice Bazaar***

<http://www.codev.org/filmfest/bazaar.cfm>

Does your organisation strive for social justice and positive action? Do you have Vancouver staff or volunteers? Join the Social Justice Bazaar to promote your organisations, recruit volunteers, and more.

***Focus on International Development***

Saturday, Feb 12th 10:30 am - 2:00 pm If your organisation works in the field of international development, write a brief description of what you would like to present at your table and email to [filmfest@codev.org](mailto:filmfest@codev.org).

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**From: Cathy Woods <[cathywoods@shawlink.ca](mailto:cathywoods@shawlink.ca)>**

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14. CANADIANS FOR RECONCILIATION

For the last 9 years, you might have been part of the annual Dances With Dragons, a celebration of renewal of relationship between Chinese-Canadians, Canadians & Aboriginal amidst Chinese New Year festivities in Chinatown. But this year is a special year. We are just three months after our historic banquet where near 600 people were reminded of the historical relationship that once existed between First People and Chinese-Canadians. And it is also the tenth annual Dances with Dragons, which was started nine years ago by students from Mount Currie (see background below). So this is not a performance but a public testimony and celebration of another year of journey with the First People. To participate in this one small step towards reconciliation, please bookmark the following date and let others know:

Event: □□□□□□□□□□

□□ 10th annual "Dances with Dragons" (set inside the Chinese New Year Parade)

Organizers: □□□□ Canadians For Reconciliation, Chinese Christians In Action

Date: □□□□□□□□□□

□□□ 13 February 2005 (Sunday)

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Time:□□□□□□□□□□

□□□ 10:45 am to 1 pm

Meeting Place:□ 375 East Pender Street, Vancouver (Chinese Mennonite Church)

Background:

Since 1990, members of CCIA through visiting and listening discovered the true history between British Columbia and the First Nations. To foster understanding and respect, CCIA has conducted numerous bus tours up to Mount Currie Reserve, has organized different forums and gave birth to Canadians for Reconciliation in 2001. Thousands of Canadians and media personnel have journeyed with us on this road towards reconciliation.

Nine years ago through their teachers, the Mt. Currie students initiated their first visit to Vancouver's Chinese New Year parade. We gladly did the local organizing & reception of some 50 young students. Amidst the sights and sounds of the colorful celebration, they seemed to be most fascinated with the dragon dance. After their second trip, they built a fourteen feet long dragon out of paper mache and sent us the memories of their encounter with the dragons in a picture book (Thus the name of the event!).

This Province relationship with the First Nations has suffered under the current government's self-serving referendum and a treaty process lacking in good will. Many British Columbians are being roused to demand certainty and finality to their self-interests. Very few ask for certainty of a restored relationship between the two people. "Dances with Dragons", the first March for Reconciliation in 2001, the historic banquet in 2004 are people's efforts to reconciliation. By inviting First Nation friends and their children to join the Chinese New Year Parade, we wish to affirm the respect and dignity that they all deserve, and the friendship their forefathers and our forefathers once shared in Chinatown and in BC. By encouraging others to walk along side and listen, we may finally live out what life was intended to be. If our minds be like those children again, we too can have something to look forward to; we too may want to believe in dragons.....

What you can do to participate?

1. You can participate in the parade by meeting in front of the church.
2. It would be great if we can invite the Mt Currie students to come down on Saturday night. That way the students do not have to do a tiring 6 hour bus ride on Sunday. We may also be able to bring them to the large Chinese New Year celebration at PNE on Saturday night. To make this happen, we need a large heated gym/ hall for their overnight stay. We also need more adults as guides and any donations to offset their costs for 1 day (estimated to be \$12 per person).
- 3.□ You can pray for good weather and particularly about the current rising flood water at Mt. Currie area. Emails indicate the Lillooet Lake Road is blocked from traffic. The ice jams at the mouth of Lillooet River and Birkenhead were blasted so water will not back up; however, the ice sheets and chunks are now heading down Lillooet Lake and River, and may jam up downstream. Fields are flooded too. Since in late December these victims has redirected the relief funds we raised for them to the tsunami victims, we need to monitor their new flood and report the damages to you as soon as they are known.
4. Tell others about this opportunity to foster reconciliation. Tell me if you can participate in any of the above.

I apologize as some of the above are still unconfirmed. But with your help, together we can send a different message to the rest of the country. Looking forward to your

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response and suggestions,
with warm New Year wishes,
Bill Chu

Canadians For Reconciliation

CANADIANS FOR RECONCILIATION is a peaceful non-partisan grassroots movement committed to developing a new relationship with aboriginal people, one that signifies a deep apology for past injustice, a willingness to honor truth now and a resolve to embrace each other in the new millennium

From: CCIA <ccia@shaw.ca>

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#### 15. □ THEIR SPIRITS LIVE WITHIN US

re-circulated by the Vancouver and District Labour Council's Women's Committee

On behalf of the 14th Annual February 14th Women's Memorial March Committee, we are writing to ask for your support.

March to be held:

Monday, February 14, 2005

12 noon

Carnegie Community Centre Theatre

410 Main St., Vancouver

The March is sponsored by organizations and individuals in the Downtown Eastside and is held to commemorate the women in our community who die each year due to violence and to remember the women who are still unaccounted for. This year we will honouring the memories of the now 29 Women who have died at the hands of alleged serial murderer Robert Pickton.

In order to carry out the Women's Memorial March, we need to raise between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Monies donated will be used to pay for hall rental, a sound system, food, flowers, posters, candles and tobacco and other expenses. We are appealing to you for your financial support. Here are some ways you can contribute to making the Women's Memorial March a success:

- 1) Make a decision as an organization, agency, union or individual to donate monies to the Women's Memorial March.
- 2) "Pass the basket" among your friends and colleagues, and donate what is collected. All donations from \$10 to \$100 will help us in this event.
- 3) Make a donation-in-kind of items such as printing services, tobacco, blankets, food, flowers, ribbon, beaded items or medicine bags. Please contact us for a list of appropriate in-kind donations.
- 4) Organizations who serve women in the in this community are asked to contact their local city council members to raise the issue of unsolved homicides and missing women in this community.

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to you joining us at the 14th Annual February 14th Women's Memorial March. Monday, February 14th, 2005, □ noon, Carnegie Community Centre Theatre, at 401 Main Street, □ □ Vancouver, BC.

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**We ask that organizations and agencies leave their banners at home as the Women's Memorial March carries five banners to honour the women from this community. For further information or to make a donation please contact Marlene at (604) 665-3005. Please make cheques payable to Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Assn. Women's Memorial March.**

**In Sisterhood,  
Marlene Trick**

**On behalf of the organizing committee of the 2005 Women's Memorial March.**

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**Keziah McCrystal Rothlin, Executive Asst.**

**Vancouver and District Labour Council**

**#140 - 111 Victoria Drive**

**Vancouver, BC V5L 4C4**

**604-254-0703 Phone**

**[vdlc@telus.net](mailto:vdlc@telus.net)**

**Email**

**From: VDLC <[vdlc@telus.net](mailto:vdlc@telus.net)>**

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16. MINISTRY OF WLAP WORKSHOPS

Environmental Best Management Practices for Urban and Rural Land Development in British Columbia

INVITATION TO WORKSHOPS

The Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is hosting a series of workshops on Vancouver Island, to provide information on:

F Updates to the document Environmental Best Management Practices for Urban and Rural Land Development in British Columbia (and an opportunity for you to comment on the draft)

http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/bmp/urban_ebmp/urban_ebmp.html

F Proposed changes to the Water Act for instream works

F The new Riparian Areas Regulation

F Timing windows for instream works

F Implications for land development related to the Species at Risk Act and changes to the provincial Wildlife Act

F Updates on the provincial Biodiversity Strategy

F Updates to the Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory data

F Fisheries and Oceans Canada's risk management policy for development projects

This workshop will be of interest to all those involved in design and approvals of land developments in British Columbia: local government staff (approving officers, planners, engineers, parks staff) and elected officials; developers and development consultants; environmental technicians, conservation organisations, First Nations and staff from federal and provincial agencies.

Workshops will take place in:

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From: "idapb idapb" <idapb@lycos.com>

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## **18. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - SPUD**

**Job Opportunity - Marketing & Promotions Assistant, Vancouver**

**Small Potatoes Urban Delivery (SPUD)**

**SPUD is Canada's leading organic home delivery service. We deliver certified organic produce plus a full range of wholesome groceries and environmentally friendly household products to over 5,000 homes and offices throughout the B.C. lower mainland and southern Vancouver Island.**

**SPUD is an environmentally and socially minded business. We strongly support sustainable and local methods of agriculture, food harvesting and processing. We believe that easy access to healthy and wholesome food, ethical products and a clean environment is a basic human right.**

### **Summary**

**To coordinate SPUD's marketing communication initiatives, conduct customer service calls, administer community donations and help with marketing/promotions activities.**

### **Description**

**We are seeking an energetic, versatile, self-motivated, and socially-conscious individual who can perform the following duties:**

- **Coordinate SPUD's marketing communication initiatives**
- **Write and edit weekly newsletter and website content**
- **Conduct customer service calls, especially signing up new customers**
- **Administer community donations**
- **Help with marketing/promotions activities**
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### **Skills & Experience**

- **Minimum one year experience in a similar capacity**
- **Proficiency in writing and editing**
- **Excellent customer service skills and phone manners**
- **Graphic design skills, preferred**
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Preference will be given to individuals with a positive attitude, great team spirit, strong interpersonal skills and a passion for local and organic food. For more information and/or send resumes to

Da

arren Stott, Marketing Manager,

[darren@spud.ca](mailto:darren@spud.ca)

Thanks

Darren Stott

Marketing Manager

Small Potatoes Urban Delivery (SPUD)

the organic store to your door

1660 Hastings Street East

Vancouver BC

V5L 1S6

Tel: 604 215 7783 ext. 245

[www.spud.ca](http://www.spud.ca)

[darren@spud.ca](mailto:darren@spud.ca)

From: Darren Stott [mailto:[darren@spud.ca](mailto:darren@spud.ca)]

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#### 19. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CO-OP RADIO

Vancouver Co-operative Radio, CFRO 102.7FM

Program Coordinator

Temporary, part-time (110 hours/month)

Late March, 2005 - April 1, 2006

One-year staff leave replacement

Vancouver Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7FM, is a non-commercial, co-operatively-owned, listener-supported, community radio station in operation since 1975. We offer programming that is not offered on any other media and strive to give voice to under-represented and marginalized communities. CFRO's 90 different shows are produced in over 12 different languages by over 350 volunteers weekly.

Job information:

This position has overall responsibility for the station's programming systems including: on-air programming, training, production and music departments, logging systems and CRTC and Industry Canada liaison.

This position is one of a team of 4 part-time staff. Each staff member is responsible for planning and prioritizing their own activities in accordance with their job description and the expressed priorities of the Board of Directors. Staff members work as a collective and meet regularly to exchange information and prioritize shared tasks.

In addition to the specific duties described below, each staff member has shared responsibility for office management tasks including: day-to-day liaison with building management, maintenance of office and computer equipment, ordering of office and building supplies etc.

Responsibilities include:

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- working with the Programming Committee to guide new program applications, develop program policy and monitor programming for compliance with station policy and Promise of Performance
- maintaining accurate files for each program, programmer and potential programmer
- co-ordinating production of quarterly program guide
- corresponding with CRTC
- working with the Training Committee to identify needs and coordinate training courses and workshops for programmers
- co-ordinating special programming and scheduling for fundraising drives
- maintaining logging systems
- co-ordinating production of pre-recorded announcements.

**Qualifications:**

- Proven organizational, administrative and coordination skills,
- Excellent interpersonal skills to relate to volunteers from diverse backgrounds and at various levels of the organization,
- At least two (2) years experience in broadcast media, preferably community radio,
- Ability to work effectively as a team member,
- Track record of meeting assigned goals with minimum supervision,
- University degree or post-secondary training in communications or a related discipline,
- Proficient in the use of Windows applications and current office software programs,
- Or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

**Salary and hours:**

\$18.46 per hour + generous benefits

Vancouver Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7FM is a unionized workplace.

The position is temporary part-time: 110 hours per month

Vancouver Cooperative Radio is an equal opportunity employer.

Start date: Late March 2005

Date of posting: Jan. 17, 2005

To apply:

-Send a cover letter and resume to

[cfro-job@coopradio.org](mailto:cfro-job@coopradio.org)

-Please use the subject line "application from firstname lastname".

-Please label all attached resumes "resume\_YourName.doc or .pdf only"

-Deadline: All applications must be received by 4pm on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005

-No phone calls please.

We thank all applicants. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Co-op Radio is an equal opportunity employer.

From: "Leela Chinniah" <programs@coopradio.org>

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20. YOUTH AFFECTING HOMELESSNESS - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Please find attached a job posting for 'Youth Affecting Homelessness', a

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project that supports formerly street-involved youth to participate in the Youth Working Group of the Regional Steering Cm't on Homelessness. Project participants attend monthly Youth Working Group and Regional Steering Committee meetings, along with weekly youth only support meetings; time commitment is roughly 12 hours a month. We are looking for up to 10 youth, who are under 24, with past or current street involvement who are fairly stable and have the capacity to participate in a bureaucratic process. We are looking particularly for youth outside of Vancouver, immigrant/refugee youth, and/or youth who have some experience with advocacy work.

Youth participants will receive an approximately 12\$/hr stipend, bus tickets and food for each meeting, training and support to participate in committee meetings, and some one on one support. Please distribute the job posting among your contacts and encourage any young people you may know to apply.

The posting closes at 12:00 noon on February 11th, 2005

. Also, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or concerns 604.733.6186.

thanks,

**Teya Greenberg
Kinex Youth Initiative
Self Help Resource Association of BC
phone: (604) 733-6186
www.vcn.bc.ca/yphsra
From: jamcotie@telus.net**

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**19. QUAK - QUEERS UNITED AGAINST KAPITALISM  
No Justice, No Peace, Radical Queers in the Streets**

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### **Who does the system protect?**

**The Aaron Webster trial ended with a non-guilty verdict for one, and injustice for all. This trial shows us the police and the judges will not protect queers against hate. The word 'gay' was not even mentioned by the prosecutor during the trial. Again and again the only time we see the justice system working is when it is against us - the raiding of parks and bathhouses, seizures at the border and targeting of sex trade workers. We must protect ourselves against hate and refuse to allow the police, the state, and the courts to continue to use us for photo-ops while they continue to allow our community to be targeted.**

**\* We call on the Vancouver Pride Board to refuse to allow the police and government officials to march in our parade this year.**

**\* We demand justice for Aaron Webster and all victims of hate crimes.**

**\* We demand that the prosecutors recognize and charge violent homophobes with hate crimes.**

**// Question the justice system //**

**\* We are Queers United Against Kapitalism because kapitalism is an economic system based on exploitation and alienation. This is obvious in decisions made within state sanctioned bodies, like the courts.**

**\* Kapitalism values power and profit before people and community. Systematic homophobic violence towards our queer community must be stopped. We cannot rely on the courts.**

**\* To achieve queer liberation, we must challenge kapitalism, imperialism, sexism, racism and all other forms of oppression.**

**\*\*\*\*\***

### **QUAK Basis of Unity**

**We are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited and all things queer. We identify as queer to unite all the various sexualities that are silenced by heterosexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.**

**We are queers united against kapitalism because kapitalism is an economic system based on exploitation and alienation. Kapitalism values power and profit before people and community. It is kapitalism that tries to convince us to constantly chase the false promise of happiness through an endless cycle of production and consumption. This cycle lines the pockets of a few, while marginalized people struggle for work, food, housing and security.**

**We are a space that honours the voices of those queers who are silenced by the mainstream kapitalist gay and lesbian community: queers of colour, trannies, first nations, disabled, sex trade workers, poor and working class. We challenge the notion that queer liberation is achieved simply through gay politicians, their police forces or by mimicking the straight status quo. To achieve queer liberation, we must challenge kapitalism, colonialism, imperialism, sexism, racism and all other forms of oppression.**

**QUAK seeks to bring queer voices and issues to these movements as well as bring these movements and struggles to the queer community. We are a non-hierarchical and anti authoritarian group and seek to unite the resistance of an inclusive and diverse movement of queers. We will queer the**

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**radicals and radicalize the queers. And yes...we recruit!**

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20. UNDER THE VOLCANO/WHEY-AH-WICHEN EXHIBIT

1. WHEY-AH-WICHEN/FACING THE WIND EXHIBITION

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Consider volunteering to help "gallery sit" now until February 12 at an arts

exhibition at Capilano College Art Gallery, which looks at the history of Under the Volcano and the Cates Park site. Or catch the closing event on February 10. All the info is at www.whey-ah-wichen.org and read on for a press release ...

If you are available to help watch the gallery exhibition for both security reasons and public interaction (while you read, or watch interesting videos) please email back and let us know what day and how many hours (12-5pm, Monday to Saturday). Even a 2-3 hour shift would help a lot as we have 16 days to fill.

PRESS RELEASE

Capilano College Art Gallery exhibition retells shared history from various artists' perspectives

Go back in time exploring 50 years of cultural heritage of people living in Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Squamish Nation territory. This interdisciplinary arts exhibition is part of an ambitious 2-year community art project by Under the Volcano Festival to commemorate a new joint-management agreement for Whey-ah-Wichen/Cates Park between the District of North Vancouver and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, the first of its kind in history.

Whey-ah-Wichen is the name by which the Tsleil-Waututh People refer to Cates Park, which translated means "facing the wind." The area has a rich history of use by Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish People, including sharing these unceded territories with world famous authors, squatters and counterculture arts festivals. Under the Volcano Festival has taken place at the site for 15 years, and is North Vancouver's largest annual arts festival.

The project includes a website (www.whey-ah-wichen.org) inviting the public to add their stories and images from growing up in a culturally diverse North Vancouver, where First Nations and settler live side by side. "We are reflecting on our experiences growing up with racism and alienation between cultures," states Irwin Oostindie. "This is a process of colonial redress, where we can look at a popular regional destination like 'Cates Park,' and reconsider what happened there. Immigrant families enjoying the rustic scenery for picnics, counterculture arts festivals, a large squatter community home to Malcolm Lowry, the famous author who was forced out fifty

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years ago."

Artists included are: STALASTON Damian George, SNENKWEM Michelle Nahanee, Irwin Oostindie, Margerie Bonner Lowry, Malcolm Lowry, Jeremy Galpin, Dirk Oostindie, and Jocey Shepherd. Loaned materials courtesy of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, U.B.C. Special Collections Library, N.V. Museum & Archives, Deep Cove Heritage Society & private collections. Curated by Irwin Oostindie.

The public can contribute stories or images at www.whey-ah-wichen.org and can contact info@whey-ah-wichen.org.

2. THE VOLCANO ERUPTS ONTO TV

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If you happen to live around False Creek and receive your cable from Novus (instead of SHAW) you can catch an hour long special about the 14th Annual UTV Festival rotating throughout their programming day. They keep showing this ICTV live edit documentary 2-3 times a day!

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Hope you are well, and take care of yourselves. Hope to see you sooner than this year's Festival, which takes place August 7, 2005.

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