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1. APC BARBEQUE SOCIAL

Saturday June 4TH CRAB park * 4pm till late

The Anti-Poverty Committee invites our friends and allies to a barbeque this Saturday June 4th at 4pm at CRAB park (located at the very North end of Main street on the water front).

CRAB Park is one of the few spaces in the DTES open to poor people. It has a history of struggle and remembrance. Currently the city and police have increased their patrolling and policing of the park and the people. What they refer to as 'cleaning-up' we know through experience is social cleansing.

So don't let the yuppies dogs and polices horses shit all over our park. Take it back for the people who fought for it and won!

The APC will provide the BB-Q's and hotdogs. Please bring any other food to share. As well as frisbees, soccer balls, etc. And of course B.Y.O.B.!

If you have any questions or need directions please call our office at 604.682.2726. In case of crappy weather the BB-Q will be rescheduled.

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The Anti-Poverty Committee is an organization of poor and working people, who fight for poor people, their rights and an end to poverty by any means necessary. For more information on the Anti-Poverty Committee's on-going campaigns, visit <http://apc.resist.ca/home>. Contact us by e-mailing apc@resist.ca or phoning 604-682-2726.

If you are able to donate financially to our legal defense or other campaigns, deposits can be made directly into our account at any branch of Vancity (account is listed under 'Anti-Poverty Committee'). Cheques or money orders made out to the APC can be mailed to P.O. Box 1, 12 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6A 1N1.

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UNITED WE WILL WIN!

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

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**2. RUN UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME**

This Sunday, June 5 is the annual Down Syndrome Research Foundation..RUN UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME, held up on top of Burnaby Mountain, at SFU.

Do think about coming and joining us.....Melanie is going to volunteer and I am planning on walking this year.

If you want to make sure you get a T Shirt...you need to preregister...call 604 444 3773 to do so. If you want a pledge form, let them know and they can fax or snail mail one to you.

You can park in the Car park for free, and come onto the Terry Fox Field for the start of the run and registration.

Please do pass this onto anyone else you think might be interested

Many thanks Barbara and Melanie Laird

Here is some info about the run coming up.

**Date:** Sunday, June 5, 2005 **Place:** Simon Fraser University **Distance:** 5k Walk, 5k & 10k Run

Registration: Beginning at 8:30am

Start time: Walkers 9:30am Runners 9:45am

Great prizes for top fundraisers and finishers.

From: "Barbara Laird" <barb@telus.net>

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3. PERSPECTIVES ON PALESTINE SIMON FRASER PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS RIGHTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS: PERSPECTIVES ON PALESTINE :

AN INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION ON OCCUPATION AND RESISTANCE - SLIDE SHOW -FEATURING: IYAD ALNUWEIRI, ASHEA AHMED, LAWRENCE BOXALL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH MBC 2294-6, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, 4:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS AND MUSIC From: andrea pinochet- escudero

<andrea_pinochet@hotmail.com>

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**4. 24 HOURS AGAINST TORTURE**

Stop Canadian Deportations to Torture Read the call to action from the Campaign to Stop Secret Trials

[http://www.homesnotbombs.ca/stoptorture.h](http://www.homesnotbombs.ca/stoptorture.htm)

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The Government of Canada is currently holding 5 men under security certificates. The certificates are a measure of the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, by which a refugee or permanent resident in Canada can be imprisoned indefinitely without charge on secret evidence, and deported to his/her country of origin, even if such deportation bears a substantial risk of torture or death.

The Canadian security certificate process suspends the rule of law and violates fundamental human rights that are protected under both the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. These rights include entitlement to rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind such as religion, national origin, birth or other status; the right to life, liberty and security of person; the right to equality before the law; the presumption of innocence; freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention; the right to a fair trial;

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etc.

Accordingly, the Canadian Peace Alliance calls for the abolition of the security certificate process in Canada, and for the release of all persons detained under Canadian security certificates, unless charges can be laid, and an open, fair trial conducted with full disclosure to an accused person of the evidence against him/her.

**Join us on June 8, 2005 at actions all over Canada against deportation to torture.**

for events listings see: <http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/June8events.htm>

If you are unable to attend the events on June 8 please send a message to: **Anne McLellan, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness**

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House of Commons, 306 Justice Building,  
Ottawa, K1A 0A6,  
Telephone (613) 992-2406,  
Fax: (613) 995-7408

Or  
**Joe Volpe, Immigration Minister**, Rm 658, Confederation Bldg, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6, Telephone (613) 992-6361, Fax: (613) 992-9791

Please send any additional postings to [cpa@web.ca](mailto:cpa@web.ca)

Peace

Sid Lacombe Campaign Coordinator Canadian Peace Alliance 416-588-5555 [cpa@web.ca](mailto:cpa@web.ca) [www.acp-cpa.ca](http://www.acp-cpa.ca)

NOTE: You can contact the MPs in Ottawa via email by sending to (lastnamefirst initial first name@parl.gc.ca)

From: Canadian Peace Alliance <[cpa@web.ca](mailto:cpa@web.ca)>

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5. NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST SECURITY CERTIFICATES!

XX **WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 FROM 4:30PM TO 6:30 PM GATHER AT VANCOUVER ART GALLERY (ROBSON SIDE)**

Contact No One is Illegal noii-van@resist.ca (604) 682-3269 x 7149XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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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

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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

No One is Illegal- Vancouver web: <http://noii-van.resist.ca> email: noii-van@resist.ca (604)682-3269 x 7149

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.

Contact Tom Hansen at TomHansen@leftturn.ca to be added to the leftturn listserve
From: Phil Lyons <plyons@vcn.bc.ca>

6. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR WORLD PEACE FORUM

This person will work as part of a team with Executive Director of Operations and the Executive Director of Outreach and Programming, a Publicity and Communications Subcommittee of the World Peace Forum Society and the Administration Coordinator to create and implement an international media and communications plan.

The World Peace Forum (WPF) is a major international undertaking. The Forum is planned to be broad in scope, providing an umbrella under which movements and organizations will work

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together on peace issues, including city representatives, indigenous peoples, women, youth and seniors to network and demonstrate to the world our hopes and our hopes and strategies for peace and justice. The World Peace Forum would allow for a major arts and cultural component, and maximize citizen involvement will be held in Vancouver B.C. June 23-28, 2006. The position is a 13-month contract position. An attractive salary and benefit package is being offered.

Responsibilities

Develop and implement an effective marketing and promotions strategy that reaches all levels of media, from local, community and city media in British Columbia, to national and international media, including print and electronic sources such as television, radio, email and satellite communication and maintenance of a web-site for a variety of events at the World Peace Forum and events leading up to the WPF 2006.

The Coordinator will work with a team to communicate with environmental, labour, social justice-non-profit organizations and educational organizations such as universities, colleges, and schools, local community and governmental bodies, First Nations organizations, women and youth groups, business and individuals to ensure the publicity necessary to the success of the WPF 2006. - Undertake the writing of press releases, public service announcements, newsletters and brochures.

- Designs or supervises the design of brochures, posters, signs and banners.- Develop and coordinate the volunteer committee that will expand and enhance the communications strategy.

- Work with an Editorial Committee to develop content for the website and radio station

- Develop a strategy to communicate with international non-governmental organizations or representatives via satellite

- Keep all records and data current with respect to the media strategy;

- Keep the Executive Directors and members of a volunteer team apprised of the progress of the communication plan.

- Establish a Media Centre at the World Peace Forum for the use of local, freelance or international media.

Qualifications:The candidate for this position will have a proven track record doing publicity and media for events/conferences that involve significant international participation. Excellent English-language communication skills including writing and use of computer and internet are essential. Ability to work in a second language is a preferred asset.

The candidate will have excellent organizational skills with an ability to meet deadlines.

Experience working with graphic designers and printers and an ability to use a tendering process for design or printing contracts will be important.

The Communications Coordinator will share a vision and passion for global peace and justice and be able to motivate others with this vision. The successful applicant will be able to effectively supervise while motivating others, including volunteers. Good knowledge and connections with peace organizations at local, national and international levels are desirable. The ability to work in a team context and to problem solve in a creative way will be essential.

Terms and ConditionsTerm: Full time from June 2005 to July 2006 with a probation period of two months.

Salary: Negotiable. Competitive salary.

To apply: Send resume and three references to World Peace Forum Society as electronic attachments to admin@worldpeaceforum.ca with additional hard copy (if required) to World

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Peace Society office to the address below:

#420

550 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1A1

Questions can be dealt with at 604 687-3223 **Closing date June 10, 2005 at 5:00 pm.**_____

Keziah McCrystal Rothlin, Executive Asst.

Vancouver and District Labour Council

#140 - 111 Victoria Drive

Vancouver, BC V5L 4C4

604-254-0703 Phone

604-254-0701 Fax

vdlc@telus.net

Email

From: VDLC <vdlc@telus.net>

7. TWENTIETH CENTURY 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

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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:

<http://www.sfu.ca/~thinkact/> Contact: Karen Ferguson, Associate Professor of History, Simon Fraser University Email: 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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8. GARDEN DANCES *Choreography among the gardens of Tiddley Cove West Vancouver*

Event: Garden Dances / A Mascall Dance Benefit

Dates: June 11th & 12th , 2005 Times: June 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm / June 12 from 1 to 4 pm

Tickets: Adults \$25, age 12 and under free. Information: 604.689.9339 or <http://www.mascalldance.ca>

Dancing in the trees, the haunting strains of the sitar and a host of talented dancers and musicians will compete with and complement the colour and beauty of west coast gardens when Mascall Dance presents the fourth annual Garden Dances fundraiser June 11 and 12 in three private gardens amidst the historic and secluded beauty of West Vancouver's Tiddley Cove.

The event will raise funds for the organization by providing the public with a magical dance-infused experience and a peek into some private spaces not usually accessible. Jennifer Mascall, one of Canada's senior choreographers and artistic director of the company, believes that Garden Dances is a dream Sunday afternoon.

Among the artists featured in the afternoon and evening performances will be Mascall's own celebrated Nijinsky Gibber Jazz Club, guest dancers such as New Dance Horizons (Regina) artistic director Robin Poitras, Firebelly artistic director Kira Shaffer who will present her exciting aerial dance amidst the garden trees, and musicians such as Harrison Cowan (tenor saxophone) and Matt O'Donnell (sitar).

"We want people to come and enjoy the plants, experience the garden and watch the dancers moving through the gardens. Like seeing deer in the grounds or peacocks in Stanley Park," says Mascall.

More than twenty dancers and musicians will bring the three private homes and gardens alive. Each location is chosen for its flavour and uniqueness and the performances have been created to work symbiotically with the each individual gardenscape. The natural and rugged landscapes of each venue have become palettes for the garden enthusiast owners to sculpt and nurture some of the most beautiful scenery in West Vancouver, offering a unique and beautiful setting for the performance that emerges in each site-specific program. The audience moves at their own pace, enjoying the gardens, the dances and the company of their friends and family in a gorgeous setting.

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Mascall Dance launched Garden Dances in 2002 as a celebration of gardens and dance and as a fundraising event for the Mascall Dance Society. The concept grew out of a desire to bring together diverse communities within the larger community (gardeners, dancers, musicians, business people, students, etc.). Garden Dances is fast becoming an annual tradition. Tickets to Garden Dances are \$25, with children 12 and under admitted free. Call 604.689.9339

or
visit

<http://www.mascalldance.ca>

for further information on ticket sales and locations.

From: Mascall Dance <elistdirect@publicityplus.ca>

9. THE WOBLIES TURN 100!!!

The Industrial Workers of the World are still organizing:

the Picadilly Pub 622 Pender Street Saturday June 11th, doors open at 7:30 tickets \$5 at the door, no one turned away

PERSONALITIES, ACTS AND PERFORMANCES 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. ALEXIS BUSS: general secretary for the IWW in Philadelphia.

From June 10-12 the Pacific Northwest Labour Historian Society will be meeting in Vancouver to discuss the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Industrial Workers of the World. On Saturday June 11th the Vancouver IWW would like to invite you to a one of a kind anniversary party at the Picadilly Pub. We will pay honour to the working class struggles of the past 100 years in Vancouver beyond, the bloody labour strikes of the 1930's, the free speech campaigns of the early 20th Century, the execution of IWW organizer/folk singer Joe Hill, and yet many more. You won't need to know anything about labour history to come and see what this show is all about, you will only need to know about partying!!

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

THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD MISSION STATEMENT:

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life. Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.

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

10. 13TH ANNUAL PEOPLE'S VOICE BANQUET June 11

Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the On-to-Ottawa Trek!

In the spring of 1935, thousands of unemployed workers, members of the communist-led Relief Camp Workers Union, headed to Vancouver to demand "Work and Wages." After several weeks of militant and colourful demonstrations, the workers decided to take their demands right to the top, to challenge the right-wing Tory federal government of R.B "Iron Heel" Bennett in

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Ottawa. On June 3, hundreds of unemployed "Trekkers" left the Vancouver rail yards on freight trains heading over the Rockies. Along the way, the Trekkers were met with increasing support, sending political shock waves across the country. When the Trekkers reached Regina, they sent a delegation to meet with Prime Minister Bennett, only to have their demands turned down flat. Meanwhile, the government was moving to smash the Trek. During a support rally at Regina's Market Square on July 1, truckloads of police pulled in and attacked the crowd, sending dozens of wounded Trekkers and local citizens to hospital. The Trek was halted, but the political impact of this event swept away the Tories in a federal election later that year. The infamous "20 cents a day" work camps for the unemployed were soon closed, and within a few years, the working class movement was making major gains towards unemployment insurance, union organizing rights, and much more. The On-to-Ottawa Trek was the struggle that broke ruling class resistance against badly-needed reforms to meet the immediate needs of millions of poor and unemployed working people.

This year's People's Voice Banquet will mark the 70th anniversary of this historic event, by honouring the Trekkers and their struggle. Our guest speakers will be Dr. David Lethbridge, founder of the Bethune Institute for Anti-Fascist Studies, and Elspeth Gardner, a radical lawyer and activist who first became involved in the struggle for social change in Vancouver during the Great Depression of the 1930s. There will also be a historical display on the Trek, and labour songs by Tom Hawken.

When: Sat., June 11, 6 pm Where: Russian Hall, 600 Campbell Ave., Vancouver Tickets: \$18 (or \$9 low-income), available at the door, or make reservations at 604-255-2041

From: Kimball Cariou <pvoice@telus.net>

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**11. MAKING POVERTY HISTORY** On **Tuesday, June 14 from 7:00- 9:00pm at the office of BCCIC 2150 Maple St. in Vancouver,** we will be

holding a meeting for volunteers who are interested in participating in an advocacy campaign directed at BC Members of Parliament.

This action is part of the international 'Make Poverty History' campaign, and is an opportunity for civil society to make a difference at home and abroad.

In BC, the goal is for constituents to meet face-to-face with their MP to ask for their support in Parliament for the following:

- for Canada to support a motion to cancel 100% of the debt of the world's poorest countries- for Canada to increase its foreign aid budget to 0.7% of Gross National Income
- for Canada to increase its domestic child tax credit to help children and families living in poverty
- for Canada to ensure that Trade rules ensure fairness and equity in international markets.

For those of you who have not met with your parliamentary representatives before, this may seem daunting. However, we will provide you with the information and skills needed to set-up, carry-out, and follow-up your meeting.

If you are interested in taking democracy into your own hands, please join us on June 14 for an action-oriented meeting.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Miriam Palacios at [miriamp@oxfam.ca](mailto:miriamp@oxfam.ca)

For more information on the Make Poverty History campaign, please visit <http://www.oxfam.ca> and/or

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

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We hope to see you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

Dylan MazurBC/Yukon Regional ChairOxfam-Canada

From: "BCCIC" <bccic@web.ca>

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## **12. WORLD FEDERALIST MEETING**

TOPIC:

KYOTO: CHALLENGES OF ENFORCEMENT

Reid Hart examines the Kyoto Protocol as an example of creation and enforcement of international agreements.

Followed by refreshments and discussion.

**TIME:**

Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 7:30 pm

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

**All welcome. Free Parking. No charge.**

**MORE INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

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

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

From: Larry Kazdan <lkazdan@shaw.ca>

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## **13. PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S US LAWYER SPEAKS**

The Politics of Intervention:

President Aristide's US Lawyer Speaks Out Against the Coup in Haiti

**Friday, June 17, 7:30pm SFU Harbour Centre 515 W.Hastings rm 1900.**

Speakers:

**Ira Kurzban** is an attorney in Florida whose work in defense of refugee and immigrants to the United States, in particular of Haitian refugees, is widely recognized and awarded. He was for a number of years the legal representative in the U.S. of governments in Haiti under Presidents Aristide and Preval. He teaches law at the University of Miami and is an outspoken critic of the illegal February 29, 2004 coup in Haiti.

**Anthony Fenton** is a Vancouver-based activist in defense of the Haitian people. He has thoroughly researched the role of the Canadian government in the coup and its aftermath, and is the author of numerous articles on the subject. He is a co-author of a forthcoming book on Canada's role in the coup.

Organized by Haiti Solidarity BC and Stopwar.ca

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14. CAR-FREE COMMERCIAL DRIVE FESTIVAL

The Car-Free Commercial Drive Festival is happening on SUNDAY JUNE 19, noon to 6 pm. check the website: <http://www.commercialdrivefestival.org>

We are shutting down The Drive to all motorized traffic from 1st Ave. to Venables. East Van is going to rock out like it never has before. This Fest will change not just our neighbourhood, but the entire city. Seriously.

Rumours that we plan to rip up the Drive and plant it are unsubstantiated, although it is true that all of the jackhammers at A&B Tool Rental have been mysteriously reserved for that day.

Please bring seeds.

One thing we can confirm is that this Fest is gonna be off the hook. We've got 8 blocks of Car-Free Drive to play with, there are 4 stages, we are expecting gazillions of people, and **WE NEED HELP!**

The Fest gang meets every Thursday night at Britannia Family Activity Room (across from the Library) at 7 pm. It would be terrific if you could make it out for a meeting, to brainstorm, check in, and meet our very cool crew.

OR, if you'd just like to pitch in a bit on the day of the Fest, let us know and we will remind you to come to the **VERY IMPORTANT MEETING** on Thursday June 16, so you will know what's going on. If lots of folks help out just a little, everyone will have major fun.

Let us know if there is anything specific you would like to do or have experience in or resources to offer (the website has a list of ideas), OR, just say "I wanna help." Also let us know if you just want to stay in the loop.

You can e-mail info@commercialdrivefestival.org for, yes, info...or to offer your gifts.
...isn't it just about time eh...

In joy!

-Carmen and the crew

From: Drive Fest Info <info@commercialdrivefestival.org>

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**15. LOCKDOWN: Drugs, Prisons, and Disease in Our Communities**

**SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue 580 West Hastings St., Vancouver Tuesday, June 21, 2005, 6:30-9:45pm**

**Event**

A dialogue to explore the broader public health implications of illegal substance use in federal and provincial correctional facilities in BC.

The objectives of this forum are:

To consider the evidence of the impact that problematic substance use has within the correctional system, and how this affects health in our communities.

To explore alternative approaches for treatment and reducing harm within the correctional system.

**Background**

Substance use is widespread in the correctional systems of Canada. Offenders who enter the systems often bring with them an existing substance use problem, may develop one, or may become infected with blood borne diseases as a byproduct of their incarceration. Evidence indicates that this occurs worldwide, regardless of the specific country's policies on substance use.

These circumstances present many challenges to those within the correctional systems, as well

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as the broader community. For example:

Inmates are more vulnerable to diseases such as HIV and hepatitis C within the correctional system, and consequently risk of infection in our communities increases;

Inmates have limited access to addiction treatment within correctional facilities;

Staff of correctional facilities face serious challenges to providing appropriate health care to inmates who use drugs, and maintaining the security of facilities;

Family and friends of inmates face profound negative impacts, including potential transmission of HIV and hepatitis C.

This forum will raise awareness about the harmful effects substance use within correctional facilities may have on inmates and our communities. The direct link between drug use in prisons, and general public health and safety will be illustrated. Alternative treatment and harm reduction approaches to protect inmates and our communities will be explored.

The event will foster new opportunities for partnerships between corrections and public health, resulting in health benefits for our entire community. It will include speakers who will bring hard evidence, personal experience, and practical suggested solutions to the situation.

This forum is a public event, so please join us in the dialogue!

***Vancouver, BC June 21, 2005***

***[www.keepingthedoormapen.com](http://www.keepingthedoormapen.com)***

### **REGISTRATION**

City of Vancouver Drug Policy Program Office Tel: 604-871-6483 [fourpillars@vancouver.ca](mailto:fourpillars@vancouver.ca) [www.keepingthedoormapen.com](http://www.keepingthedoormapen.com)

On-site registration begins at 6:00pm. Cost: FREE

This event is organised by

*Keeping the Door Open: Dialogues on Drug Use.*

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Criminal justice sector  
Drug consumers and their families  
Consumer advocates  
Public policy makers  
Public

health and social service providers

Members of the public

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### **16. VISITING DISABILITY SCHOLAR FROM AUSTRALIA**

An invitation from the UBC Faculty of Education & The Department of Educational Studies

Two events with Dr. Helen Meekosha

Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Feminist Disability Studies  
University of New South Wales,  
Australia

1. Community workshop

#### **Working with Women with Disabilities in the Community**

This workshop will open a dialog with professionals and activists working with women with disabilities in the community or concerned about the needs of women with disabilities. It will cover issues women with disabilities face. Among them are access and participation, support, organisational issues, policy issues, professional and ethical issues.

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**Where: St. John's College, Social Lounge, UBC, 2111 Lower Mall, Vancouver** **Date: June 22, 2005** **Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

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Refreshments served. Community welcome.

RSVP: Roweena Bacchus [roweena.bacchus@ubc.ca](mailto:roweena.bacchus@ubc.ca) or call 604-822-5374.

More information, including flyer: <http://edst.educ.ubc.ca/Meekosha.htm>

2. Public seminar

"A Feminist/Gendered critique of the Intersections of Race and Disability: The Australian Experience"

**Where: Scarfe 310, 2125 Main Mall, UBC Campus** **Date: June 23, 2005** **Time: Noon-2:00 pm**

More information, including flyer: <http://edst.educ.ubc.ca/Meekosha.htm> -----Shelley

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### 17. ENVISIONING PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES

**Friday June 24 to Sunday June 26 SFU Harbour Center 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, films, and strategy sessions. Childcare available. Lunch and snacks provided at the Lore Krill on Saturday.

==> SCHEDULE:

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

-Saturday June 25 10 am to 6 pm at SFU Harbour Center Each time slot will have two

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workshops Workshop descriptions with themes and speakers can be found at:

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

10:30 TO 11:30\* Rethinking the Labour Movement\* Resisting 2010 Olympics

11:30 TO 1:30\* Health under Capitalism\* Creative Political and Legal Strategies

1:30 TO 2:30 Lunch. Served at Lore Krill (65 West Cordova)

2:30 TO 4:00\* The Possibilities and Limitations of Electoralism\* The Globalization of War & the assault of globalization

4:00 TO 6\* History Matters: Past resistance\* Struggles for Indigenous Self-Determination: fighting mining and forestry destruction

- Sunday June 26 from 10 am to 4 pm (Details TBC)\* At 65 West Cordova Lore Krill Morning: Strategy session Afternoon: Anti-oppression organizing in an anti-imperialist/anti-capitalist context.

\*Also on Sunday Afternoon: A Canadian Refugee Camp at Victory Square And All day Film Festival

==> FUNDING: 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. Cheques can be made out to: Life Without Capitalism and mailed to Maryann Abbs, 2021 Kitchener, Vancouver V5L 2W6, B.C

==> GET INVOLVED: - To get involved in the organizing, please contact us at [eps2005@resist.ca](mailto:eps2005@resist.ca) or call 778-552-2099 about upcoming meetings. - Help publicize the event through your networks.

==> FOR MORE INFORMATION: Email: [eps2005@resist.ca](mailto:eps2005@resist.ca) Website: <http://resist.ca/~eps2005> Call: 778-552-2099

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### 18. MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

FREE Community Forum: "Easier Access to Medicinal Marijuana"

**Date: Wednesday, June 29th Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM Location: West End Community Centre, 870 Denman Street, Denman Room (Second Floor)**

Presented by BC Persons with AIDS Society.

RSVP: 604-646-5338 by June 25th

Join our efforts to change the laws to make medicinal marijuana more accessible.

Speakers: Rielle Capler from the Compassion Club will talk about the safe and effective use of medicinal marijuana, Heather Taddy from BC Persons with AIDS Society will go through the steps of how to apply for medicinal marijuana, and Katrina Pacey, lawyer, will discuss the history of how medicinal marijuana came to be legalized in Canada.

Will be enlisting participants to join our letter writing campaign directed at the Ministry of Health, to make medicinal marijuana more accessible for Canadians living with disabilities.

From: "Carole Lunny" <[carolel@bcpwa.org](mailto:carolel@bcpwa.org)>

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### 19. CIDA PROJECT PROPOSALS

CIDA's Development Information Program (DIP) is hereby inviting project proposals to be submitted to the Mass Media Initiative (MMI) on or before,

**Tuesday, July 5, 2005**

(2:00 p.m. EDT). It should be noted that this is a special Request for Proposals (attached) focusing on post-tsunami

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activities. The general annual MMI RFP is expected to be issued in the fall of 2005.

For detailed information on how to submit, applicants may refer to the MMI website at <http://www.cida.gc.ca/mmi>

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS ABOUT POST-TSUNAMI RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS**

Mass Media Initiative Development Information Program Canadian International Development Agency

SOLICITATION NUMBER: RFP-CIDA-DIP-0205 LAUNCH DATE: June 3, 2005 **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: July 5, 2005 (2:00 p.m. EDT)**

CIDA's Development Information Program (DIP) is hereby inviting project proposals to be submitted under its Mass Media Initiative (MMI) on or before Tuesday, July 5, 2005 (2:00 p.m. EDT). MMI provides financial support for communications projects such as television and radio productions, magazine features, newspaper articles, and exhibits. DIP is mandated to promote public understanding of international development issues, as well as the role that Canadians play in developing countries and countries in transition. For details on this and other DIP funding initiatives, please visit CIDA's website at <http://www.cida.gc.ca/dip>.

Note: All information necessary for submitting an eligible proposal can be found on the MMI website at <http://www.cida.gc.ca/mmi>.

**1. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS REQUEST** This request for proposals is restricted to television, radio, and print projects only.

To be eligible, submissions must satisfy the following initial requirements: provide substantial information on the post-tsunami situation; encourage public understanding of international cooperation issues; feature a Canadian angle in international development; target a Canadian audience; and be submitted by a Canadian organization or individual.

Specific to this call, the proposals must be of national or significant regional reach and must include a copy of a signed broadcast or print agreement. Funding will range between \$5,000 and \$90,000. Research and development proposals will not be considered for this request. The MMI website provides detailed information on eligibility requirements and how to submit a proposal.

**2. SUBJECT MATTER/THEMES SOUGHT**

The program is seeking proposals focusing exclusively on the Canadian contribution to the relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction efforts in the countries affected by the December 2004 tsunami, especially Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

For more information on Canada's response to the tsunami crisis, please consult the following website: <http://www.canada.gc.ca/tsunami>.

**3. WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS HAVE THE BEST CHANCE?**

This is a competitive call. Only proposals that satisfy the criteria and the theme(s) sought under section 2 (above) and that are judged to be viable and of sufficient quality will be considered for a possible contribution. In selecting projects for funding, preference will be given to those that will best achieve MMI objectives;

are innovative and engaging, having the broadest audience appeal possible;

address one or more of the countries/themes stipulated in this document;

demonstrate the applicant's technical and production skills, as well as his/her ability to carry out

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the proposed project;

include signed undertakings to distribute, broadcast or publish the product;

provide information in a clear and precise manner; and

present the human interest side of the issues and a strong Canadian angle.

#### 4. SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

Submissions must be received by the Bid Receiving Unit at CIDA, in Gatineau, Quebec, by the deadline: Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). Submissions received after the deadline will be returned unopened.

You must provide two copies of the core proposal that can be easily disassembled for photocopying:

proposals must be on 8.5" x 11" paper, one side only, in portrait form (vertical), and paginated; use paper clips to secure printed material;

do not use staples, Cerlox binding, plastic covers, binders or colour text;

you must complete the project proposal application form available at

[www.cida.gc.ca/mmi/proposal](http://www.cida.gc.ca/mmi/proposal) and return two signed copies and one electronic copy on a diskette;

the content of the proposal must be presented as per the order of components identified in the "Evaluation chart" available on the MMI website under "Evaluating proposals";

submissions via fax or e-mail will NOT be accepted; and

the solicitation number, RFP-CIDA-DIP-0205, must be clearly identified on the outside, lower right-hand corner of the envelope in which the proposal is submitted.

Send to:

Canadian International Development Agency Mass Media Initiative, Development Information Program c/o The Bid Receiving Unit, Mail Room 200 Promenade du Portage Gatineau, Quebec, K1A 0G4 Solicitation Number RFP-CIDA-DIP-0205

For detailed information on how to submit, applicants may refer to the MMI website at

<http://www.cida.gc.ca/mmi> or e-mail: [imm\\_mmi@acdi-cida.gc.ca](mailto:imm_mmi@acdi-cida.gc.ca).

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