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**PEJ News:** The recent trends toward provincially legislated poverty, such as the \$6 training wage or the 3-week 'job search' while waiting to apply for welfare, is creating urgent unmet human needs. All of us can witness this daily while walking the streets of BC where the homeless try to keep warm and dry and the food bank lines grow longer each day.

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North Vancouver, British Columbia -

The Fulcrum Project is holding a Community Discussion, on April 2nd, where experienced organizations representing both young and old will identify the provincial policies contributing to poverty, speak to the challenges they have faced, and explore action plans to bring poverty issues to the forefront of the provincial election. Participants will help identify critical policies needing change, which will then be delivered to all candidates. Lunch will be provided.

On April 3, The Fulcrum Project will host a Political Dialogue about poverty with representatives of the Green Party of BC, NDP, and Liberals. This Dialogue gives communities the opportunity to share their ideas and concerns about poverty and learn what our provincial parties plan to do if elected on May 17, 2005.

'I can not continue to walk by people living in the streets,' declared Joy Fai, a founding member of The Fulcrum Project, when asked why she got involved.

Details:

The Community Discussion will be at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Political Dialogue will be at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue on April 3 from 2 - 4 p.m. There is no charge for either event, but we need participants to register so we know how much food to provide. Please register now by going to The Fulcrum Project's website [www.thefulcrumproject.org](http://www.thefulcrumproject.org) or by calling 604-986-9208 for additional information.

The Fulcrum Project is a group of people who met during The Future of Poverty series held in 2003 and became inspired to action. They intend to bring provincially legislated poverty to the forefront of the provincial election and urge people to ask their local candidates and MLAs what they are doing about poverty.

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