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1. TONIGHT! Cabaret Politique (Vancouver) - March 7th
Apologies for the late notice about this event...
If you're free and in Vancouver tonight, come out and see Betty K's tap dancing performance!
Cabaret Politique:
An extraordinary evening of Live Music, Comedy,
Theatre, Dance and Surprise
We will have an event unlike any other event in the history of Vancouver politics:
The Work Less Party, Civic Greens and COPE are organizing a cabaret for you.
Performers include:
Betty Krawczyk
Crucial Taunt
Toot a Lute
Maria in the Shower
When: March 7th (TONIGHT) 8pm
Where: Cambrian Hall, 215 East 17th.
Cost: Sliding scale \$15-\$25
Dress code: "Cabaret" (interpret at will!)
Tickets available at the Work Less Party office. 2250 Commercial Drive or at the door.
There is no business to be done on a dead planet
-David Brower
From: Monika Sheardown < monikamm@mac.com >

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2. India Mahila Assoc celebrates Int Women's Day - March 7th  
This is to pass on an invitation from Anjli Matharoo  
to attend the International Women's Day Celebration

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organized by the India Mahila Association

Friday March 7

The program starts at 7 pm

Dinner is served around 8:30 pm

Fraserview Hall

8240 Fraser @ Marine

Women only \$20 per person

Please call Anjali at 604-263-8819 or Veena at 604-664-4072 to reserve your ticket!

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### 3. Local women's group to rally on International Women's Day - Mar 8th

A local women's group will hold a rally to mark International Women's Day this

Saturday, March 8, 2008

from 4-5 p.m.

at Oppenheimer Park

(Cordova St. and Jackson St.)

in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver.

Under the theme, "Resist Imperialism! Solidarity in the struggle for women's liberation!" the group hopes to gather many progressive women and men in the annual event.

"We will rally to celebrate the struggles of working class women in Canada against imperialism and show genuine solidarity with the national liberation struggles and struggles for women's liberation in Third World countries," says Merry Edwards of Grassroots Women.

"Working class women in Canada face daily exploitation in the workplace and increasing vulnerability because of the flexibilization of labour," says Edwards. "They also struggle to find affordable, quality childcare, housing, healthcare and public transit often facing sexism and racism. Migrant and immigrant women, refugee women and indigenous women are often the most exploited and oppressed in our society working at the lowest-paying jobs. Migrant and refugee women and their families also live under the constant and overbearing fear of the threat of deportation because of draconian immigration rules. Despite these challenges, we take inspiration from women's historical struggles against exploitation and oppression and therefore celebrate International Women's Day," says Edwards.

"We also take inspiration from women struggling against direct and covert attacks from imperialism," says Edwards. "We will hear stories of women struggling for national liberation and women's liberation in different parts of the world," she adds.

The annual rally will be followed by a community dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a forum at 6:30 p.m. at the Kalayaan Centre, 451 Powell St. in Vancouver.

**"Working Class and Marginalized Women Unite to Fight Imperialist War and Plunder:  
Community Forum to Expose and Oppose the Flexibilization of Labour and Heightened Attacks**

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on Women's Rights," is being organized by the May Day Organizing Committee.

Photo opportunities and interviews will be available.

Please call: Hetty for more information at: 604-682-4451 or e-mail: [grassrootswomen@telus.net](mailto:grassrootswomen@telus.net)

Resist Imperialism! Solidarity in the Struggle for Women's Liberation!

Grassroots Women

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#### 4. Citywide Housing Coalition: Street-Corner "stands" For Housing - Saturdays

##### STREET-CORNER "STANDS" FOR HOUSING

Continue this Saturday and next

Neighbourhood housing activists will again stand on Vancouver street corners, Saturday March 8 for one hour, 1-2pm, with banners and wearing vivid blue scarves. They'll be calling attention to federal and provincial failures to build permanent social housing, and the City of Vancouver's proposed abandonment of deals with Concord Pacific for affordable housing in downtown condo towers.

STANDers will also be paying respects to the hundreds of dead and dying homeless men, women, and children- victims of legislated poverty and government neglect in BC and Canada. In Vancouver they populate our streets and lanes, huddle in parks and encampments, burn to death in doorways, are crushed in back alley garbage bins.

Ten "STAND for Housing-Homes for All!" sites have been confirmed for this, the third of four weekly Stands:

- Main St. & 33rd Avenue (Kia Salomons and Community Advocates for Little Mtn)
- Main St & King Edward (Ned Jacobs, Mary Ann Code, and CALM)
- Arbutus & King Edward (Homeless Nation and Random Acts Of Kindness -RAOK)
- Broadway & McDonald (Candace Simmonds and Kitsilano CHC)
- Heather & 6th Ave (Rider Coeey and False Creek neighbours)
- Commercial & 1st Avenue (Anna Truong, Dave Diewert & Streams of Justice)
- Cordova & Gore (Anne Kennedy and St James Social Gospel Coordinating Group)
- Oak & W 49th Ave (Leslie Kemp and Unitarian Church Social Justice Cttee)
- Commercial & Broadway (Lauren Gill, Homeless Nation and RAOK)
- Burrard & Nelson (Bobbie Phillips and the St Andrew's-Wesley Homelessness & Mental Health Action Group)
- [Christ Church Cathedral, Georgia & Burrard, will resume next week.]

Some STANDs for Housing will pause over the Easter Break, Friday to Monday March 21-24, then continue, calling for substantial funding to be dedicated by federal, provincial, and

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municipal politicians to building new, permanent, low- and welfare-rate housing. Using the surplus billions in the prosperous economies of Canada and BC to build the full spectrum of housing for all citizens is the primary mechanism by which homelessness must be defeated. The public and media are invited to join us at any of the above locations. The idea of the STAND is based on the moving example of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, whose children were "disappeared" by the military, 1976 to 1983. They stood every week in a city square wearing white scarves until the generals capitulated. The scarves became an international "brand" for protests against unjust and inhumane governments.

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False Creek Organizer

Citywide Housing Coalition

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### 5. On March 11, TAKE BACK THE POWER!

Rally Against Private Power Development

Not Green, Not Smart, Not Needed!

On March 11, TAKE BACK THE POWER!

British Columbians must stand up for our public utility and our wilderness areas. These private power projects threaten both the integrity of BC Hydro as well as wildlife and fish habitat. Take a stand on Tuesday March 11 at the BC Power Summit and let the private power companies and the provincial government know that BC wants clean, public, and responsible energy - for generations.

What: Rally Against the BC Government's Development of Private Power

When: Tuesday March 11

Time: Meet: 12:30 PM

Rally: 1:00 PM

Where: Meet: SFU Harbour Centre, corner of Hastings and Richards (12:30)

Rally: 1:00 PM at the SFU Wosk Centre, on Seymour between Hastings and Pender.

In 2002 the BC Government announced a new Energy Plan that forbade BC Hydro from investing in new sources of hydroelectricity. The provincial government turned to private power providers, creating a gold rush race, with private interests snapping up water licenses on wild streams and rivers throughout BC. Over 60 water licenses have been granted to private hydro projects in the last 7 years, and there are 433 more applications pending.

These power developments are NOT small hydro - many are massive megaprojects with serious environmental impacts, including transmission lines through provincial parks and old growth forests, as well as irreparable damage to wildlife and fish habitat.

The government calls this green power. It isn't. Let's send the BC government a strong message and stop the giveaway of our resources.

Organized by the Canadian office and Professional Employees Union Local 378, Western Canadian Wilderness Committee, the Council of Canadians, West Kootenay EcoSociety, and BC Citizens for Public Power.

Contact: Take Back the Power at [tbtcp@cope378.ca](mailto:tbtcp@cope378.ca) , or the Council of Canadians  
604.688.8846

For more information see: <http://www.publicpowerbc.ca/> , <http://www.citizensforpublicpower.ca>

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6. Should Prostitution Be Legalized by 2010? - March 11th

Join us for a lively discussion and dialogue around one of Vancouver's most important issues around the policies of the sex trade.

What will happen when the Olympics come? How will it affect the sex trade or will it affect the sex trade at all, or is it just a myth? What about implementing a sex worker's coop? Is that a solution to Vancouver's sex trade? What about the trafficking of women? What policies will we need to reform?

Come and share with us your thoughts - we want to hear from you!

Tuesday, March 11th

6:30pm - 9:00pm

YWCA - 733 Beatty Street

FREE

All are welcome and event is wheel char accessible!

See flyer for details.

For more information and to rsvp please contact Miss Carly Teng at pforum08@gmail.com

This event is brought to you by the Workless Party www.worklessparty.org

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7. Future of Social Cohesion, Wed. Mar. 12

Join Us to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Topic: The Future of Social Cohesion: A look at Ethnicity and Discrimination

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Where: At the Heritage Hall, 3102 Main St, Vancouver

A Panel Presentation led by Chris Friesen

Director of Settlement Services, ISS BC

Discussion and light refreshments to follow.

A free public event. All welcome

Sponsored by the United Nations Association in Canada and Immigrant Services Society of BC

Larry Kazdan , Vice-President,

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World Federalist Movement Canada - Vancouver Branch

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Democratize the UN!

Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (Canada Website)

UNPA Overview

UN Parliamentary Assembly in a Nutshell (PowerPoint Presentation)

Top Ten Reasons to Endorse the UNPA Campaign

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

US anthropologist & popularizer of anthropology (1901 - 1978)

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7. Liu & CIR Present: Anita Ho on March 13th

The Liu Institute for Global Issues and Centre of International Relations Present:

Anita Ho, Department of Philosophy UBC