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* From: "Nick Loenen" <nloenen@smartt.com>

May 11th

- Global TV 8:00 ? 8:25 am live from Burnaby studio. STV debate with Nick Loenen and Bill Tieleman.

For many, many additional events see Events Calendar of the Assembly Alumni <http://bc-stv.ca/>
HELPFULL HINTS Alumni Jack MacDonald wrote a wonderfully complete, and balanced account of why the Citizens Assembly selected BC-STV. Get the inside story.
<http://bcelectoralreform.ca>

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1. **CELEBRATE LOCAL LIVING ECONOMIES** If you haven't already signed up, you are invited to join us at The Third Annual International BALLE Conference to be held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver

#### **June 2-5**

... a conference like no other.

**Register before May 15th for early bird rate** of \$300 at <http://www.ballebc.com>. Your registration includes seven incredible meals and live performances woven throughout!  
You will:

- Meet the individuals in successful organizations and businesses that are supporting Local Living Economies in our communities
- Learn about other business models
- Be a part of a growing network of innovative businesses and customers
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This event is essential for individuals that want to learn about building local living economies, and want to meet the business owners and leaders of independent and social profit organizations interested in contributing to their local community and building successful businesses. This is your opportunity to:

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- Build long lasting relationships with business peers and mentors
- Walk away with real business connections and mentors
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Be a part of a growing network of innovative businesses and customers, a part of a Local Living Marketplace! Hello Everyone, We hope you are planning on coming to the Third Annual BALLE Conference in Vancouver to be inspired, enlightened, and motivated to revolutionize your own local economy! We're sure you're looking forward to the insights that our incredible keynote speakers and panel discussions will provide. As the conference planning team, we want you to know that we hear over and over again from business leaders that the BALLE Conference is the best conference they've ever been to. We think there are a number of reasons for this but the most important are the connections people make with one another in this community.

We've planned a rich event that will be a feast for all your senses too. Here are some of the highlights our team has in store for you... every day starting with yoga and... ending with exceptional local food and music in beautiful surroundings.

The conference opening ceremony on Thursday will be hosted at the Sage Bistro. Wood floors, art deco architecture and floor to ceiling windows with a view to the mountains and ocean, Sage serves the best in west coast cuisine. Out on the balcony, down on the lawn around the pond, listen to Judy Wicks and Jim Hightower and dance to the fabulous rhythms of an exciting group of local musicians.

On Friday night it's dinner at sunset at the UBC Farm meadow. 40 acres of farmland will provide guests with a feast of the best of locally grown produce as we hear from Haidabucks owner, Cliff Fregin. Wander the eco-village, the mayan and kitchen gardens then settle in for a movie and popcorn and musical entertainment provided by Better Friends than Lovers.

Saturday is your chance to shop. The Local Living Marketplace showcases innovative independent local business from many of the key building blocks of our local economies including alternative energy sources, green building, sustainably manufactured consumer goods, technology, organic food and body care products, publishers focused on sustainable communities, creative local clothing designers, and some of the community groups that are using innovative means to promote sustainability. Out in the courtyard, play in the carnival atmosphere with jugglers, uni-cyclers, acoustic performer Evani Goll and much more. At night we'll dine at The Museum of Anthropology, a Vancouver wonder by famed architect Arthur Erickson, built to house towering totem poles, . You'll enjoy a traditional salmon barbeque on the landscaped grounds overlooking the ocean, a speech by David Suzuki and music from pianist Selina Coop and band Po Girl. The public is invited to attend the evening event, giving conference participants a chance to meet Vancouver residents and get a feel for our local personality. We hope to see you in June...in Vancouver! Watch your inbox next week for a feature on the Youth Forum. Until then... The BALLE BC Conference Team

To receive information about upcoming BALLE BC events, please send a request to [info@ballebc.com](mailto:info@ballebc.com)

From: Wayne Soroka <[wayne@shared-vision.com](mailto:wayne@shared-vision.com)>

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### 2. CELEBRATING SOLIDARITY

Celebrating 20 years of north-south solidarity and resistance.

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www.codev.org

### **CoDevelopment Canada's Annual Fundraising Dinner and Dance**

**Friday, June 3, 2005 Maritime Labour Centre 1880 Triumph Street at Victoria Drive 6 PM  
Door**

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**PM Dinner**

**9 PM Dance**

**TICKETS \$45 (LIMITED \$25 LOW WAGED/UNWAGED)**

CONTACT CODEV CANADA 604-708-1495 [codev@codev.org](mailto:codev@codev.org)

Can you donate to the silent or dessert auction?

Hot Latin Band "La Candela" Delicious Latin-American Food Silent Auction Dessert Auction MC's Erica Johnson and

Bob Rosen

It's time for the CoDevelopment Canada Annual Fundraising Dinner, 20th Anniversary Edition!

As you know, this is a fun event, with good food, good laughs, tasty oysters, excellent

merchandise for auction, and plenty of dancing! Please reserve early, as we usually sell out.

Support our excellent work in Latin America, and have fun at the same time! It's a very painless way to contribute...

Tickets are available through Carol Wood at 604-708-1495, ext 113, or [cwood@codev.org](mailto:cwood@codev.org). See you there!

From: "BCCIC" <[bccic@web.ca](mailto:bccic@web.ca)>

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### **3. A HUNDRED YEARS OF WOBBLIES**

The Pacific Northwest Labour History Association's 37th annual labour history conference The IWW - the first 100 years is just over a month away

**(June 10 - 12, SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver, BC).**

If you plan to attend and haven't registered yet, the "early bird" registration is only available until May 9th. The early bird rate is \$65Cdn (\$20 low income).

**After May 9, the registration fee increases to \$80Cdn (\$25 low income).**

On Saturday, June 11, we'll hold our annual awards banquet. We'll be presenting our labour history award to Jack O'Dell, and our history in the making award to the UFCW for their organizing drive at Wal-Mart. Banquet tickets are \$35Cdn (\$25 low income).

Conference participants will also have access to sessions of our partner conference Thinking Through Action

Full details about the conference are available at <<http://www.pnlha.org>> [www.pnlha.org](http://www.pnlha.org), including on-line registration and a printable registration form.

We hope you will think about attending our conference.

In solidarity, Joey Hartman PHLHA BC Vice-president

From: PNLHA <[pnlha@shaw.ca](mailto:pnlha@shaw.ca)> (by way of Alan Rycroft <[rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca](mailto:rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca)>)

Read the daily news at <https://www.pej.org> A project of the non-profit Prometheus Institute

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### **THINKING THROUGH ACTION: 20TH C SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**

Organizing Change, Building Internationalism, Linking Struggles

Thinking Through Action: Twentieth-Century Social Movements and Their Legacy

**A Conference at Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre: June 10-12, 2005 Vancouver,**

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### **British Columbia, Canada**

The History Department of Simon Fraser University is pleased to announce "Thinking Through Action: Twentieth-Century Social Movements and their Legacy," a conference to be held at SFU's Harbour Centre campus in Vancouver, British Columbia, June 10-12, 2005. Please join TransAfrica Forum founder and keynote speaker Bill Fletcher, Jr., Canadian women's movement leader and Rabble.ca editor Judy Rebick, peace movement organizer David Cortright, Vancouver peace activist and union organizer Mable Elmore, along with distinguished movement scholars Michael Honey, David McNally, Audra Simpson, Mark Solomon, Nikhil Pal Singh, and Michael Zweig in this important and timely event.

The conference is bringing a diverse group of scholars and organizers from across North America to discuss how the history of social movements in Canada and the United States can broaden our vision of the challenges facing today's struggles, including the globalization of social justice issues, the ongoing retrogressive clawback of twentieth-century social movements' policy achievements, and a hostile political climate. Our program includes panels on issues vital to organizing today, including ones on building a democratic culture, the necessity and challenges of coalition building, the impact of movements on electoral politics, labour and social justice, and organizing poor people's movements, among many others.

We are organizing this conference in honor of Jack O'Dell, a social justice activist now living in Vancouver. O'Dell worked closely with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jesse Jackson, and has played an important organizing role at different periods in the labor, civil rights and peace and justice movements from the 1940s to the present. Inspired by O'Dell's organizing experience and vision, the conference is focusing on the three processes we have identified as essential to the often unprecedented successes of twentieth-century movements: "organizing change," "building internationalism," and "linking struggles."

For early bird registration information, the conference program, and a biographical sketch of Jack O'Dell, please visit our website:

<http://www.sfu.ca/~thinkact/> Contact: Karen Ferguson, Associate Professor of History, Simon Fraser University Email: [thinkact@sfu.ca](mailto:thinkact@sfu.ca) Phone: 604-268-6681.

\*\*Also please check out our companion conference: <http://www.pnlha.org/>\*\*

Thinking Through Action **June 10-12, 2005** Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre  
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### **4. NATIONAL FIGHT WORKSHOP**

**VANCOUVER** For the first time, Fight Director's Canada (FDC) is bringing their National Fight Workshop to Vancouver. Participants will train and certify in 'Action Acting'. This Nations leading fight directors, as well as international trainers and choreographers will take actors and non-actors through the ropes of staged combat and the use of weapons for stage and film. Are you cut out to be part of the action? Register soon to make yourself a marketable and

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indispensable actor or stunt performer.

Anyone who has been inspired by a special feature on a DVD, or a show on what goes on behind the scenes, will have the opportunity to actually live out the process of creating fight scenes in exactly the same manner as actors like Tom Cruise or Jennifer Garner. This "intensive" takes participants through 8 hours a day of training in unarmed combat, sword, staff, martial arts, broadsword & shield, rapier & dagger, smallsword, armed martial arts (katana, tonfa, sai), and 'found weapon'. The physical demands as well as the challenge of committing to the emotional reality involved will engage and energize participants for a full 16 days. FDC gives participants skills at an introductory, intermediate and advanced level of training with an emphasis on safety and professionalism. The more skill the actor possesses, the more choices they can bring to the table and ultimately, the more in demand they become. At the end of it all participants will have the opportunity to test and be Certified at a National level through Fight Directors Canada. The standards of FDC are recognized by CAEA.

It is Fight Directors Canada's pleasure to have a workshop of this size and magnitude finally offered in Vancouver and hosted by the University of British Columbia's Theatre Department.

### **June 25th to July 10th**

. For more information or to register contact an FDC representative at

[info@fdc.ca](mailto:info@fdc.ca)

or visit our website at

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

Victoria local FDC member and Fight Director Peter Abrahams would love to hear from anyone that registers. Peter will try to run pre-nationals workshops for those that are going and want a little head start. You can drop him a line at [blaquesmith@shaw.ca](mailto:blaquesmith@shaw.ca) or leave a voice/text message at 250-882-7383.

Hope to see you there!!!

From: SPILT MILK COMEDY THEATRE PRODUCTIONS <[laughs@spiltmilkcomedy.com](mailto:laughs@spiltmilkcomedy.com)>

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### **5. THE VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Media Contact: Marnie Wilson at 604.685.5575 or <mailto:publicity@thefestival.bc.ca>

The 2005 Vancouver Folk Music Festival You Are The Folk ... This Is Your Music!

**Dates: July 15, 16 & 17, 2005 Venue: Jericho Beach Park in Vancouver, British Columbia**

Information: 604.602.9798 or [www.thefestival.bc.ca](http://www.thefestival.bc.ca)

Tickets: **Early Bird Weekend Passes \$100 April 1 to June 18** through the Festival office at 604.602.9798 or 800.883.3655 and online at <http://www.thefestival.bc.ca>

Brit-bhangra ensemble The Dhol Foundation and hill-billy blues sensations the Michael Jerome Brown Band will be among the musicians, singers and songwriters from around the world and across the street gathering at beautiful Jericho Beach Park July 15 - 17, 2005 for Vancouver's 28th annual celebration of traditional and contemporary folk and roots music.

Also featured in the Festival's more than 70 hours of non-stop music on eight outdoor stages (three evenings of mainstage concerts and two full days of performances) will be Festival debuts by Daara-J, bringing hip-hop back to its roots in Senegal and Dochas, five young Celtic women rendering ancient ballads, reels and rhythms, as well as Festival favourites like East Van's own whiskey rabbi Geoff Berner, the kickin' tradition of Vent du Nord and the godfather of the Festival, Utah Phillips.

The full 2005 performance lineup will be announced later this month.

The Vancouver Folk Music Festival has established itself as a major event on the world folk and

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roots music circuit. This summer celebration challenges audiences to expand their understanding and appreciation of what 'folk' can mean in a global context, brings attention to exciting young artists who are pushing the boundaries, honours the elders of the tradition, and creates new forums for experimentation, improvisation and education.

Other Festival attractions include a Food Area with vendors serving up foods from around the world, an Artists' Marketplace featuring the unique works of local artisans and craftspeople, and a Little Folks area with special entertainment for the youngsters.

All of this takes place in one of the most spectacular outdoor settings imaginable, Jericho Beach Park, amidst groves of pine and cedar trees and against a backdrop of the beautiful coast mountains rising above a modern city skyline.

Special programming features and events during the Festival Week bring the Festival and its guest artists out into the community. The Collaboratory brings artists together from different traditions for several days prior to the Festival Weekend to enable them to spark one another's creativity and imagine the unimaginable. Lively Up Yourself, a series of workshops at The Roundhouse Community Centre gives young local aspiring musicians an opportunity to learn from the best.

The appearance of many Festival guest artists at other venues around town in the days before and after the Festival Weekend create a unique city-wide folk and roots celebration.

The 2005 Vancouver Folk Music Festival, under the artistic direction of Dugg Simpson, is managed by a team of long-time Festival regulars, headed this year by Operations Manager Minna Schendlinger. Frances Wasserlein, executive producer of the Vancouver Folk Music Festival for the past seven years, is no longer with the Festival and will be pursuing other consulting and contract opportunities in the cultural sector. Early Bird Weekend Tickets are \$100 from April 1 to June 18 and are available through the Festival office at 604.602.9798 or 800.883.3655 and online at <http://www.thefestival.bc.ca>.

The Vancouver Folk Music Festival is a world of music on the beach for one magic weekend every summer. We'll see you in the Park!

From: Vancouver Folk Music Festival <[elistdirect@publicityplus.ca](mailto:elistdirect@publicityplus.ca)>

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### 6. UNDER THE VOLCANO FESTIVAL OF ART AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Under the Volcano

16th Annual Festival of Art and Social Change

**Whey-ah-Wichen (Cates Park) August 7, 2005**

May 8, 2005

Dear Allies, Organizers and Activists, As you know, the Under the Volcano Festival of Art and Social Change (UTV) is one of the biggest activist events in BC each year, and offers organizer

s, grassroots and non-profit organizations and artists the opportunity to come together to build allies, celebrate successes and outreach to a wide variety of people. For sixteen years, countless volunteers, hundreds of artists and one hundred thousand people have gathered in Cates Park/Whey-ah-Wichen to share, inspire, and celebrate.

The festival is organized and run by a small coordinating committee, many of whom work all year round, without any honorarium or wage. The core

Coordinator positions require 15-20 hours/week year-long and double that in the months leading up to the Festival. Many of the artists (including

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celebrated international artists) we feature donate their time and are only offered travel expenses and very small honorariums. Aside from one annual arts grant from the District Of North Vancouver, and an occasional small community-building grant from Vancity (\$1,000), all of UTV's revenues are generated on the day of the festival (admission donations, t-shirt sales, food sales, etc). Unlike most festivals, we do not rely on corporations to underwrite costs through logo placements and advertising.

In past year's, we have been able to maintain a small "seed" fund to cover advance expenses and help with cash flow. However with rising costs, and without a matching increase in public admission donations, our contingency fund and success with cash flow juggling has vanished. Now we are faced with launching the 2005 Festival with no financial resources. Additionally, we typically operate at such a risky margin, we do not have any funds to cover unforeseen circumstances, such as poor weather and low attendance. This has meant that we need to look to other revenue sources to guarantee that the Festival can continue, without requiring an increase in the admission price or to compromise the caliber of artists, and keynote and workshop speakers. As well, we always want to ensure, that we only receive funds from ethical sources that don't compromise the politics of the festival. Since UTV is such a unique event and takes risks by emphasizing political struggles locally and internationally, we are generally ineligible for most community grants from governments and foundations.

This is why we are writing to you, the many groups and agencies who have participated in Under the Volcano over the last sixteen years. We are in a desperate financial situation. We hope that by securing financial and material donations from various sectors and community groups, we can ensure that Under the Volcano will be a success in 2005, and survive to see its seventeenth birthday. It is imperative that UTV exist as a self-sustaining event, and as we seek out new collaborations to get there, we also need support now, for pre-festival funding to cover advertising, infrastructure, and artist travel expenses. Our current bank balance is less than \$200 and on average, pre-festival costs top \$5,000.

We know that community groups and individuals truly support the political and cultural work of UTV and recognize the unique opportunities this festival provides. We are writing to political and community groups we are allied with to ask for support, and specifically, we hope that your organization can commit to making a contribution during this financial crossroads. We know most organizations operate on limited budgets, and we are humble and mindful of the many constraints and priorities on your limited financial resources. We are reminded, however, what a broad-based and inclusive Festival we produce, and that never in our 16 year history have we requested financial aid from the community we serve. Any contribution will make a difference. For example, \$35 will cover the cost of one subsidized community group's table and chairs for the Info Fair Area. A contribution of \$200 will provide for a festival tent rental, and \$500 will cover the cost of the children's area programming and infrastructure.

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We will, of course, acknowledge your contribution in the 2005 Festival Guide unless you request otherwise. We have attached an overview of our budget to illustrate why we are in dire need of your support. We would also gladly accept donations of goods-in-kind, such as printing costs (for our posters, Festival Guide, flyers and t-shirts) or building supplies. Please contact us for more details. We would gladly discuss with you any ideas you have for the Festival, including ideas for fundraising and donations.

**Thank you for your consideration, and we will see you August 7, 2005 at our 16th Annual Festival!**

Sincerely,

Lukas Maitland , Info Fair and Fundraising [lurrrkas@hotmail.com](mailto:lurrrkas@hotmail.com)

Meegan Maultsaid , Programming /Admin Coordinator [meegan@cheworx.com](mailto:meegan@cheworx.com)

Under The Volcano Festival 2005 Budget

### PROJECTED REVENUE:

Grants:

\$5,100

50 Vancity Community Grant \$2,000

Keynote Speaker

\$1,500 City of NV \$3,000

### EXPENSES:

Artist Fees \$9,400 District Of North Van

Artist Travel \$2,5

### Workshops

\$800 Sub Total \$7,100

### Kid's Area

\$650 Sub total \$14,900

Donations/ Sponsorships

\$1,500

Production: \$9,030

SF-Pirg Sponsorship \$500

### INFRASTRUCTURE: Fundraising Events:

### Equipment

Rentals: \$6,370 Unions Donations \$4,000

Materials: \$1,887 Community Groups Don. \$1,600

sub

total \$17,287 Student Unions \$600

OPERATIONS: Gate Donations \$25,000

### Shuttle

Buses: \$1,200 sub total \$33,200

General Operations \$1,606 sub total \$2,806

Concessions:

\$2,500

MARKETING: Program guide ad sales

Program

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Guide \$2,500  
Merchandise \$1,500

### Other

Printing Costs \$2,722 Info Fair \$2,345

Ads \$1,985 Artisans \$950

Sub total \$7,207

Food Vendors \$4,140

\$11,435

\$1,620

Merchandise \$2,662 TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE \$51,735

ADMINISTRATION: \$1,276

CO-ORDINATION/ STAFF \$3,500 TOTAL EXPENSES: \$51,258

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

CONCESSIONSMATERIALS: sub total

Food & Beverages

Sub total\$4,282

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## 7. NORTH SHORE DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE EVENTS

North Shore Disability Resource Centre May Community Events Calendar

### NSDRC Events:

Social Kitchen

Every Monday (except holidays) 12-15 year olds - 3:30 - 5:15pm, 16 years and over 5:15 - 7:00pm at St. Catherine's Church - 1058 Ridgewood Drive, Edgemont Village? Cost? \$5.00?

Please RSVP to Kathleen or Steve at 604-904-4078.

McHappy Days

Wednesday, May 18th at all the McDonald Restaurant on the North Shore. ?One dollar from the sale of every McMuffin Sandwich, Happy Meal and Big Mac will be donated to our Infant Development Program Resource Library.? Please call if you would like to volunteer or join us for some fun and food!

Bring your Body in for a Spring Tune-Up!

Monday May 30th - Stress Management and June 27th - Movement and Exercise. Both Workshops are from 11:00 - 12:30 pm at the NSDRC office - 3158 Mountain Highway.?

Registration is mandatory so lunch can be provided for all participants. Call 604-985-5371 to register.

Lynn Valley Days

May 28th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - drop by our office at 3158 Mountain Highway, for coffee and conversation!

Independent Living Program Garage Sale

Saturday, June 4th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Ranch 951 Hendry Avenue.? Rain or Shine! If you have anything you would like to donate give us a call.

### Community Events and Activities:

Monthly Dances with North Shore ConneXions

Last Friday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30pm - North Shore ConneXions - 1095 Churchhill Crescent. The cost is \$5 and everyone is welcome to come (no charge for support staff).

If you have any questions call at 604-904-0842

Theatre BC North Shore Zone Festival of Plays

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6 plays in 6 days! Mon, May 2 Master & Mistress by Darien R. Edgeler; Tues, May 3 This Year, Next Year by Norah Harding; Wednesday, May 4 The Price by Arthur Miller; Thursday, May 5 Habeas Corpus by Alan Bennett; Friday, May 6 Veronica's Room by Ira Levin; Saturday, May 7 Deus Quies Suus Anima by Jessica Howell and Pierson Browne; presentation of awards and Closing Night Party to follow. Detailed information at [www.phtheatre.org](http://www.phtheatre.org).

The Little Years by John Mighton

May 13 - 28, 8pm, Tues - Sat. Tickets \$16/12, Tues 2 for 1

West Coast Premiere from award-winning Canadian playwright, philosopher, and mathematician, John Mighton. A moving meditation on time, art and genius that is hauntingly beautiful and surprisingly funny.

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

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VANCOUVER COUNCIL - Organizations serving some of Vancouver's most diverse communities will be getting extra support from City Hall.

Following efforts by COPE Cllr Ellen Woodsworth and other COPE Councillors, city staff have reconsidered the City's Community Services grants program and will be giving many groups additional support for 2005.

City Council originally budgeted \$3.4 million for more than 100 social, cultural and community groups. After feedback from communities in the East End, Downtown East Side and other neighbourhoods, COPE Councillors pushed for an additional \$500,000 in community grants. Now organizations such as the Aboriginal Front Door Society, Britannia Community Services Centre Society, Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services and the Vancouver Women's Health Collective will get additional resources to deal with housing, poverty and pressing social issues in their neighbourhoods.

Britannia Community Services needs a Latin American youth outreach worker and someone to work with Vietnamese seniors. And the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society will be able to continue their work in Vancouver's lowest income neighbourhood.

Other groups funded by Community Grants money include the Aboriginal Mother Centre Society, Battered Women's Support Services, The Chinese Community Library Assoc., Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Paraplegic Association, MOSAIC/Strathcona - Vietnamese Family Counselling Project, and PACE - Prostitution Alternatives Counselling and Education Society.

Before being elected as a COPE councillor, Ellen Woodsworth focused on her work as coordinator of the Seniors Summit and the Downtown Eastside Seniors Centre, and as President of Britannia Community Centre.

CLLR CADMAN CALLS FOR MILEAGE BASED CAR INSURANCE. VANCOUVER COUNCIL (April 26) - "We now have all you can drive car insurance," said COPE Cllr David Cadman as he introduced a motion calling for ICBC to implement distance based auto insurance. "This is one of the best ways of moving people out of their cars."

The motion, seconded by NPA Cllr Peter Ladner, states that "mileage or kilometer based insurance gives drivers an incentive to use their vehicles less and avail themselves of the alternatives - walking, cycling or use of public transit whenever appropriate," therefore be it resolved that "the City of Vancouver call upon the GVRD and the GVTA to call upon the Provincial Government to have ICBC introduce mileage/kilometer based car insurance as a method of reducing overall usage of motor vehicles."

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COPE Cllr Anne Roberts supported the motion. "This voluntary program has worked well in other jurisdictions and has resulted in a 10 - 30 per cent reduction in automobile use."

Cllr Cadman is co-chair of Vancouver's Cool Vancouver Task Force that developed a climate change action plan targeting a six per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2010. Private vehicle use is recognized as a major source of air pollution and greenhouse gases. The motion was passed with unanimous approval.

CLLR FRED BASS MOVES MOTION FOR DIRECT ELECTION TO REGIONAL DISTRICT AND TRANSIT BOARDS. VANCOUVER COUNCIL (April 26) - Making good on a promise in COPE's 2002 Campaign Platform, COPE Cllr. Fred Bass put a motion before Vancouver Council asking the City Clerk to determine how Vancouver residents could directly elect the City's representatives to the boards of the Greater Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Transit Authority.

The GVRD and GVTA are responsible for multi-million dollar decisions that touch on bus service, rapid transit, highway construction, drinking water protection, sewage disposal and air pollution. Currently GVRD and GVTA board members are councillors appointed by the region's 21 individual municipalities and one electoral district.

The motion was defeated with five votes in favour and six opposed.

Voting for the motion were Cllrs Bass, Cadman, Louis, Roberts and Woodsworth.

Opposed were Mayor Campbell, Cllrs Green, Louie, Stevenson and NPA Cllrs Ladner and Sullivan.

RAGING GRANNIES GET 2005 VANCOUVER PEACE AWARD The Raging Grannies, a group of feisty, seniors whose songs have marked peace and environmental events for more than 17 years, are the recipients of this year's Vancouver Citizen's Peace Award.

COPE Cllrs David Cadman and Ellen Woodsworth, co-chair of Vancouver's Peace and Justice Committee, said the Grannies "infectious and hilarious work" has raised awareness of peace, social justice and environmental issues.

The City's Peace and Justice Committee was reinstated by the current COPE Council in 2002 after being dissolved by the previous NPA administration.

-----A NOTE ON E-LERTS Elerts are COPE press releases and highlight information about upcoming civic activities. Here's how COPE uses them:

(1) There are five types of Elerts -- CAMPAIGN, COMMUNITY, COUNCIL, PARKS and SCHOOL.

(2) Outside campaign periods, there will likely be a maximum of three Elerts a week for all boards/council.

(3) You can sign up for selective Elerts. To change your Elert status, please reply to this e-mail by putting the name of the board or council you wish to be Elerted to in the subject line (e.g., Jane Doe wants Council and Parks so she replies with COUNCIL PARKS in the subject line). COMMUNITY and CAMPAIGN Elerts are sent to all subscribers regardless of their Elert status.

(4) If you do not wish to receive Elerts, please reply to this e-mail by putting "REMOVE" in the subject line.

(5) If you know anyone who would like to receive Elerts, please send their name, phone number and e-mail address to cope@cope.bc.ca or sign-up at

<http://www.cope.bc.ca/index.cfm/fuseaction/news.elert/pageID/4113699F>

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From: COPE Elerts <elert@cope.bc.ca>

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**9. CANADIAN SOCIETY OF QUESTERS**

PRESENTS AL BIELEK

PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT RESEARCH SCIENTIST

Up to the minute technological information on mind control. Reports of research on the use of this technology on large and small populations.

Use of Tesla technology in cell phones.

Al will speak about the Philadelphia Experiment for approximately one third of the time, then speak about the current applications of Tesla technology and other current topics.

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**TUESDAY May 10, 2005**

VANCOUVER MARITIME MUSEUM

located at 1905 Ogden Avenue at the north end of Chestnut Street. On the water in the Kitsilano area.

Parking passes provided for the evening at the Museum's desk on request. Enter using the south-side door of the Museum.

Do not miss this rare opportunity to hear, in person, an International acclaimed speaker who has been on radio many times, only \$15.00

for the evening presentation from 7:00 to 9:30 PM.

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**Wed May 11, 2005**

FIRST UNITED SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

located at 5584 KINCAID STREET, BURNABY

enquiries: 604-684-3584

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From: ccss / john <ccss@aebc.com>

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10. SATURDAY MORNING AUTISM SCHOOL ACT is now taking registrations for Saturday Morning Autism School in:

Abbotsford, Campbell River, Vancouver, Victoria, Trail, Kelowna, Fort St. John, Prince George

7 Saturdays: May 7th - June 18, 2005 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

A video- conferenced parent training initiative by ACT - Autism Community Training

Why Video Conferencing?

These video-conferenced workshops focus on providing families with information on what the latest research into autism is telling us about autism, intervention strategies and the practicalities of running home-based therapy programs for their children. Our speakers are among the most highly trained professionals in BC. The purpose of these workshops is to deliver excellent parent training to families in smaller communities outside of the Lower Mainland. Professionals are also welcomed.

ACT has developed this series in order to address the concerns of parents who are unable to attend training opportunities due to long traveling distance, time commitments and cost restraints. Given the huge distances within BC, it is too expensive to offer these workshops live in each community. To facilitate parents meeting and networking as well as being able to receive training within their communities, ACT is offering these training workshops via video-conferencing.

Video-conferencing workshops are a new initiative for ACT; if successful and ACT is able to

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secure funding, we hope to offer these workshops twice annually throughout the province. If you would like to participate in the video-conferences, contact ACT by email at info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca or

phone at (604) 205-5467. Please use our toll free number, 1-866-939-5188, if you live outside the Lower Mainland. Please see our website:

www.actbc.ca

for more information including the location of the workshop.

Please Note: There are a restricted number of seats for these opportunities. Please book early to avoid disappointment and allow us to send sufficient hand-outs to each site.

Topics, Dates & Speakers

May 7 ?Why Does My Kid Behave Like That? - An Introduction to Autism? Presented by Dr. Jill Calder, Clinical Director of Rehabilitation Services, Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Region and parent of a child with ASD

May 14 & May 21 ?What is ABA? Lovaas, Verbal Behaviour and More: An Introduction for Parents? Presented by Suzanne Jacobsen Ph.D., BCBA, Clinical Director, ABA Learning Centre

May 28 ?How to be a Parent & a Key Member of Your Child's Treatment Team? Presented by Dr. Jill Calder, Clinical Director of Rehabilitation Services, Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Region

June 4 & June 18 ?Encouraging Parent Child Interaction - Tips for Parents? Presented by Gerry Kysela, Ph.D., Clinical Director, Family Centred Practices Group

June 11 ?Book Keeping for Individual Funding Programs - What Parents Need to Know About Paying Professionals and Behaviour Interventionists? Presented by Doug Querns, Certified General Accountant & parent of two children with ASD

Costs: \$35 per session per parent \$60 per session for both parents. Parents can use their autism funding for these training opportunities. Bursaries may be available for low income families. These workshops are not restricted to parents

who have a child diagnosed with ASD. Professionals are also welcomed if space allows; however, parents will be given

priority. ACT now accepts credit card payment.

For more information on these workshops, including specific locations, please visit our website at www.actbc.ca contact ACT by email at info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca or phone (604) 205-5467. Please use our toll free number, 1-866-939-5188, if you live outside the Lower Mainland. We can also mail or fax the registration form.

From: Deborah Pugh - ACT <dpugh@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca>

11. JOEY ONLY'S LIST OF EVENTS

POLITICAL PRISONER PREVENTION PROGRAM PART 2

...ANOTHER SHOWCASE OF POLITICAL & ENLIGHTENED ENTERTAINMENT...all proceeds given directly to radicals facing criminal charges

POLITICAL PRISONER PREVENTION PROGRAM PART II

Friday May 13th, doors open at 7:30PM PICADILLY PUB, 622 WEST PENDER

ADMISSION \$5-20, but no one turned away

this money raised from this showcase will go to: -JOHN GRAHAM DEFENCE; to help with the burdens that former American Indian Movement

member John Graham's family faces while waiting for the appeal

process to start over his extradition case to the United States.

-FRANK MARTIN; a local native sovereigntist facing obstruction charges

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after an RCMP Division E intelligence officer pulled him over on the highway near Abbotsford.

FEATURING THE PERFORMANCES OF: CURTIS CLEARSKY - up and coming radical VANEAST NDN HIP HOP BETTY CRACKER -

female foursome of political punk rock

RICKY LAVALLIE & THE GHOSTRIDERS - native bluegrass singer from VANEAST.

ANDY MASON & THE TRICKSTERS - Mohawk/Upper Cayuga folk and rock songwriter.

THE ANGRY COMIC MARK SMITH - hosts comedy night at Granville's Cellar.

JOANNA CHAPMAN SMITH - amazing local folk singing talent.

HOSTED BY - Joey Only, local anarchist bluesygrass songwriter.

more acts to be announced as various negotiations continue...

prizes, raffles, draws, giveaways, art FRIDAY MAY 13th AT THE PICADILLY PUB WANNA GET ON THE BILL? joeyonly@ravenhymn.com

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CITIZENS RULE, ANTI-CAMPBELL COMPILATION

Now available through Scratch Records in CITIZENS RULE, an unprecedented outpouring of musical activism related to the BC government. Available at REDCAT RECORDS on 28th and Main and at locations all throughout BC.

RELEASE PARTIES FEATURING SOME OF THE PERFORMERS INVOLVED:

May 12th at the Anza Club in Vancouver May 14th at Logans in Victoria

Scratch records declared the official release of CITIZENS RULE to be on May 3rd. This CD features Todd Butler, DOA, Parksville Rancher, Amy Honey, Pete Campbell, Joey Only and more. It is a very diverse, enjoyable and hopefully well-received.

It's a completely non-partisan, not-for-profit project put together by all-volunteer musicians and artists. Our only goal is to call attention to

the damage our Premier has done to the less fortunate in our province,

tell stories of how we despise him, and have a little fun in the process.

We'll be offering these CD's to BC social agencies who've been affected by

the Liberal Government's cuts over the past four years. CD's will be sold

at cost for \$5. each postage paid and can be sold by your agency for \$10

or \$15. Any profits made by us through other sales avenues will be

diverted to BC social agencies too, primarily womens groups, childrens

groups and food banks.

www.bcfiberals.com

Be sure to check out the CBC Canada Now story on CITIZENS RULE. It's only 3:25min long and features Betty Cracker, Joey Only, Joey Shithead, and

Pete Campbell. They also feature this Liberal loser named Baba Brinkman

who is son to MLA Joyce Murray, and he raps about why people should vote

for his mom. What a loser, he reminds me of when that guy was trying to

become a rapper on Trailer Park Boys. Go to Band Battle on the page:

<http://www.cbc.ca/bcvotes2005/radiotv/050427.html>

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100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR IWW

The Industrial Workers of the World turn 100 this year, join us at:

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the Picadilly Pub 622 Pender Street Saturday June 11th, doors open at 7:30

tickets \$5 at the door, no one turned away

While the Pacific Northwest Labour Historian Society is in town we aim to host a rockin party to get them all drunk and happy. Join Vancouver IWW

for a night of entertainment, history, stories, and recollections along with radical labour, union and working class songs dug up from history.

PERFORMANCES ALREADY INCLUDE: DAN KEETON AND THE DIGGERS: Their name comes from the rebellion of 1649 JOEY ONLY:

Vancouver's punk radical bluesygrass anarcho-folk singer

SOLIDARITY NOTES: A choir dedicated to singing the old radical hymns. JESS

GRANT: Seattle singer songwriter, IWW member and established artist.

contact: Gord Flett from IWW: gflett1@shaw.ca Joey Only from Ravenhymn Productions: joeyonly @ ravenhymn.com

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that's all for now, thanks a lot joeyonly

www.freewebs.com/joeyonly

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12. WILL OFFLEY - INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE Will Offley, Left-Turn Supporter, runs in Vancouver-Hastings

27-Apr-05 Will Offley has risen to the challenge of running in Vancouver-Hastings as an independent Socialist Candidate with the support of Left-Turn. Will is running on the [Left-Turn Socialist's Programme](#)

developed over the past year with the participation of many socialist's community and union activists.

It is a programme that addresses the many current issues in British Columbia and which presents a clear alternative to capitalism, the NDP - Social Democrats in retreat - , and the pro-capitalist, Green party.

Left-Turn's goal is to provide a democratic socialist alternative to the capitalism, the NDP and the Green party.

Use this website to read Will's [biographical information](#) and to keep current with the campaign and what Left-Turn and Will Offley stands for.

[LEFT TURN ELECTION PROGRAMME](#) SOCIALISM ? THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE

Left Turn stands for a different world.

- a world where people can develop our human capacity to its fullest expression
- a world where scarcity is not created by policies that favour the rich and powerful
- a world where education, health care, childcare, transportation, and decent housing are fundamental human rights
- a world where working people democratically control our lives in our neighbourhoods, our workplace, and our country
- a world where women's security and freedom indicate a high level of civilization
- a world where daily life integrates with art and culture, and where the media reflect the engaged debates of a socialist society rather than echoing corporate ideology
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A vote for Left Turn recognizes that nothing changes except through constant struggle. While a small handful of people own all society's wealth and productive capacity, no legislature can implement Left Turn's program. To do that requires the active participation of working people and our allies in a class struggle that mobilizes trade unions, women, the poor, immigrant and refugee communities - all those opposed to "a world gone mad." Left Turn sees this election - as it would a seat in the BC legislature - as an opportunity to organize against the Liberal and NDP cutbacks and all forms of capitalist barbarism. [more](#)

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13. SLIPPING GORDON CAMPBELL A PINK ONE

Pink Slips music video "Fifty Lies We're Told By Liberals" available on <<http://pink-slips.com>>
VANCOUVER - Pop-culture, pink-wigged sensations, the Pink Slips have released their latest single and music video "Fifty Lies We're Told By Liberals" to heavy rotation on <<http://pink-slips.com>>.

"Gordo and his BC Lie-berals broke so many promises from the last election that we needed to write a song about it to keep count," said Pink Diva, Gordina. Although she admitted that the official count of fifty lies had not been scientifically verified in a double blind trial.

"We're mad as hell because Gordo and his right-wing Liberal clones have cut the heart out of BC's heartland, vandalised Vancouver and privatised our province's public trust," Gordina explained. And then she broke into a spontaneous chorus of Twisted Sisters' "We're Not Going to Take it Anymore."

The Pink Slips launched the video last week at Gordon Campbell's campaign office. The group is not surprised the Premier did not attend this event

being held for his edification. "We've had a Pink Slip with Gordo's name on it for years," said spokesperson Pinky Trocadero, "but he only meets the 'public' at \$300 a plate dinners and corporate shmoozefests."

According to Trocadero, Campbell avoids contact with ordinary BCers like the plague because they have received the blunt end of his policies of cutting thousands of jobs, gutting public services and massive fee increases.

"Just because George Bush was able to lie, cheat and steal from the poor to give to the rich then get re-elected that doesn't mean Gordo can do it too," concluded Gordina.

The Pink Slips are concerned - and glamorous - citizens whose mission is to help BC give Gordo a pink slip on May 17. Contact us at info@pink-slips.com

From: "Pink Slips" <info@pink-slips.com>--

It is impossible to simultaneously protect, and print on, ancient forests. Victoria Street Newz - <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>

For governing a country well there is nothing better than moderation. The mark of a moderate man [sic] is freedom from his own ideas.

Tao Te Ching

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