

## LEFT COAST EVENTS - Lower Mainland - May 24th, 2005

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21. COPE E-LERT
22. YOUTH CARE PROGRAM FOR TEENS WITH DISABILITIES

\* 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.

\* From: "Delores Broten" <dbroten@rfu.org>

Place your orders for recycled chlorine-free office paper on line here office paper buying club:  
www.rfu.org

**ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday May 25th** PAPER DELIVERY: 1st week of May or by email:  
copypaperbuyingclub@shaw.ca

or phone Paper Choice at 1-800-567-4055.

\* From: "MOMS ON THE MOVE" <a4b51418@telus.net> Hi, a mom has contacted me and would like to make connections with other families in New Westminster with older children. Her son was just diagnosed on the spectrum. If you could email me, I will forward your emails to her. Thanks Cyndi

\* From: "working TV" <workingtv@telus.net> <http://www.workingtv.com>

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1. **DEATH IN DARFUR** The Global Justice Program at the Liu Institute in partnership with "Never Again: A Call for Action in Sudan" presents a panel discussion and information night called **DEATH IN DARFUR (\*\*NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE\*\*)**

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The event will bring together experts on Sudan and survivors of genocide to discuss the genocide in Sudan and the efforts of governments, organisations and individuals to stop it. The event will also focus on how Canadians can get involved to raise awareness about events in Sudan.

The discussion will feature \* Senator Mobina Jaffer, Canada's Special Envoy to Sudan\* John Currie, Legal Division, Foreign Affairs Canada

\* Bruce Broomhall Professor of Law, Universit? de Quebec ? Montreal

\* Robert Adamson, Global Justice Program, Liu Institute

\* Nouri Abdalla, Darfur Associate of Canada

\* The Hon. Hedy Fry, Member of Parliament

Moderated by Michael Byers (Liu Institute) and Mark Weintraub (Canadian Jewish Congress)

□ \* **DATE: Tuesday May 24, 2005\* TIME: Panel discussion begins at 8pm** □ (Doors open at 7:30 for information session,

□ including live music and photo-collage) □

\* **PLACE: Jewish Community Centre (Wosk Auditorium)**

**950 W. 41st Avenue, Vancouver** □

All are welcome. For more information, contact Patricia Chu at [patricia.chu@ubc.ca](mailto:patricia.chu@ubc.ca) or 604-822-1402

From: "Chu, Patricia" <[patricia.chu@ubc.ca](mailto:patricia.chu@ubc.ca)> (by way of Alan Rycroft <[rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca](mailto:rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca)>)

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### 2. □ **AT THE CUTTING EDGE: the crisis in Canada's forests.**

The Sierra Club of Canada Lower Mainland Group would like to invite you to a special evening to celebrate the launch of

Elizabeth May's,

"AT THE CUTTING EDGE: the crisis in Canada's forests." **DATE: □□□□□□□□□□ May 24th, 2005**

**IME: □□□□□□□□□□ 7:00-9:00pm**

**LOCATION: □□ Roundhouse Community Centre**

With the purpose of drawing attention to the opportunities and threats facing forest ecosystems in Canada, the Sierra Club of Canada is

planning a cross-Canada book tour promoting the release of the revised, updated and expanded edition of "At the Cutting Edge: The Crisis in Canada's Forests," by Elizabeth May.

From: "Tom Sandborn" <[tos@infinet.net](mailto:tos@infinet.net)>

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### 3. □ **ART EXHIBIT**

Please be invited to my upcoming art opening, my first solo show in a gallery!

The show is an installation of car crash pieces, kind of like paintings but made of suspended road-glass pieces. (Pretty but lethal is how I describe it) Xeno Gallery

183 east broadway at Dadabase (at Main St) [www.galleryxeno.com](http://www.galleryxeno.com)

tel 604.709.9934

curated by: Mo Sa'lemy

music: THE GENTLEMEN'S CLUB

The show will be up from

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**May 20th until June 25th**

Riding Regards,  
RedSara

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

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"You must believe that you can help bring about a better world. A good society is produced only by good individuals, just as truly as a majority in a general election is produced by the votes of single electors."

~ Bertrand Russell

From: [Kari Hewett](mailto:paxlogos@yahoo.ca) <paxlogos@yahoo.ca>

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**4. CONTINUOUS JOURNEY**

DOXA Documentary Film & Video Festival **May 24-29, 2005** Proudly Presents Opening Night Film

CONTINUOUS JOURNEY

**May 24, 2005, 7:30 pm Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville Street**

Director Ali Kazimi in attendance

The beleaguered ship, Komagata Maru returns to Vancouver in this powerful retelling of one of the most shameful episodes in Canadian history. The film is an ode to the journey of 376 passengers (from British India) who were aboard the Japanese vessel and then refused permission to land in Vancouver.

This film is also the story of one man's obsession to capture this piece of forgotten history on the screen. Award-winning Canadian filmmaker Ali

Kazimi spent eight years researching and documenting this film. A tale of immigrants, political intrigue and racism, this film is also an insightful look at Vancouver and Canada at the turn of the 20th century.

"I realized my interest in what happened to the people on the Komagata Maru has become an obsession; the more I dig through the records, the more fascinated I become. Maybe because here the history of India and Canada violently collide. Maybe because few know that people like me were shut out for decades. Maybe because I see this harbour as a crime scene, haunted by its ghosts. Maybe because I'm trying to understand how I fit in." - Ali Kazimi

Please note: The film screens only once at DOXA. To ensure a seat for the film, we recommend that you buy your tickets in advance.

TICKETS (\$15) AVAILABLE AT: Festival Box Office, 604-257-0366, [www.festivalboxoffice.com](http://www.festivalboxoffice.com)

Bibliophile Bookshop, 2012 Commercial Drive (cash only)

Videomatica, 1855 West 4th Avenue

Please POST this notice or distribute it to people in your organization.

Full festival details and information: [www.doxafestival.ca](http://www.doxafestival.ca) / 604-646-3200

The DOXA screening of Continuous Journey is made possible by the generous support of Library and Archives Canada. Mr. Ian E. Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada and Member of the Order of Canada, will join the

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filmmaker and other distinguished guests for this local premiere.

Meghna Haldar

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### 5. RELATIONSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TRAINING

**Wednesday Evenings May 18th May 25th and June 1st 6 to 10 pm each evening**

Cost: \$229.00 per person

Imagine what life would be like if you had the confidence, knowledge and skills to deal with all the disturbing events that are part of life. Your ability to handle conflict and stress determines the quality of your relationships whether personal or professional.

The experts and best sellers all tell you: *"Don't fight... Resist the urge to get even or one up... Don't take the bait.... Don't react!!*

But nobody is telling you how this is done! ... We will!

? How do you not react?? How do you avoid conflict?? How do you stay neutral??

How do you de-activate others?

? How do you co-operate?

? We will show you!

Learning this technique will reduce the stress and frustration of any upset whether a major confrontation or a mild annoyance. Your ability to resolve conflict will increase tremendously. You will learn practical, proven solutions that work! Powerful psychological systems that are easy to use will help you feel strong and confident. Workbook is included.

? Identify Personal Buttons? How to de-activate Buttons? How to change Reactive Behaviour ? Expectations -

How you are controlled

? Deal with Fear - without Fear

If you want more harmony and cooperation with the people in your life.....take this course.

If you would like to be able to handle any conflict skillfully without accelerating the conflict.....take this course.

Our clients tell us that these tools are the most useful skills they have. They are easy to learn and easy to apply. You will begin using them on the first day for immediate results.

To Register: contact Relationship Training Academy

604-664-1012 relationshipacademy@shaw.ca

From: "SunWolf" <sunwolf@verizon.net>

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### 6. THE OIL FACTOR: BEHIND THE WAR ON TERROR

Film Showing:

'The Oil Factor: Behind the war on Terror' After spending three months in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan, the producers of this new documentary, Gerard Ungerman and Audrey Brohy, assess the results of the U.S. attacks on Iraq and Afghanistan. They expose the human cost and examine the bigger geo-strategic picture of these invasions that may lead the world toward the next global conflict.

'The Oil Factor' is filled with solid facts and figures, clear, illustrative maps, original footage shot

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in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as many interviews with a large array of prominent personalities including top US officials.

This event is co-sponsored by the Coalition in Solidarity with the People of Iraq, (CESAPI), and the Peace and Justice Committee of the Unitarian Church, Vancouver.

**May 26, 7:30 Unitarian Church West 49th and Oak, Vancouver.**

Free admission.

Discussion will follow the presentation. Coffee, tea and cookies served. For more information visit

[api](http://vcn.bc.ca/cesapi)

737-1299.

From: Irene MacInnes <iremac@shaw.ca>

<http://vcn.bc.ca/cesapi>

or call 604

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### 7. DOUBLE-BILL FILM EVENT AT PARK THEATRE

Media Contact: Barb Small 604.228.9599 / bsmall@aebc.com

Event: Benefit Screening of "Standing in the Shadow of Motown" & "Hardwood" **Date:**

**Thursday, May 26**

**Venue: Park Theatre (3440 Cambie Street)**

**Times: Doors open at 6:30 pm, Screenings at 7 pm**

Tickets: Adults \$15, Youth 16 and under \$10, available at the door.

Information: 604.228.9599

Vancouver Folk Music Festival hosts double-bill film event at Park Theatre *Former Harlem Globetrotter Mel Davis to introduce "Hardwood"*

*Do you know what band had more #1 hits than Elvis & The Beatles combined... they were the biggest hit makers in pop music history and we bet you don't know their names - they're the Funk Brothers. Everyone has heard of the Supremes & Smokey Robinson, but Motown would never have happened without the musicians that played on all the Motor City hits.*

On Thursday May 26th at the newly refurbished Park Theatre, the Vancouver Folk Music Festival will present "Standing in the Shadow of Motown" a tribute to the Funk Brothers, the unknown musical geniuses behind Motown's classics including the hits of Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, the Supremes, the Temptations, Gladys Knight and more. "What blasts off the screen like a heat wave, burning in the heart, is the sheer toe-tapping, booty-shaking joy of making music" (David Ansen, Newsweek) "Standing in the Shadow of Motown" won 4 Grammy Awards in 200x.

Also on the bill is "Hardwood" the story of former Harlem Globetrotter Mel Davis, now a Vancouver resident and coach of young basketball players in the city. Mel Davis will appear in person to introduce the film, which was written and directed by son Hubert and was nominated for an Academy Award.

Tickets available at the door of the Park Theatre, 3440 Cambie Street. The doors will open at 6:30 pm, with Mel Davis introducing "Hardwood" and taking questions from the audience following the screening. "Standing in the Shadow of Motown" will be shown at 8 pm.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth 16 and under.

Proceeds from this double-bill will support the Vancouver Folk Music Festival which takes place July 15 to 17 at Jericho Beach Park. For information call 604.228.9599.

From: Park Theatre <elistdirect@publicityplus.ca>

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### 8. COMMUNITY FORUM: WOMEN'S LIBERATION AND IMPERIALISM

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Childcare and the struggle for women's liberation under imperialism: a community forum  
Please join Grassroots Women for the launching of our timely study entitled *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, which examines the multitude of ways current childcare policy affects working class women and cements our underdevelopment, poverty, and exploitation as both workers and mothers.

**The**

**community forum will be held in the cafeteria at Britannia High School (1661 Napier) on Saturday, May 28, at 1:30pm.**

Everyone is welcome.

With all levels of government using childcare as a trophy issue to promote their own political party, it is an important time for us to step forward

and assert how childcare policy affects working class women, who are the primary providers of care and education for children, explains Rachel

Rosen, a member of Grassroots Women. We don't just want childcare dangled as an unfulfilled promise in front of us; we need to unite and define what working class women really need in a national childcare program.

The forum will include highlights of project findings, including a discussion of how women's unpaid and unrecognized domestic labour serves the

interests of government and big business. A speaker from SIKLAB (Advance and Uphold the Rights of Overseas Filipino Workers) will discuss the connection between a lack of a universal childcare program and the modern-day slavery of domestic workers under the Live-in Caregiver Program.

The May 28 forum will be an opportunity for those who participated in the study and others to discuss their experiences with childcare, offer feedback on the findings of the report, and help develop Grassroots Women's campaign for a truly universal childcare program in Canada.

The forum will also include activities for children, a dramatic representation of women's experiences with childcare in the form of a clothes line, and snacks.

*Between a Rock and a Hard Place* is a year-long, Participatory Action Research (PAR) study.

Over 70 mothers, childcare workers and domestic

workers from diverse communities participated in all aspects of the study

which was part of Grassroots Women's ongoing campaign: *Universal Childcare*

is a Women's Right. As part of this campaign and arising from suggestions

from project participants, Grassroots Women recently held our Second Annual

Mother's Day March and Rally and has mobilized over 5000 people to send

postcards to Prime Minister Paul Martin calling for the implementation of a

free and accessible national childcare program.

For more information about the forum or to order a copy of the study, please contact Rachel at Grassroots Women: (604) 682.4451 /

grassrootswomen@telus.net

Grassroots Women #304 - 207 West Hastings Street Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6B 1H7 [www3.telus.net/grassrootswomen](http://www3.telus.net/grassrootswomen)

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From: "Grassroots Women" <grassrootswomen@telus.net>

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## 9. ABOUT AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

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Riley Park Parenting Group presents a chance for parents, school staff and other professionals to gain an understanding of what it is like to have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The goal of this interactive and entertaining workshop is to further understanding, acceptance and empathy for children living with ASD, as well as to lay the ground work for a follow-up workshop which will be targeted at the children themselves (goal will be to help children understand Autism Spectrum Disorder - age 9+).

Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society presents:

*What Does it Feel Like to Have Autism, presented by Heather McCracken*

Topics of the day include: Simulation Game  
5 senses & ASD  
Communication & ASD  
Self Regulating Behaviours

Kinds of Minds

Basic Friendship Tips

See attached brochure for more details or visit Friend 2 Friend's website at [www.friend2friend.society.org](http://www.friend2friend.society.org)

PLUS: Meet others dealing with ASD in one respect or another  
Chance to connect to other resources in your community

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Invite your resources to others in the community

**Date: Saturday May 28 Time: 2:30pm-4pm Location: Riley Park Community Centre (50 E 30th Ave, Vancouver - across from Nat Bailey Stadium & Queen Elizabeth Park)**

**RSVP: by Thursday May 26 to Nicholas Najda ([nick.najda@vancouver.ca](mailto:nick.najda@vancouver.ca)) so we know how much snack food to prepare & the size of room required**

Cost: FREE

Hope to see many of you there and to meet many new faces.

Nicholas Najda  
Community Youth Development Worker  
Riley Park Community Centre  
604.257.8645

From: "MOMS ON THE MOVE" <[a4b51418@telus.net](mailto:a4b51418@telus.net)>

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### 10. RALLY AND CELEBRATION TO PROTECT ENDANGERED FORESTS

Concerned citizens from across North America are converging to celebrate and defend our remaining intact natural treasures and expose the hypocrisy of today's "sustainable" forest industry

**Wednesday, June 1st - Vancouver**

Speak out against the Global Forest and Paper Summit!

500 of the top forest executives from 27 countries, including over 60 CEOs and government representatives, are meeting in Vancouver from June 1-3 to discuss their "vision" for the next decade of the timber industry. The forests can't take ten more years of the forest industry!

Help send a strong message to the conference delegates that we have a better vision, a vision of true sustainability for forests, wildlife and people.

Join us for a Large Rally and Endangered Species Migration!

**When: Wednesday, June 1st at noon Where: Meet at the corner of Cardero and Georgia  
Rally is at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, 1601 Bayshore Drive**

Why: Critical decisions about the future of the world's forests are being made behind closed doors. Together we will raise our voices for forest protection, not forest destruction.

Endangered Species Migration: Please come prepared to take part in mass action to save endangered species habitat. Join the spectacular image of over 100 salmon, owls, bears and caribou converging outside the conference location. If you'd like to be a caribou, wear brown or

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grey: we'll provide the rest! Enjoy musicians, speakers and performers. Bring your own noise-makers!

For more information or to get involved with the organizing committee, please contact:

Kate at [katewoznnow@yahoo.com](mailto:katewoznnow@yahoo.com) or Omi at [omi@riseup.net](mailto:omi@riseup.net)

From: kate woznow <katewoznnow@yahoo.com> From: "helen michell"

<telquaa@hotmail.com>. AS Canadians we need to stand up together to protect our Canadian forests. Without our forests we will end up with no more water. Global warming is here already, and without our forests the weather will get even hotter. Pollution is on the rise. Protect our forests, our waters and our airs.

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**11. GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FREE ZONES**

Thousands of communities around the globe have declared themselves Genetically Engineered (GE) Free Zones. The Council of Canadians presents Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser and renowned Canadian scientist Dr. Shiv Chopra to talk about a GE-Free future for Canada at the launch of the Council of Canadian's "GE-Free Canada" Campaign.

**Thursday, June 2, Maritime Labour Centre 111 Victoria Drive at Triumph; doors at 6:30, admission free.**

For more information: 604.688.8846

Tara Scurr, BC-Yukon Regional Organizer Council of Canadians #700-207 West Hastings St. Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7

(Toll free) 1.888.566.3888

(Phone) 604.688.8846

[www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org)

*"The Dissenter is every human being at those moments of his life when he resigns momentarily from the herd and thinks for himself" Archibald MacLeish*

From: "Ava Waxman" <awaxman@canadians.org> ~~~~~

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**12. ARGENTINA: HOPE IN HARD TIMES**

Argentina: Hope in Hard Times will screen at

**UBCon June 3 at 9 pm**

during the conference of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies. See the website [Balle-BC] for full details about this screening [which is open to the public] and the rest of the conference where David Suzuki will deliver the closing keynote address on Saturday June 4.

Thanks, and I hope you will have an opportunity to come and see our film. Mark Dworkin Moving Images Video Project

2408 East Valley Street

Seattle, Washington 98112

360/341-1269

[www.movingimages.org](http://www.movingimages.org)

From: Claudio Ekdahl <latinsol@shaw.ca> ~~~~~

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**13. NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST SECURITY CERTIFICATES!**

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□□□□□□ **WEDNESDAY**

**JUNE 8 FROM 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM**



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**□□□ GATHER AT VANCOUVER ART GALLERY (ROBSON SIDE)**

Contact No One is Illegal

[noii-van@resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca)

(604)682-3269 x 7149

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This action is part of a pan-Canadian day to Stop Secret Trials in Canada. Canada's Secret Trial Five are five Muslim men whose lives have been torn apart by accusations that they are not allowed to fight in a fair and independent trial. All five men were arrested under "Security Certificates," a measure of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) that has been described by Amnesty International as "fundamentally flawed and unfair". Security certificates and secret evidence reverse the fundamental rule of innocent until proven guilty. Neither the detainee nor his lawyer are informed of the precise allegations or provided with the full information against him. They are imprisoned indefinitely without charges on secret evidence and face deportation to their countries of origin, even if there is a substantial risk of torture or death.

June 8 is the anniversary of the day on which Canada signed the Convention against torture. It is an appropriate day to bring attention to the fact that the Canadian government, using security certificates, is trying to deport five men although the Immigration department recognises they are at risk of torture if forced out. It is also a good opportunity to highlight the numerous other ways in which Canada, using other anti-migrant tools, is engaging in forcing people into situations where they will be tortured; is using information extracted under torture in security certificate cases; is exchanging information with secret services recognised as complicit in physical and psychological torture; is failing to criticise the use of torture by its allies in Iraq, Guantanamo, Palestine, Afghanistan and Europe; is enabling the use of torture facilities in Afghanistan; and is itself using police tactics and prison conditions of physical and psychological torture.

It is no coincidence, in a situation like the present, where the "war on terror" is being used to advance an agenda of economic and political domination, that norms against torture are coming under deliberate and concerted pressure. Security Certificates are a tool that has been put to use in the post-9/11 climate of racist hysteria around "national security" to attack the Muslim and Arab communities, migrants and broader civil liberties. The historical parallels are clear: Japanese-Canadians interned and deported from Canada during World War II and the "red scare" of the McCarthy era. These should stand as warnings to us.

For more information: <http://noii-van.resist.ca>

**ABOLISH SECURITY CERTIFICATES NOW! NO ONE IS ILLEGAL!**

--To subscribe to our low-traffic email announcement list, please email [noii-van@resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca)

No One is Illegal- Vancouver web: <http://noii-van.resist.ca> email: [noii-van@resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca) (604)682-326

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The No One is Illegal campaign is in full confrontation with Canadian colonial border policies, denouncing and taking action to combat racial

profiling of immigrants and refugees, detention and deportation policies, and wage-slave conditions of migrant workers and non-status people.

We struggle for the right for our communities to maintain their livelihoods and resist war, occupation and displacement, while building

alliances and supporting indigenous sisters and brothers also fighting theft of land and displacement.

From: "No One is Illegal-Vancouver" <noii-van@resist.ca>

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#### **14. FREE BCCIC MEMBER WORKSHOPS**

You are invited to attend a FREE 2-part workshop for BCCIC Members, in particular staff and board members of Canadian International Development Charities and Not-for-Profit Organizations:

**June 10, 2005 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (lunch provided) 2150 Maple Street (BCCIC Offices)**

(Maple and 6th Avenue - Parking available on side of building or along 6th Avenue on the north side of street).

If your organization has struggled with making sense of CRA Regulations, making sure you are prepared for sudden audits or if your organization is unsure about compliance procedures or penalties involved in the financial management of your organization, this workshop is for you.

In Part 1 of the workshop, you will learn:

- what your organization needs to be aware of regarding the new Canada Revenue Agency
- guidelines
- how to apply these guidelines to your overseas partners
- how to get more involved in shaping the policies that affect your organization's
- ability to deliver service and work effectively in your community
- how to help your Board or senior leadership be knowledgeable about compliance and penalty procedures
- how to work more effectively with the CRA
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Facilitator: Chris Richardson, FCA, Consultant to Charities and Not-for-Profit Organizations

In Part 2 of the workshop, you will learn:

- what your charity can and can't do within the new Canada Revenue Agency
- guidelines on "political activities"
- how to apply these guidelines to real-life scenarios
- how to get more involved in shaping the policies that affect your organization's
- ability to deliver service and work effectively in your community
- how to help your Board or senior leadership get involved in public policy development
- how to work more effectively with the CRA
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Facilitator: Cathy Beaumont, Manager, Charities and Democracy Project

Please RSVP your registration for this workshop by June 6th, 2005 by contacting Salima Jethani at [bccic@web.ca](mailto:bccic@web.ca) or telephone at 604-899-4475.

BCCIC 2150 Maple Street Vancouver, BC V6T 3T3 Tel: 604-899-4475 email: [bccic@web.ca](mailto:bccic@web.ca) web site:

[www.bccic.org](http://www.bccic.org)

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

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**15. 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, 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 registration information, the conference program, and a biographical sketch of Jack O'Dell, please visit our website:

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<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**

Info and registration: <http://www.sfu.ca/~thinkact> Email: [thinkact@sfu.ca](mailto:thinkact@sfu.ca) Phone: 604-268-6681

From: [thinkact@sfu.ca](mailto:thinkact@sfu.ca)

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## **16. RIGHTS TO ACTION WORKSHOP**

Are you confused about your child's rights within the school system?/\*\*

Are you uncertain how to bring forth your concerns to administrators?/

If so, then join us for the

\*\*"From Rights to Action" Workshop\*

**\*SATURDAY, JUNE 11th \*Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children 3644 Slocan Street,**

**Vancouver, BC**

**Cafeteria**

**Conference Room**

**9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

Registration: \$20

\$15 for FIDS members

FIDS' Annual General Meeting will precede the workshop.

This popular workshop, facilitated by Cathie Camley, will highlight school law in BC and how it affects children with special needs and

their families. We will then take it one step further, teaching parents practical skills to ensure that their child's rights are actualized.

Participants will learn how to develop a strategy for bringing their concerns and goals forward to school officials so they will be acted upon.

\*/The Presenter: /\*

\*/Cathie Camley/\* is well known for her advocacy work and is the author of "Becoming an Effective Advocate for Your Child." She is also the

author and facilitator of the "Parent Advocacy Training Program" and

co-author of the "Parent Reference and Resource Kit." Cathie is the

mother of three children, two of whom have Learning Disabilities./

1524 Fort Street Victoria, BC V8S 5J2 Toll Free: 1-800-549-1999

Visit us online at [\\_www.fids.bc.ca](http://www.fids.bc.ca)

From: "Barbara Laird" <[barb@telus.net](mailto:barb@telus.net)>

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## **17. BC ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK AGM**

Dear Members of the British Columbia Environmental Network,

RE: BCEN AGM June 18th 2005

Please Note the following attachments with this message:

1) BCEN AGM Notice 2005 (.pdf includes Notice, Nomination of Directors form, and Director's Code of Ethical Conduct);

2) AGM Representative Form

3) Full Member Form (for new members and renewals/ please return with cheque)

Please find attached (#1) the Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the BCEN to be held on

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Saturday 18, June 2005 commencing at 9.00am (Registration 9-10am).

### **The meeting will take place Saturday, June 18th at the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) Building at 2150 Maple St., Vancouver.**

Member groups are encouraged to nominate and send a designated "Member Representative" who votes on its behalf

and has voting rights at the general meeting. [Membership renewal fees must be paid up by June 18th AGM. Annual fees are \$40 <100 members - \$80 100+ Members / a Full Member Form (#3) is attached for new member & renewal purposes. New member organization applications must be received no later than May 23rd.]

Please complete the attached Member Representative form (#2), and return prior to the Annual General Meeting to advise of your organization's delegate. Completion of the Member Representative form is required for presentation on or before commencement of the Annual General Meeting June 18th.

Each Member group is entitled to nominate one delegate who may speak and vote on the organization's behalf at the general meeting. Each Member group is entitled to send alternate(s) and if the designated Member Representative is unable to

attend the meeting, a designated alternate may vote in their absence.

Nominations for new Directors on the Board are welcome to fill a minimum of four vacancies. A Nomination Form is included in the BCEN AGM Notice 2005 document (#1). Candidates may if they wish also supply a brief written presentation setting out their reasons for seeking election as a Director.

Members should forward in writing any motions or resolutions that they want presented during the Annual General Meeting by Monday 23rd May 2005 (to meet the obligatory 14 day notice period). No motion or resolution received after this date can be put to the Annual General Meeting.

If you are travelling in from out-of-town and require billeting do not hesitate to call or email.

For the earth,

Howard Breen Executive Director  
Howard@bcen.bc.ca 250.247.7467 Vancouver area#  
604.879.2279

Mail- 2300

Windecker Road,  
Gabriola Island, B.C.  
V0R 1X7

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To subscribe to BCEN e-Wire, send a message to the list manager <eServices@bcen.bc.ca> with your request.

From: BCEN Coordinator <network@bcen.bc.ca> (by way of Alan Rycroft <rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca>)

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**18. GRANDPARENTS REALIZING AUTISTIC CHILDREN'S INVOLVEMENT, NEEDS, & GROWTH (GRACING)**

our grandchildren's lives.

As grandparents of autistic children we have questions about where we fit in our grandchild's routine, we need to talk with other grandparents for feedback, we wonder about our own effectiveness as a grandparent in this 'new arena', along with many other concerns.

"GRACING" is about grandparents helping each other through the understanding & learning process to enhance our grandchildren's lives.? We welcome any and all views and understand the need for individuals to make their own informed decisions without pressure.

"GRACING" is a new idea that does not require a membership. We meet in informal settings to talk about our feelings, available resources, etc. and to support each other as we learn and grow.

**"GRACING" meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. for an hour or so.** If you would like to get together with other grandparents on an informal basis, please call for more information. We'd love to hear from you!

"GRACING" Dan & Jacquie Bye - Grandparents.604-583-3502gracing@telus.net From: "MOMS ON THE MOVE" <a4b51418@telus.net>

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**19. ENVISIONING PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES**

□□□□□□□□ **Friday June 24 to Sunday June 26** □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ **SFU**

**Harbour Center**

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□□□□□ **Vancouver, Coast Salish Territories**

Envisioning People's Struggles is a conference being organized on the weekend of June 24 - 26 to bring together issues and analysis from the

many struggles against war, capitalism, colonialism, and imperialism. The conference will also explore and discuss the history of resistance movements locally and around the world to broaden and contextualize our understanding of current struggles, while emphasizing the need for long-term strategy and vision through open dialogue that builds solidarity between diverse organizing communities.

Envisioning Peoples Struggles will bring together those at the forefront of self-determination struggles, and organizers and activists

participating in active movements for indigenous sovereignty, against occupations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Haiti and elsewhere; for justice for immigrants and refugees; for workers rights; for women's liberation; against the prison industrial complex; against capitalist/imperialist globalization; anti-poverty organizing, and more.

It will be a weekend of workshops, panels, film screenings and strategy sessions including:

\* Resisting 2010 Olympics\* The Possibilities and Limitations of Electoralism\* Rethinking the Labour Movement \*

The Globalization of War & the assault of globalization

\* Confronting Fortress North America

\* Struggles for Indigenous Self-Determination: fighting mining and forestry destruction

\* Local and International Health

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\* History matters: Past resistance

\* Two strategy sessions to forge links of resistance

**SCHEDULE:-Friday June 24 @ 6 pm. Opening Panel at SFU Harbour Center. By donation.**

**-Saturday June 25 from 10 am to 6 pm at SFU Harbour Center Eight workshops and two film screenings**

**- Sunday June 26 from 10 am to 4 pm at Lore Krill (65 West Cordova) Two strategy sessions**

Childcare available. Lunch and snacks provided at the Lore Krill. For more information: Email: eps2005@resist.ca

Website: <http://resist.ca/~eps2005>

Call: 778-552-2099

==> GET INVOLVED:

- To get involved in the organizing, please contact us at eps2005@resist.ca or call 778-552-2099 about upcoming meetings.

- We are in need of funding to meet the various costs associated with this conference, including transportation for out-of-town guests, and making sure the conference is accessible to participants. If you can donate, please get in touch.

- Help publicize the event through your networks.

From: "No One is Illegal-Vancouver" <noii-van@resist.ca>

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**20. FARMER'S MARKET SOCIETY NEWS** East Vancouver Farmers' Market

**Saturday, May 14th, 2005 9am - 2pm**

Celebrating our 10th Year!

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Announcing?

YLFMS' 2005 Annual Membership Drive...this year's goal is 500 New Members!

What a great way to support your local farmers' market!

YLFMS members receive weatherproof membership cards & lanyards, plus membership information, voting privileges at the 2006 Annual General Meeting and discounts on upcoming YLFMS promotional items! Three types of membership are available: Family: \$40; Individual/vendor: \$25; Youth/Fixed Income: \$15. Buy your membership at any of our 3 local markets!

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**YLFMS' Wednesday afternoon Farmers' Market**?now in its 3rd season at **Nat Bailey Stadium**

Opens

**Wednesday, June 15, 2005**

**1:00pm - 6:30pm**

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**YLFMS' Saturday West End Farmers' Market**

**On Comox St. (between Bute & Thurlow) At Nelson Park** Opens **Saturday, June 18, 2005 9:30am - 2:00pm**

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YLFMS Opens New Office on Commercial Drive!

Thanks to all of you who contributed ideas and leads as we searched for a new office space. After a month of searching, we found an ideal location right in the heart of Commercial Drive.

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The new Farmers' Market office is now located at 1163 #2 Commercial Drive (upstairs). This space will provide a meeting space for all of our Board and committee meetings, not to mention exposure for the Farmers' Markets on one of Vancouver's busiest streets 365 days a year! Look for permanent signs on the street-front and an official Open House coming soon!

### **YLFMS Vendor Announcements:**

**Salt Spring Flour Mill** is happy to be back at Trout Lake market this year. Our first date is **Saturday May 28.**

If you'd like to place a bulk order and pick it up at the market on the 28th give us a call at 250-537-4282 or email us at

[dogwoodlane@saltspring.com](mailto:dogwoodlane@saltspring.com)

by May 18. And on the 28th check out the new pancake mix that we developed this winter in our "flour mill kitchen." It's wheat-free and absolutely delicious!

Salt Spring Flour Mill 169 Dogwood Lane Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1A4 250-537-4282

SEE YOU AT THE MARKETS!!!

From: Tara McDonald <tara@eatlocal.org>

### **21. COPE E-LERT**

The Coalition of Progressive Electors

COPE Fundraiser - Encouraging Women in Politics

**Event: May 27th, 2005**

Women make up 52 per cent of the general population, yet a mere 21 per cent of elected officials are women. If the recent Provincial election is any indication of trends, it is clear that there is a need for more women to get involved in politics.

Join Vancouver City Councillor Ellen Woodsworth and COPE to help raise awareness of this issue on Friday, May 27th, at the Wise Hall. This event will be a fun filled night, with special guests Libby Davies - Vancouver East MP, and Todd Wong - local troubadour. Musical Guests include The Joni Miller/Eastman Band, a cappella group No Shit Shirleys and rap artist Sara Kendall!

The night will include discussion, food, music, a dance and a silent auction.

Tickets are on a sliding scale, \$20 ? 100.00, no one turned away, and everyone is welcome!

What: Women in Politics Fundraiser and Dance

**When: Fri, May 27, 2005 8 PM, doors open at 7:30pm Where: WISE Hall 1881 Adanac St, Vancouver**

For Tickets contact the COPE office at 604-255-0400 or by email at [cope@cope.bc.ca](mailto:cope@cope.bc.ca).

### **JOB POSTING**

Events Coordinator and Youth Outreach Worker

The Coalition of Progressive Electors is a civic reform organization which unites individuals and groups seeking a progressive orientation in Vancouver's civic life, by means of organizing and campaigning around issues affecting the people of Vancouver, and by nominating and electing candidates to civic office.

Reporting to the COPE Executive, this is a contract position accountable for coordinating and developing fundraising and public outreach events with a focus on involving progressive youth in COPE activities. Contract service fee subject to negotiation.

Responsibilities:

? Organize and coordinate fundraising and public outreach events;? Create flyers,



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brochures and other related materials;

? Prepare press releases and public service announcements;

? Develop volunteer base particularly among youth;

? Conduct public polling campaign;

? Other related tasks as required.

Qualifications:

? Commitment to the goals of COPE;? Good verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills; ? Good organizational skills; ? Ability to work

independently and in coordination with COPE Staff and Executive;

? Excellent presentation, group facilitation and public speaking skills.

Please submit your resume by email, to [cope@cope.bc.ca](mailto:cope@cope.bc.ca) .

### **Auction Items Needed!**

If you or anyone you know can donate items for silent auctions that will be held throughout the year, including our May 27th fundraising event mentioned above, please contact us!

Exciting Volunteer Opportunities!

As we gear up for the upcoming election, COPE is looking to recruit volunteers for a variety of tasks, including fundraising, event coordination, and general office work. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact the COPE office.

Contact Information

The Coalition of Progressive Electors 140 ? 111 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, BC V5L 4C4 Phone: 604-255-0400

Email:

[cope@cope.bc.ca](mailto:cope@cope.bc.ca)

COPE newsletters update our supporters about upcoming civic activities. To learn more about our organization, please visit the COPE web site at <http://www.cope.bc.ca> .

If you do not wish to receive our newsletters, please reply to this e-mail, and simply type "REMOVE" in the subject line.

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](mailto:cope@cope.bc.ca) or [sign up here](#) .

From: "The Coalition of Progressive Electors" <[cope@cope.bc.ca](mailto:cope@cope.bc.ca)>

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## **22. YOUTH CARE PROGRAM FOR TEENS WITH DISABILITIES**

Are you a parent or guardian of a tween or teen child with special needs?

Will you be facing a child care crisis when your child reaches 13 years OR? grade 8?

I am a single parent of two pre-teen sons with disabilities. As families are juggling careers and parenting children who require additional support, we face the challenge of finding care after school, professional days, and Xmas, spring, and summer breaks. We need help! We need a home base for our children to hang with their peers and support to their friendships with other youths in their community. The transition into adulthood and into their adult lives may be smoother when they develop other long-term relationships outside their primary home support network.?

A community based program is needed for youths with disabilities, that would include activities and outings that meet their needs and interests. As well as, connecting with other recreational, academic and adapted programs within the community. The tentative vision includes;

-a 'Den' or 'Rumpus Room' with a kitchen-a? loose mix of youths with the support needs of a

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'high ratio' of adult to youth group to a 'low ratio' group of adult to youth group.? -experienced staff with skills in adapting the world to help our children become more independent and enjoy their adolescence.???

As our children require supervision in their teen years and in hopes of providing stability for our families, and community connections for our kids, we are researching how to develop this vision. If you have experience with non profit boards or grant writing and would like to help to make this program fly?.we need you.

This questionnaire is aimed at gathering information about our community's need for this type of program. Please complete and email or mail to:

Stephanie Martel389 Beachview DriveNorth Vancouver,B.C.V7G-1P5Stmartel@sfu.ca

Thank you for your consideration.

(Optional) Name and address of family (please put me on the mailing list?)

School and Grade of child/ren?

Future secondary school, if known?

Does your child/ren presently attend an out-of school (OSC)care/teen program, how many days/hours?

Does the hours of an OSC/teen program work for your family?

(ie. 7:30-9:00/3:00-6:00 M-F, all school pro-d days and holidays) any other hours?

What ratio would best support your child both in a familiar environment and in the community?

Circle one; note out of school care for children 6-12yrs is 1:15.

Would you consider giving up your current Ministry funded childcare worker (ie. NSDRC) or (AMH) as part of the Community Living Re-structuring Plan, in exchange for a Program that provides the same support as an OSC for 6-12 yrs? If yes, what is your current service?

Would you prefer your child to attend 1,2,3,4,5 days per week? Pro-d days?

Summer/spring/winter breaks? Weekend activities? AM and/or PM? Evening events?

What would you pay monthly for your teen to attend a program suggested above, with the hours of an out-of-school care? Note: OSC is about \$350.00/month

As many typical children do not attend OSC when they are 12 and 13 years old. Would you consider the Program for your child at age 12 (grade 6) to keep your children the same-age group?

Comments:

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

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**"Men make counterfeit money; in many more cases, money makes counterfeit men."**

**Sydney Harris**

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