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contributions, considerations, concerns:

* From: "Anti-Poverty Committee" <apc@resist.ca>

APC General Meeting Every Tuesday @ 6pm 251 Union Street (4 blocks south of Hastings, off Main) Ring buzzer 900

Child care and bus fare will be provided.

* **Street Newz Update** - I'm collecting poetry, photos, art, stories, letters, until May 15th. I'll collect event announcements for the community calendar until May 24th. Please continue to send event announcements to eternity@islandnet.com, or events@pej.ca. Any other Street Newz related information or newz can be forwarded to streetnewz@islandnet.com or streetnewz@pej.ca. I'm usually at the Human Rights Coalition Office (#418, Central Building, 620 View St.) on Tuesdays 10-12 noon, and at Green Cuisine (Market Square) on Fridays 10-12 noon. Thanks for supporting the Victoria Street Newz! <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>

* Thanks to PLURA (<http://www.kairoscanada.org>) for donating \$500 to the Victoria Street Newz, through the Bread and Roses Collective, a not-for-profit society whose purposes are to relieve poverty and advance educational opportunities for socially disadvantaged and/or economically marginalized people.

The Bread and Roses Collective will graciously accept donations directly into our Vancity account #484824, branch #42. We've extended invitations to Mask Removal Productions and Mosaic the City to solicit donations using our non-profit structure, but currently the Victoria Street Newz is the only project receiving funding.

* Are you enjoying Daylight Savings Time? Why do we ever give it up? I've heard there are parts of BC that don't change their clocks. Are there any advocates out there who would like to join a movement to stay right here rather than changing again in the fall? Send email to eternity@islandnet.com, maybe we can get something started.

* Is anyone writing down the addresses of the homes and businesses that are endorsing particular candidates and parties in this election? We might want to contact these folks, after

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their candidate is chosen, to ask them to remind their candidate about the promises they made. Maybe the sign bearers will have more influence than the rest of us.

* Did you know that Elections BC will sign people up without id? This is good for the street folk, but is definitely a cause for concern, I think.

* From: "ccook" <lex@highspeedplus.com>

Canada In Song is a lively and interactive musical exploration of the history, land, and peoples of Canada. These one-man performances bring shanties, ballads, anthems, work songs, satirical verse, spirituals, rap and 'protest' songs into high school classrooms to provide a unique view of the dynamic issues, events and personalities in the Canadian Studies curriculum. http://www.mikeford.ca/pages/canada_song.html

* From: Guy Dauncey <guydauncey@earthfuture.com>

New Zealand first to levy carbon tax Thursday, May 5, 2005 by The Guardian By John Vidal <http://www.guardian.co.uk/climatechange/story/0,12374,1476775,00.html>

The BC Sustainable Energy Association has recommended this same policy for BC, in our "Sustainable Energy Policies for BC" paper, just released. See <http://www.bcsea.org/policy>

* From: "Jodie Tonita" <jodie@onenw.org>

As of 8am this morning the www.BCFacts.org website is presenting the results of the Party Survey posed to Liberals, NDP and Greens. The same survey appears as a full page ad in the Vancouver Sun today.

* From: Brian Neal <bneal@shaw.ca>

Want to send this on as it is really a well designed explanation of how the new voting process that has been proposed. It maybe somewhat more complicated when it comes to counting votes, however from my view this would really help all of us know that our votes count. I would say it is a valuable way to let everyone make their own decision. So I pass this on to all my BC Family and Friends. I must say I understand this very visual and clear explanation. (Josie and Brian:) <http://citizensassembly.bc.ca/resources/flash/bc-stv-full.swf>

* From: Gene McGuckin <emcg3@shaw.ca>

The Telecommunications Workers Union needs your help. TWU is locked in a protracted struggle with Telus. The company refuses to bargain a revised collective agreement based on the existing contract. Instead, it is insisting on creating a new collective agreement from scratch. The goal is to destroy TWU's strong contracting out language.

Please click on the following

<http://www.anotherwrongnumber.com/>

* From: "MOMS ON THE MOVE" <a4b51418@telus.net>

On May 22nd, CNN is going to air a documentary about a young woman with autism. <http://www.stateart.com/productions/disabilities/autismisaworld/broadcast.asp>

<http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/presents/index.autism.world.html>

* From: "helen michell" <telquaa@hotmail.com>

UN OBSERVES WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY New York, May 3 2005 2:00PM With last year's toll of journalists adding up to 56 killed, 19 missing and 124 jailed, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan today <http://www.un.org/apps/sg/sgstats.asp?nid=1432> marked World Press Freedom Day by paying tribute "to those who have fallen victim to their calling."

* From: Carol Grier <grier@saltspringwireless.com>

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For those of you who didn't see the YES MEN at the Our Island Our World Film Fest, they are a pair of anti-corporate spoofers who manage, through the use of cleverly named websites to give outrageous presentations at high level business meetings. This is one of their best yet. GO YES MEN!

You can read the text and see video and powerpoint of this exploit at:

<http://www.dowethics.com/risk/launch.html>. Also, if you missed The Yes Men, you can rent it at Island Star Video. It's very entertaining.

* From: SPStout [mailto:spstout@telus.net]

Petition to remove Canadian charitable status from the Canadian Jewish Fund which steals land from Palestinians. (Charitable status gives the group

the right to issue income tax receipts and therefore tax credits from revenue Canada.) <http://www.petitiononline.com/jnfca/petition.html>

* From: "George Lessard" <media@web.net>

Ear Candy: Songs About Free Media <http://www.diymedia.net/audio/featuredmp3s.htm>

* From: marisa herrera <lovenature@shaw.ca>

1,700 dead seals wash onto Nfld. shores <http://www.cbc.ca/story/canada/national/2005/04/25/seals-050425.html>

<http://Vegetarianwomen.com> announces the launch of a free online auction for the vegetarian and eco-conscious communities. The

announcement of the new site was made on the 35th anniversary of Earth Day, which is an international movement to protect the Earth, our children, our animal friends, and our future - principles supported by Vegbay.com.

* From: "working TV" <workingtv@telus.net>

New online from working TV <http://www.workingtv.com/52percentcoalition.html> Candidates' Forum on Womens Issues

Organized by the

[52 percent coalition](http://www.52percentcoalition.com)

- <http://sfss.ca/52percentcoalition>

<http://www.workingtv.com>

* From: "BC Rural Women" <bcruralwomen@junction.net>

National Ovarian Cancer Association (NOCA) <http://www.ovariancanada.org/> is a charitable organization whose mandate is to support women with ovarian cancer, to educate various audiences (well women, women at risk, health professionals and women with ovarian cancer) about the disease, and to advance research.

* From: "Savoie, Denise (Councillor)" <DeniseS@city.victoria.bc.ca> Janine I wanted to let you know i've decided to seek the NDP nomination in the next federal elections. Many of the issues that I've been working on here in Victoria like sustainability issues-social and environmental, housing policy, social supports for families, protection of our water, etc need leadership at the federal level. If you can, please pass it on to your friends. Regards Denise Savoie

* From: Anke van Leeuwen <anke88@shaw.ca>

On May 17th B.C. will be holding a ballot referendum on changing on our voting system. The referendum is on whether or not to adopt a proportional representation system for how we elect our MLAs. BC STV (Single Transferable Vote) was the overwhelming recommendation of the

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[Citizens' Assembly](#)

as the best possible electoral system for BC at this time and now there is a chance for people in BC to decide.

The polls have shown one big problem, people need to inform themselves. As much as 50% of the population is not yet informed. The purpose of this email is offer resources to people to make an informed decision on May 17th.

There are many good sites out there for information:

[Yes Campaign](#) - <http://stvforbc.com> [Citizens Assembly Alumni](#) - <http://bc-stv.ca> [Chance to try before you buy](#)

- <http://bc.demochoice.org/index.html>

[Site against STV](#)

- <http://knowstv.ca/>

If you are aware of the referendum, please take a minute to send this to everyone in your address book that is in BC. If you found these links to be useful in your journey to inform yourself, please forward this to everyone in your address book. * From: Rainforest Action Network <rainforest@action.ran.org>

Weyerhaeuser's disregard of the rights of indigenous communities continues. On the outer islands of British Columbia known as Haida Gwaii, the situation has reached a boiling point. Hundreds of Island residents have created "Islands Spirit Rising"-

<http://www.haidanation.ca/islands/islands.html> - a mass movement to support the rights of the Haida Nation over the traditional territory that has been in their care for thousands of

generations. On March 23rd, Haida Gwaii residents effectively shut down all logging operations - <http://www.ran.org/news/newsitem.php?id=1428&area=oldgrowth;ms=April05> - on the island of Haida Gwaii. According to a statement: "Weyerhaeuser has shown no respect for the land, the culture, or the people who have worked for them. Weyerhaeuser has also shown no respect for its own word?The opportunity to design a future that maintains the land and culture while providing for a sustainable economy is in our hands.

* From: Alan Rycroft <rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca>

The Wilderness Committee launched the world's first ever rawlogwebcam as a response to the high levels of raw log exports under

BCLiberals which has eroded protections for jobs and environment.

http://www.wildernesscommittee.org/campaigns/policy/forestry/raw_logs/raw_log_cam

According to BC Stats over 14.2 million cubic meters of logs were exported from BC between 2001 and 2004, up dramatically from the 5.2 million cubic meters that were exported between 1997 - 2000. Statisticians conservatively estimate that for every 1 million cubic metres of raw logsexported from the province 900 annual BC mill jobs are lost.

The webcam, which runs 24 hours a day 7 days a week, photographs ships and barges loading raw logs at the Fraser River Port in Surrey - one of British Columbia's busiest raw log shipment points. The website also has a raw log counter that continuously tabulates the number of logs, and milljobs, lost from BC.

* From: "Nathan Reed" <free123@shaw.ca>

Male prostitutes in the whitehouse?<http://websrvr20.audiovideoweb.com/avwebdswebsrvr2143/>

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* From: "MOMS ON THE MOVE" <a4b51418@telus.net>

PTAG(Parents Transition Advisory Group) is looking for parents of 18-22 year-old special needs children, who are coming out(or already have come out) of the School system and do not have any satisfactory programme in place for continued learning/development.

We have put together a programme and have got the MCFD to agree to provide some help but, as usual, they are short of the mark on funding.

We urgently need to know the names of interested parents who can contact me at :Bernie_jones@seaspanltd.ca. We need numbers to put pressure on the government

* From: "Johannes DeViet" <jdeviet@skynet.ca> Please visit our Web site: [http://www.gambli
ngwatch.ca](http://www.gambli
ngwatch.ca)

* From: Stephanie Smith <steph@resist.ca> On April 9, 2005, at a demonstration against the Safe Streets Act and at the jail solidarity vigil that followed, participants, witnesses and passers-by were harassed, assaulted and arrested by the VPD. Police charged into the crowd with horses and motorcycles; several people were brutally attacked and injured by police. The outcome of this disgusting spectacle of police intimidation and violence is that three of our comrades are facing criminal charges ranging from mischief to assault police, while several others received tickets. All intend to vigorously defend the charges against them. If you were a witness to any of the events of April 9th, we urgently need you to come forward and help defend our comrades against this escalating campaign of brutality by the VPD. We ask anyone who might be able to provide witness statements, or photographic or video evidence, to please contact the Anti-Poverty Committee at (604) 682-2726 or at apc@resist.ca.

* From: "moms on the drive" <momsonthedrive@hotmail.com> Aboriginal Mother Centre supporters are positioning thier vehicles and moving vans to block the baliff from entering and taking our personal and work related belongings!

Supportor are encouraged to come and join our resistance.2019 Dundas Street

* From: "Laura at Leading Spas of Canada" <whitelightpromo@telus.net>

My son, Maxx and I shared Sadaya's house last summer while we transitioned back to our beloved Deep Cove. We had a lovely summer with Sadaya and her girls, laughter and shared meals, long conversations over cups of tea and glasses of wine - I'm pleased to forward her message along to connect her with the ideal housemate/s. Namaste, Laura

....Have you ever heard that the yoga of relationship is a fast path?... In my experience it has been the path for the courageous...there seems no ability to dabble when you live with other lovers of truth....a rich and diverse life of passion and constant moments for laughter and tears...

If you are still reading I would invite you to consider a room or a suite in my home....it is an older home surrounded with the voices of community and so far there lives myself, my teeage daughters 16 and 18 along with a male friend who is temporarily renting one of the downstairs rooms until June 1st. There are two kitchens, laundryroom....sunny back deck and yard along with offstreet parking. The 3 rooms are \$425,\$525 and \$575 (this largest one is occupied at present)...respectively...plus a small share in the utilites and household fund.

The location is in beautiful Lynn Valley...walking distance from the center and seconds from the bus stop to downtown (35min)....and the best thing is Satsang and conversation about truth is always available.....oh and love ...lots of love...can you stand it.

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The address is 1154 Croft Rd and rooms are available for June first. Furnishing is partial and negotiable....please contact Sadaya at 604-783-1781 to arrange a viewing.

1. PLANNING FOR ACTION - HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Network Meeting - May 11th PLEASE NOTE VENUE

Linking Housing and Homelessness

Planning for Action

Date: May 11, 2005 **Time:** 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Place:

Heritage Hall 14th & Main, Vancouver

Guest Speakers: Ben Johnson, City of Vancouver Housing Centre will be presenting the Downtown Eastside Housing Plan

Michael Goldberg, SPARC of BC will speak about the recent Homelessness Count

Proposed Agenda

2:00 Doors Open, Information Tables Available 2:15 to 2:45

Information Sharing / Networking

2:45 to 3:00

Introductions, Announcements

3:00 to 4:15

Speakers, Questions

4:15 to 5:00

Discussion and Networking

Those attending are encouraged to bring housing related information for distribution, networking and sharing, tables provided.

Representatives of political parties are also encouraged to bring housing related information, hear more about housing issues and activities and join in the discussion.

Please RSVP to 604-633-1355 or info@affordablehousingnetwork.ca by Noon on May 10th if you plan to attend to allow for room set-up.

Hope to see you there!

From: "Phil Lyons" <plyons@vcn.bc.ca>

2. MICHAEL ABRAHAM - THE OTHER SIDE

The artist will be in attendance at the opening reception at gallery jones

May 12th, 6-9 pm 1725 West Third Ave Vancouver

Exhibit continues May 10th - June 4th

<http://www.galleryjones.com>, <http://michaelabraham.com>

3. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ABOUT AIDS

The Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS (ASIA) will be holding a COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

on Thursday, May 12th from 6 - 8 pm At the Strathcona Community Centre at 601 Keefer Street, Vancouver

This event will be an opportunity for us to share the current activities and direction of ASIA with the communities that we strive to serve best - as well as an opportunity for these communities

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to provide feedback and direction to our organization.

The event is open to anyone who is interested in learning about ASIA and / or providing feedback and direction for bettering our services. We hope that you can attend.

RSVPs are appreciated by phone 604 669 5567 or email.

We look forward to seeing you there... Striving together for Health, Pride, and Respect...

ASIA is a non-profit HIV/AIDS service organization that has been serving Asian communities in Vancouver and the BC Lower Mainland for over 10 years. Our vision is to strengthen communities and to empower individuals to make informed choices by increasing awareness of HIV / AIDS. We are committed to providing culturally appropriate and language specific support, outreach, advocacy, education, and research on HIV/AIDS.

ASIA

210 - 119 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC V6B 1S5 Tel. 604 669 5567 asia@asia.bc.ca www.asia.bc.ca

From: ASIA [<mailto:asia@asia.bc.ca>]

4. RALLY FOR OUR RESOURCES

"KEEP BC RESOURCES for BC's BENEFIT"

Thursday May 12, 12 noon IN FRONT OF ALCAN CORP. OFFICE 999 WEST HASTINGS Corner of Hastings and Burrard

Organized by the DON'T SELL US OUT COALITION

www.dontsellusout.com

From: "Phil Lyons" <plyons@vcn.bc.ca>

5. FORUM ON INCLUSION

Welcome to the 2nd Forum on Inclusion

Inclusion of students with special needs in Vancouver Schools

What do we know about students with Autism?

What does student behavior communicate?

An opportunity to participate in a discussion and share your views about Autism and Behaviour.?

Presenter/Facilitator:

Dr. Pat Miranda, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology and Special Education

Target Audience: students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, senior staff, trustees

Key Questions:

1.?? What philosophies or attitudes support the inclusion of students with autism?

2.? What collaborative practices support inclusion of students with autism and their families?

3.? What training, pro-d, in-service opportunities support inclusion of students with autism?

Key Information:

date:????? Thursday, May 12, 2005 time:????? 4:30 - 7:00 pm?? (refreshments - 4:30 pm ? Forum begins at 5:00 pm) place: Mount

Pleasant Elementary - Gym

2300 Guelph Street

Important:?? ??? Please RSVP to Andree at (604) 713-5240 to ensure sufficient refreshments are ordered! Thank you.

Info: Ann Dumas, Administrator, Learning Services - 604-713-5200

From: patti bacchus <pbbacchus@shaw.ca>

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6. YOUTH DISCUSS THE VOTE

Youth Speak Out about Health on the Street: To Vote or Not to Vote? Dialogue Session We are looking for volunteers to participate in a project that is about getting young people under the age of 35 talking about youth (under 35), health and voting.

There are two activities as part of this project:

Outreach to youth in the Downtown Eastside, South Granville and Commercial Drive.

The outreach will focus on talking to youth about their issues, handing out information about how to vote, and inviting youth to the dialogue session on May 14.

Outreach trainings are:

May 12 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm Check Your Head 503 - 207 West Hastings

Street outreach:

This is when we'll hit the street and outreach/dialogue with youth:

May 14th - 11 am to 3 pm

We're looking for youth outreach volunteers who are interested in hitting the street to talk to youth about health issues, and voting. Please contact us for a volunteer application form if you have interested volunteers.

Youth Speak Out about Health on the Street: To Vote or Not to Vote?! - Dialogue session

The dialogue will be a place for youth to share issues of concern to them, and to discuss whether or not voting is a useful way to get involved in addressing those issues.

May 14 4 pm - 7 pm Aboriginal Friendship Centre - 1607 East Hastings

Chief Simon Baker Room

Dinner included. We are inviting youth (under 35) and youth organizations to come and talk about their issues, and have a dialogue about youth and voting.

If you are interested in volunteering the application for outreach volunteers is attached, or you can phone any of us to register.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with questions or to sign up as a volunteer!

Sincerely,

Get Your Vote On, 604.685.6631 B.C. Nurses' Union, 604.433.2268 B.C. Health Coalition, 604.681.7945

This is a joint project of the BC Health Coalition, the BC Nurses Union, Get Your Vote On.

From: BC Health Coalition <bchc@vcn.bc.ca>

7. WOMEN'S ACTION AGAINST PRIVATIZATION

Women Resisting Privatization:

PRIVATIZATION IS KILLING US!

JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S ACTION AGAINST PRIVATIZATION

Friday May 13th 11:30 - Burrard Skytrain Focus on RAV - the Train to Hell! 12:30 - St.

Paul's Hospital Health Privatization's Dirty Laundry

Bring your creativity - guest appearances by pink slips, soap box, and more!

Join the Continental Revolt Against Privatization

Organized by the League of Pissed Off Feminists

From: "Phil Lyons" <plyons@vcn.bc.ca>

8. FAIR TRADE DRIVE Vancouver's FAIR TRADE DRIVE - A Campaign For Canada's First Fair Trade Zone

Vancouver, BC ? FAIR TRADE DRIVE, a progressive citizen-led campaign, is working to

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declare Vancouver's Commercial Drive as a Fair Trade Zone in celebration of this year's International Fair Trade Day on **May 14th, 2005**. Its success will mean that the Drive will become the first Fair Trade Zone in North America.

The FAIR TRADE DRIVE campaign launched on May 1st, in coordination with the grand opening of the new Ten Thousand Villages Store on Commercial Drive. "Our launch event was a tremendous start", says Sean Osborne, coordinator of the FAIR TRADE DRIVE, "It was a beautiful day and everyone that stopped to sign our support sheets had something positive to say about Fair Trade. We had teachers, merchants, neighbors, police officers, street kids, you name it. This is an inclusive project that appeals to the entire range of our incredibly diverse and unique community."

The objective of creating a Fair Trade Zone in Vancouver was inspired by the world's first Fair Trade Town, which was declared in the year 2000 in Garstang, England. Following this initial success, the UK now boasts 100 Fair Trade Towns while other countries such as The Republic of Ireland, Belgium and France are developing similar projects. In North America, the FAIR TRADE DRIVE campaign is now working to bring Canada on board.

The Fair Trade Zone would be defined as a continuous area along the drive where 51% of the businesses have signed the FAIR TRADE DRIVE support sheet. At the same time the FAIR TRADE DRIVE would serve to educate and challenge these businesses to sell one or more Fair Trade products, or to purchase and use at least one Fair Trade product, such as coffee for staff. Vancouver East Member of Parliament Libby Davies and Vancouver Councillor Tim Louis were present for the events and both gave words of support for the new store and for the FAIR TRADE DRIVE initiative. While speaking to Fair Trade supporters inside the store, Libby Davies intoned, "I cannot think of a better place to have a Fair Trade Zone than right here on Commercial Drive?"

Tim Louis noted that Vancouver recently passed one of the most progressive policies he has ever seen, "The Ethical Purchasing Policy", which incorporates ethical practices, anti-sweat-shop, and Fair Trade conditions to the products the city purchases. Councillor Louis challenged Libby Davies to champion a similar policy at the federal level.

"Establishing a Fair Trade Zone in Vancouver is an engaging and dynamic initiative, which will have a positive impact on the promotion of Fair Trade," says Chantal Havard of TransFair Canada. "TransFair Canada supports the FAIR TRADE DRIVE and hopes that other communities, neighborhoods and towns in Canada will get on board as well!"

Fair Trade aims to help small-scale and other disadvantaged producers in developing countries improve their quality of life by providing a more profitable and stable trade relationship. Fair Trade products ensures that producers follow certain social and environmental criteria including fair wages and working conditions, ethical business practice and respect for human rights. Fair Trade labeling organizations such as TransFair and Fairtrade Labeling Organization (FLO) give a seal of approval to products that adhere to Fair Trade principles.

Please join the FAIR TRADE DRIVE by participating at upcoming events to bring Canada's first Fair Trade Zone to our community.

Saturday May 7th - Grandview Park, 11am to 4pm The FAIR TRADE DRIVE campaign will be at the 10th annual Stone Soup Festival with samples, music and information.

Saturday May 14th - Various locations along Commercial Drive 11am to 4pm International Fair Trade Day 2005 will see participating merchants such as The Fair Trade Chocolate Company (1002 Commercial Drive), Ten Thousand Villages (1204 Commercial Drive) and SPUD (1660 East Hastings) promote the FAIR TRADE DRIVE at their stores. The public is invited to join in

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learning and discussing about Fair Trade, as well as challenging local merchants to bring more Fair Trade to Commercial Drive.

For more information, contact Sean Osborne, FAIR TRADE DRIVE coordinator seano@fairtrade.org
drive.org 604-254-3919 Vi

sit <http://www.fairtradedrive.org>

From: "Darren" <darren@spud.ca>

9. "STAND UP TOGETHER RALLY" Join the BC Association of Social Workers at a "STAND UP TOGETHER RALLY"

at the Public Library in Vancouver on Saturday, May 14th at 12 noon

?.. We are inviting everyone to Stand Up Together and Let our Voices be Heard regarding our vision for health, social services and education in British Columbia. A Rally Poster and Media Release are attached to this message. [The media release is also pasted below.]

I thought this event would be of interest to Coalition of Coalition subscribers. Please forward as you see fit? and hope to see you there.

Regards

Dawn Hemingway President, Northern Branch BC Association of Social Workers

MEDIA RELEASE

BC Association of Social Workers Stand Up Together Rally (For Release May 6-13, 2005)

The BC Association of Social Workers sponsors the Stand Up Together Public Rally, Saturday, May 14th, 12:00 noon, Vancouver Library, Robson and Hamilton

The BC Association of Social Workers invites the public to stand up and speak out on the current state of social services in British Columbia. Rally speakers will provide voters with a vision of what is needed to create a fair and just society for all British Columbians. The rally will feature social workers, educators, social activists and persons impacted by current government policy.

"I expect a series of stirring speeches focused on the state of social service delivery in the areas of health, social services and education" says rally organizer Paul Houle. "The BCASW is concerned that issues connected to creating a just and compassionate society are often lost during polarized political campaigns". "Election campaigns appear scripted, with governments focusing on good news stories and opposition parties disparaging the sitting government" says rally organizer Paul Jenkinson. The Stand Up Together Rally "will inform voters, will energize social activists and will challenge political parties to create policies that meet the needs of all British Columbians" says rally co-chair Christina Rodrigues.

The public is invited to attend the Stand Up Together Rally, May 14th, 12:00 noon at the Vancouver Public Library, Robson and Hamilton Street, South Plaza. Individuals and families will be informed by the speakers and entertained by local musicians in this celebration of social justice and democracy.

For more information contact the BC Association of Social Workers at 604-730-9111 or 1-800-665-4747 or email at bcasw@bcasw.org. For interviews contact Paul Jenkinson 1-604-850-5669.

From: "Dawn Hemingway" <hemingwa@unbc.ca>

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10. LEFT FILM NIGHT

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Double Feature + Discussion

Sunday, May 15, starting 7 pm DOGWOOD CENTRE, 706 Clark Drive, Vancouver (corner OF Clark & E. Georgia)

The Death of a Bureaucrat

(7:00 pm, Cuba, 1966, 87 min)

Cuban filmmaker Tomas Gutierrez Alea was born in Havana in 1928 and died in 1996. His films depicting life in revolutionary Cuba helped break the reactionary stereotype of communist art as dull propaganda. In films such as Memories of Underdevelopment, Guanatamera, and Death of a Bureaucrat, Alea describes life in Cuba in subtle, often comic terms. The Death of a Bureaucrat, Alea's first major film, is an entertaining and blackly hilarious attack on bureaucracy, mixing slapstick farce and paranoid nightmare. The film follows a young man's attempts to distinter and rebury an uncle who was killed in a factory that manufactures memorial busts of the great men of the revolution, landing him at odds with official regulations. Into this dilemma, Alea works a dense chain of allusions to film comedy, from the anarchic tradition of Bunuel and Vigo, to the mordant satire of Billy Wilder, to the custard pie classics of the silent era.

Brassed Off

(8:45 pm, 1996, UK, 107 minutes)

A small Yorkshire mining town is threatened with being shut down, and the only hope for the miners and their families is to enter their Grimley Colliery Brass Band into a national competition. They believe they have no hope until Gloria (Tara Fitzgerald) appears carrying her Flugelhorn. At first mocked for being a woman, she soon becomes their only chance to win. In joining the band she puts her relationship with her childhood sweetheart Andy (Ewan McGregor) on the line. Sponsored by Young Communist League (YCL), Centre for Socialist Education, Vancouver East Club (Communist Party of Canada). Admission free, donations gratefully accepted, refreshments available. Call 255-2041.

From: Kimball Cariou <pvoice@telus.net>

11. **QUEERS OF COLOUR DISCUSSION GROUP**

Facilitated group open to all LGTB people of colour. Connect with other queers of colour, share experiences and ideas. Drop-in.

Monday May 16th 7-9pm

Depending on interest on the part of participants, there may be future meeting times.

DISCUSSION GROUP FOR QUEERS FROM ETHNO-CULTURAL MINORITY COMMUNITIES

Facilitated group open to all LGTB people who identify as being from an ethno-cultural minority community. Share experiences and ideas. Drop-in

Weds June 1st 7-9pm email or phone for address

Depending on interest on the part of participants, there may be future meeting times.

For information call The Centre at 604-684-5307

From: Anti-Poverty Committee <apc@resist.ca>

12. **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH HAITI**

PICKET DEMONSTRATION

WEDNESDAY MAY 18 @ 4:30pm 300 WEST GEORGIA ST (VANCOUVER PUBLIC

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End the repression in Haiti! Free all political prisoners! Return the democratic and constitutional government to Haiti!

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Haiti: Former PM On Hunger Strike

by Alison Dellit; [Green Left Weekly](#) ; May 08, 2005

A little more than a year after US Marines kidnapped democratically elected Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and installed opponent Gerard Latortue as an ?interim? prime minister, the world?s fourth poorest country remains in chaos. Although Aristide?s Lavalas Movement is the most popular political party, the government remains in power through the force of the Haitian police force, backed by United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) forces.

The Haitian police have been widely condemned for human rights abuses. Amnesty International has documented numerous arbitrary arrests and summary executions of Lavalas members. On April 29, Haitian police shot dead nine protesters at a march demanding the return of Aristide.

Adding to police violence are the terrorisation tactics of the former Haitian Army ? CIA-trained thugs whose invasion provided cover for the coup against Aristide. These ?soldiers? have been responsible for rape and murder rampages through the slum areas that constitute Aristide?s support base, with neither the police nor MINUSTAH troops able or willing to stop it.

Meanwhile, disease and starvation stalk the country?s population and a US\$1 billion aid package promised after the coup by Western countries has failed to materialise.

Aristide has refused to accept the legitimacy of the interim government, and it is unclear whether Lavalas will agree to participate in elections scheduled for later this year, given the extremely violent political climate.

Four months after his installation, Latortue had Yvon Neptune, the prime minister under Aristide, arrested and charged with murder. On February 11, 2004, Neptune fought and defeated an armed gang-led uprising near the village of Saint-Marc. While Aristide?s opponents claim 50 people were killed by those under Neptune?s command, the UN independent expert on human Rights in Haiti concluded ?there was no massacre?. However, Latortue has pushed for his prosecution.

In mid-February, Neptune commenced a hunger strike, which continued until he was taken to a United Nations-run hospital on March 20. On April 17, however, he recommenced the hunger strike. By April 29, members of the Committee to Protect the Human rights of the Haitian People reported that he was ?closer to death than to life?. He wrote this letter to his supporters on April 20. (Translation by Serge Bellegarde, Guy Antoine and Marilyn Mason.)

From the time I left the prime minister's residence on March 12, 2004 ... the source of my insecurity had been the government ... The government deprived me of my freedom of movement, together with my freedom to speak freely, with all the length and breadth and depth that the Constitution allows for this right to be exercised.

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The hunger strike I began on February 20 was aimed at forcing the government to set me free and to stop being the cause of my insecurity.

Because of a promise the government had made that it was going to liberate me, I agreed to put an end to my hunger strike and to go to the Argentine Hospital under the jurisdiction of the MINUSTAH/United Nations.

Even while in that hospital, however, my insecurity continued because of the government's continuing refusal to set me free.

That is why, while I was in the hospital managed by the Argentinians/MINUSTAH, I continued to resist so that the United Nations would require that the government free me and stop threatening my life. It was in the context of the dilatory tactics of this wicked government that I was obliged to resume my hunger strike with even more force.

My friends, listen. This plot aims at keeping me in prison by all means for as long as possible; that is one objective. The second objective is to take me, no matter what the conditions, to Saint-Marc to continue the political humiliation.

Friends, listen: while I was already into the fifth day of my complete hunger strike, on April 21, having given me guarantees that nothing would happen to me, the United Nations forces took me, against my will, to a supposed prison villa in Pacot, close to the General Administration and Inspection Headquarters of the police, despite the fact that I had explained to the UN representative that this was a trap that the de-facto government had set up to implement the death plan it had for me. Above all, I told them that I would maintain my hunger strike in this supposed prison villa as long as I was not set free.

My friends, on April 22, early in the morning, a team of seven to 10 executioners I recognised from the prison system burst in on me to take me to Saint-Marc. I felt my life was in danger in the presence of these executioners; I told them I had not eaten, nor drunk anything in five days, and I asked them to leave me in peace because I was weak. When they picked me up with force, put me outside, and tried to handcuff me, I resisted for my life and I bit one of the many arms trying to force handcuffs on my wrists.

They drove me to Saint-Marc. I threw up all along the way. When we arrived in Saint-Marc, nothing was done. Supposedly, Mrs Cluny Pierre Jules, the supposed investigating judge, declared that she was not coming because she had not been previously notified.

When the UN representative received news of what the conditions were in Saint-Marc and of what kind of state I was in, he sent a helicopter to pick me up and take me back to Port-au-Prince, where I received some care in a UN ambulance which escorted me back to the supposed prison villa in Pacot.

I am continuing my hunger strike, so that I can regain my freedom and my security and so that the de facto government will stop threatening my life, while it continues to trample on my dignity.

Yvon Neptune

Former prime minister

Member of the Lavalas Movement

Political prisoner

At the Prison in Pacot, Port-au-Prince

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**13. WORLD FEDERALIST MEETING**

TOPIC:

HOW CAN WE SUSTAIN THE PLANET?

Douglas College philosophy professor Leonard Angel talks about a proposed treaty between states designed to keep our use of resources within the renewable resources of the planet. Followed by refreshments and discussion.

**TIME:**

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Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 7:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Hewett Centre, Unitarian Church Centre, 949 W.49th Ave. at Oak St., Vancouver.

All welcome. Free Parking. No charge.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Or to add your name to the meeting reminder e-mail list, contact Larry Kazdan at (604) 874-9982,

or e-mail: [lkazdan@shaw.ca](mailto:lkazdan@shaw.ca)

The World Federalist Movement Canada -Vancouver Branch meets at this location the third Thursday of every month. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

World Federalists promote the development of democratic world institutions to make and enforce world law and to protect the integrity of state and sub-state governments.

World Federalist Movement Canada - Vancouver Branch [e-mail wfcvb@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:wfcvb@vcn.bc.ca) URL: <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/wfcvb/meetings.htm>

From: Larry Kazdan <[lkazdan@shaw.ca](mailto:lkazdan@shaw.ca)>

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**14. DOXA DOCUMENTARY FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL** The Land / The Environment

DOXA Documentary Film & Video Festival, **May 24-29**, features compelling documentaries never seen before in Vancouver - including several that focus on communities in conflict with corporate interests that jeopardize our environment. Directors will be in attendance for discussions following the screenings.

One More River: The Deal That Split the Cree Neil Diamond / Tracey Deer, Canada Director Tracey Deer in attendance

**Wednesday, May 25, Pacific Cinematheque, 7:30pm, \$9**

An intimate portrait of a community in conflict as, against the community's wishes, the Grand Chief of the Cree Nation of Quebec forces through a controversial deal with Former Premier Bernard Landry to allow hydroelectric development on traditional land. One More River is a moving account of the events leading up to a vote on a controversial agreement between the Cree Nation and the province of Quebec. The proposal would dam the Rupert River, resulting in monumental changes to the local environment.

Between Midnight and the Rooster's Crow Nadja Drost, Canada Director in attendance

Thursday, May 26, Pacific Cinematheque, 7:30pm, \$9,

Filmmaker Nadja Drost sets out to investigate why a Canadian oil company is mired in social and environmental controversy in the Amazon, and how Ecuadorian lives are affected. Drost travels to Ecuador to investigate the practices of Alberta oil giant, EnCana Corporation, the target of local and international allegations of environmental contamination and human rights violations. Between Midnight and the Rooster's Crow just won the Best Canadian Documentary

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(short / med length) and was in the top five of the Audience Favourites at Hot Docs in Toronto. The Future of Food Deborah Koons Garcia, USA Director in attendance Sunday, May 29, Pacific Cinematheque, 1pm, \$7 Followed by a community forum at 2:30 pm with the filmmaker and local representatives of the sustainable food movement (sponsored by Small Potatoes Urban Delivery).

Deborah Koons Garcia's gorgeously shot polemic deftly makes the case for the importance of current debates around food production. From the prairies of Saskatchewan, Canada to the fields of Oaxaca, Mexico, The Future of Food gives a voice to farmers whose lives and livelihoods have been negatively impacted by the success of patented, genetically engineered foods.

Tickets: Available at: Festival Box Office, 604.257.0366, [www.festivalboxoffice.com](http://www.festivalboxoffice.com) Bibliophile Bookshop, 2012 Commercial Drive

Videomatica, 1855 West 4th Avenue

Please forward to interested people in your organization.

Full DOXA Festival details: [www.doxafestival.ca](http://www.doxafestival.ca)

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### 15. PARTNERS IN ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (POD)

The Centre for Sustainability currently administers three technical assistance programs: Partners in Organizational Development (POD), EnviroPOD and ArtsPOD.

The Partners in Organizational Development program provides technical assistance to agencies engaged in strengthening their organization, adapting to change and responding to diversity. POD grants enable groups to work with an experienced consultant/resource person to enhance organizational effectiveness. \$5,000 Grant

**Application deadlines for 2005 are as follows: May 27th, October 28th**

For more information: <http://www.centreforsustainability.ca/>

From: "BC Rural Women" <[bcruralwomen@junction.net](mailto:bcruralwomen@junction.net)>

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### 16. LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Attached is a flyer for a workshop on Laughter is the Best Medicine a consulting colleague and I are putting on in Vancouver on May 27th at the Rosedale on Robson. This is an ideal workshop for parents, families and others who are under stress and are wanting to lighten up, increase positivity, deal more effectively with conflict and re-ignite their sense of humor. If there are any questions you can get in touch with Bruce Sandy at 604-461-8789 or at [bsandy@shaw.ca](mailto:bsandy@shaw.ca) or Jane

Roberts at 604-669-6757.

Laughter is the Best Medicine In Life and Work

Presented by Pathfinder Coaching & Consulting and Learningworks

**Friday, May 27th 2005 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rosedale on Robson Suite Hotel 838 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada**

Do you wonder where the joy has gone in your life and your job? When was the last time you

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had a good laugh?

Do you

fantasize about hitting your boss, your colleagues, your clients or your partner?

Are you wondering what has happened to your funny bone?

### Workshop

Give your left brain a rest! Get out of analysis paralysis mode! Get off the hamster wheel of life! Come and join the workshop leaders in re-discovering your playfulness and the joy of laughter. Tap into the magic of day dreaming, story telling, and having fun. Look on the lighter and brighter side of life, work and relationships.

In this workshop we will be tickling your funny bone, exploring the joys of laughter and play and tapping into your creative right brain as well as the wisdom of your body. Through story and joke telling, music, dance and play we will help you find where laughter, creativity and joy live in you. We will help you bring the zest back into your life, job and relationships.

### Outcomes/Benefits

- v Increase positivity and success in your life, career and relationshipsv Learn ways of reducing stress through laughter and humor
- v Learn to avert and/or resolve tense or conflict situations with lightness and humor
- v Develop a laugh attack or humor action plan
- v Leave with your own humor goody bag!

Cost: \$150.00 Cdn.

To Register for the workshop: Please contact Learning Works at [learningworks@telus.net](mailto:learningworks@telus.net) or by calling 604-669-6757 by no later than May 13th. No refunds after Friday, May 20, 2005.

Register early since space is limited. Invite your friends, family and work colleagues to join us. Laughter really is the best Medicine! Come and exercise your funny bone with us!!!

### Workshop Leaders/Creative Fools:

Bruce Sandy

#### PATHFINDER COACHING & CONSULTING

Bruce has been an eccentric, humorist, fool and storyteller all his life. He brings this to his work with individuals, partners, couples, teams and organizations as a coach, trainer and consultant. He helps individuals and groups lighten up and not take themselves so seriously in life, relationships and the workplace. After years of trying, unsuccessfully, to be serious in the workplace and the executive suite, Bruce set up his own consulting and coaching practices where he tries to be less serious. Now he brings his full eccentric and humorous self to all that he is and does in life. He wants to help people get in touch with their hearts and their funny bones. Just so you don't think he is a complete flake, Bruce holds serious credentials in coaching from the Coaches Training Institute, the International Coach Federation and the Center for Right Relationship. He also holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology, management and organizational development from UBC and Dalhousie University. Bruce also has training and certifications in Jungian depth psychology, transpersonal psychology and spiritual guidance and counseling.

Jane Roberts

#### LEARNINGWORKS

Jane brings humour into all of her work. Her early training was in education. For the last six years she has worked in the private, public and non-profit sectors as a consultant and trainer in Communication Skills, Harassment Prevention, Bullying in the Workplace and Human Rights. Jane has worked as a facilitator in organizational development for both government and non-profit agencies. She has designed workshops in Conflict Resolution and works as a coach

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in this field at the Justice Institute of B.C. She graduated as a teacher from the University of London, Goldsmith's College and has a certificate in mediation and negotiation from the Justice Institute of British Columbia. Jane is also a certified personal and business coach with the Coaches Training Institute. She brings lightness and laughter into even the most serious situations.

Bruce Sandy, B.A., M