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Left Coast News: For folks in the Victoria region in need of immediate assistance, and those who want to connect with others to help facilitate progressive change.

Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 17:33:46 -0800**From:** Janine Bandcroft <eternity@islandnet.com>**>For folks in need of immediate assistance, and those who want to connect with others to help facilitate progressive change.**

(This list is incomplete and unverified - please forward any additions or corrections.)

DisAbilities

ACTION COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE WITH DisAbilities

To empower the disabled community with information about available services, rights to access funding, advocacy.

Steven Palmer ~ Advocate, svpalmer@telus.net

Carol Romanow ~ Advocate, momma@vcn.bc.ca

<http://www.actioncommittee.ca>

acpd@actioncommittee.ca

250-383-4105

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BC ABORIGINAL NETWORK on DISABILITY SOCIETY (BCANDS)

PO Box 36006, 1153 Esquimalt Road

Victoria, BC

V9A 3N7

1-800-815-5511

(250) 381-7303

VANCOUVER ISLAND INVISIBLE DISABILITY ASSOCIATION

<http://www.ldpride.net>

Environment

CITY GREEN

Empowering people and organizations to enhance their health, save money, and reduce their environmental impact. We are a non-profit community initiative of All About Canada Foundation.

Info: 12 Centennial Square

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Phone (250) 381-9995

<http://www.citygreen.ca>

COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY MAPPING PROJECT

Provides mapping and learning resources and opportunities for schools, neighborhoods and communities wishing to undertake sustainable community development and planning projects.

521 Superior Street

Victoria BC Canada

V8V 1T7

Tel (250) 360-0799

Fax (250) 386-3449

email:cground@telus.net

<http://www3.telus.net/cground/index.htm>

CONSERVATION CONNECTION

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<http://www.conservationconnection.bc.ca>

CRD ROUNDTABLE on THE ENVIRONMENT

The Roundtable is the voice of the community at the CRD on environmental matters of regional concern-issues relating to pesticides, climate change, development of a suite of indicators to measure the health of our environment in our region

Chair: Denise Savoie, City of Victoria Councillor

<mailto:denises@city.victoria.bc.ca>>denises@city.victoria.bc.ca

FOREST ACTION NETWORK (FAN)

Edward May

(250) 388-0403

edmay@enviroweb.org

GEORGIA STRAIT ALLIANCE

#12 Centennial Square, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P7

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(250) 381-8321 (ph)

<http://www.georgiastrait.org>

Peter Ronald, Marine Habitat Program Coordinator

peter@georgiastrait.org

GREATER VICTORIA COMPOST EDUCATION CENTRE

1216 North Park Street

(250) 386-WORM(9676)

info@compost.bc.ca

<http://www.compost.bc.ca>

HABITAT ACQUISITION TRUST

To conserve natural environments on southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, British Columbia, by preserving habitats and promoting stewardship. We do this in three main ways: acquisition of significant lands, conservation covenants (easements) and community projects aimed at environmental education and stewardship.

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<<http://www.hat.bc.ca>>www.hat.bc.ca

telephone: (250) 995-2428

fax: (250) 920-7975

SIERRA CLUB OF CANADA, BC CHAPTER

302-733 Johnson St

Victoria, BC

386-5255

<http://www.sierraclub.ca/bc/>

SUSTAIN UVIC

Our Campus, our community.

UVic Sustainability Project

Sedgewick C147

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250-721-7355

web: <http://uvsp.uvic.ca>

email: uvsp@uvic.ca

More info: <http://demandsmartgrowth.org>

VANCOUVER ISLAND VEGETARIAN ASSOCIATION

Info: 386-2100

<http://www.islandveg.com>

VEINS OF LIFE WATERSHED SOCIETY

1229 Esquimalt

383-2086

VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY, DEEP ECOLOGY

Living with spiritual integrity - workshops offered through UVic Interfaith Chaplain Services, with resources from the Northwest Earth Institute.

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Info: 721-8338 or hlock@uvic.ca

WESTERN CANADA WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

Ken Wu or Heidi Sherwood

651 Johnson Street

<http://www.wildernesscommitteevictoria.org>

WILDWOOD ECOFORESTRY TOURS

This is a guided walk around Wildwood. The focus of the discussion is on ecology and also how the management of the forest provides a modest harvest for human use, while maintaining bio-diversity and ecological productivity.

Every Saturday, 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration is not required, but you may phone 250.245.5540 to confirm.

WOMEN IN THE WOODS

Protecting BC Forests!

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Marya Nijland Ph: 592-6484

<mailto:philmar@islandnet.com>philmar@islandnet.com

<http://www.womeninthewoods.org>

YOUBOU TIMBERLESS SOCIETY

For more information call (250) 749-3261 or E-mail: yts@savebcjobs.com

<http://savebcjobs.com>

Ethnic Diversity

BLACK HISTORY AWARENESS SOCIETY

For information, call Me-Kon at 727-6454 or mh <mh1969@shaw.ca>

CAF? SYMPATICO

Sponsored by Central America Support Committee (CASC) and Canada-El Salvador Action Network (CELSAN)

<http://www.vcasc.org/>

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CAPITAL REGION RACE RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

crrra@shaw.ca or phoenixstar58@nativeweb.net

<http://www.geocities.com//phoenixstar20032003/CRRRA>

INTERCULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER VICTORIA

Services for immigrants including: settlement workers, ESL classes, support groups, interpreters, etc.

930 Balmoral Rd

Victoria BC

V8T 1A8

ph: 250-388-4728

PUENTE THEATRE SOCIETY

If you have a story you would like to tell about your own experience as an immigrant to Canada - whether you've just arrived or you've been here for many years - we at PUENTE Theatre Society would love to hear it. Your story might be humorous or moving, it might be about your vision of Canada before you arrived, about your first job, about learning English, about disappointments or pleasant surprises, it might be about anything at all - please tell us.

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(250) 592-4367

pts@victoria.tc.ca

1647 Fell Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 4V9

<http://www.puentetheatre.ca>

VICTORIA COALITION FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE

Building Community Support for Survivors of Torture and Trauma

<http://www.vcst.ca/>

VANCOUVER IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE CENTRE SOCIETY

A service to help immigrants and refugees. Services include: settlement workers, ESL classes, pre-employment programs, etc.

300-535 Yates St.

Victoria, B.C.

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250-361-9433

<<http://www.vircs.bc.ca>><http://www.vircs.bc.ca>

<<mailto:mail@vircs.bc.ca>>mail@vircs.bc.ca

Housing, Shelter, Food, Other necessities

COOL AID SOCIETY

Helping with housing and shelter needs, offering programs to support men, women, youth, and children. (They also help facilitate a dental clinic)

#102-749 Pandora Ave.

Victoria, BC

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(250) 383-1977

<http://www.coolaid.org>

society@coolaid.org

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FOOD NOT BOMBS

Free Vegetarian Meals for All.

Saturdays, 1:00 pm, Johnson St. Bridge

wakingplanet@ziplip.com

HILL HOUSE TRANSITION HOUSE

Emergency shelter, information, support and counselling for abused women with or without their children. 24 hour crisis line.

479-3963

MARGARET LAURENCE HOUSE

Safe and supportive second stage housing for women with children who have left abusive relationships.

995-0058

NEED CRISIS AND INFORMATION LINE

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Call for crisis intervention, suicide prevention, and service referral information, including emergency mental health services. 24 hours a day.

386-6323

PENINSULA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Offers youth & mental health services, children's services, employment services, home support, seniors' hotline, Wakefield Manor, thrift shops, volunteer services including income tax preparation, volunteer drivers, senior peer counselling, youth employment program.

<http://www.peninsulaservices.com> or 656-0134

PROSTITUTES EMPOWERMENT EDUCATION & RESOURCE SOCIETY (PEERS)

Dedicated to the empowerment, education, and support of prostitutes, assist individuals who desire to leave the sex industry and strive to increase public understanding.

#211 - 620 View St.

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<mailto:admin@peers.bc.ca>admin@peers.bc.ca

SHELTER AID FOR ELDERLY (SAFER)

Provides direct cash assistance to eligible residents of BC who are 60 or over and pay rent. Seniors may be eligible if they pay more than 30% of household gross monthly income toward rent, are 65 or over and entitled to Old Age Security, are 60-64 and a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, have resided in BC for 12 months prior to applying, or have lived in Canada for 10 continuous years as an adult.

SAFER rent subsidy forms are available at Peninsula Community Services Volunteer Centre, and PCS volunteers can help seniors fill out the forms.

Contact Muriel Loretto - 655-0641 or Harry Atkinson - 652-4988 for more information.

SOOKE TRANSITION HOUSE

Emergency shelter, information, support and counselling for abused women with or without their children. 24 hour pager.

480-5461 (Pager)

SPOUSAL ASSAULT VICTIM SUPPORT PROGRAM

Support and court preparation to victims of abuse in intimate relationships. Information about the role of the criminal justice system and police involvement.

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(Victoria) 356-1201;

(Western Communities) 391-2864

STOPPING THE VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Individual and group counselling for women who are currently experiencing abuse or who are survivors of abuse in an intimate relationship.

(Victoria) 592-2927, Ext 13;

(Western Communities) 478-8357

VICTORIA WOMEN'S SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRE

Individual and group counselling for survivors of sexual assault. Assistance in reporting to police, and court and hospital accompaniment. 24 hour crisis line.

Crisis Line:

(250) 383-3232

Business:

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(250) 383-5545

941 Pandora Ave,

Victoria, BC,

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vwsac@vwsac.com

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

VICTORIA WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSE SOCIETY

Emergency shelter, information, support and counselling for abused women with or without their children. 24 hour crisis line.

385-6611 crisis line

info@vwth.bc.ca

<http://www.transitionhouse.net/>

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Local Politics

ALL ISLANDS COALITION

This is comprised of members from each Coalition from all over the Islands. This group meets every 5 -6 weeks in Nanaimo and serves as the catalyst for joint events of protest against the Liberal Government.

Contact can be made with:

June Ross - jross@cupe.ca or Bob Wilson - bwilson@heu.org.

BC CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC POWER

BC Liberal legislation passed last week would deprive over 52,000 British Columbians of their right to fight BC Hydro privatization. BC Citizens for Public Power announces largest class action sign-up in Canadian history and will challenge authority of Bill 10 in court.

Suite 608-207 W. Hastings St.

Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7

Phone: 604.681.5939

office@citizensforpublicpower.ca

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<http://www.citizensforpublicpower.ca>

BC POLICY PROBE

Info: <http://www.globalproblematique.net/bcpolicyprobe> or netcfs@shaw.ca

BROAD COALITION

Representatives from the NDP and Green parties connect for the purposes of building bridges and cooperating for the benefit of all.

Info: Susan Clarke <dolcla@islandnet.com> or 478-6906.

CANADIAN ACTION PARTY

Monthly coffee meetings for interested parties to meet and discuss political problems (federal and provincial) and possible solutions.

From: derek skinner <dj76is@shaw.ca> or 381-7553

GREEN PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Post Office Box 8088

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For information or to get involved, please contact us at (250) 382-8378 or by email at <mailto:victoria@greenparty.bc.ca>victoria@greenparty.bc.ca

MID-ISLAND COALITION FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES

Contact June Ross- jross@cupe.ca

Mission Statement - To create opportunities to build and protect just and strong communities in British Columbia.

Peace, Earth & Justice News

Contact: Al Rycroft, rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca

This free email news service provides news, opinion and analysis of peace, environment (earth) and justice issues. Stay informed with postings often days, weeks and months ahead of the mainstream media, and often never covered in the mass market. You choose the amount of email you want, by selecting your issues and regions.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA GREEN PARTY

Contact Orion Carrier - orioncarrier@hotmail.com

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VICTORIA COMMUNITIES SOLIDARITY COALITION

Mission Statement: To constructively unite in solidarity, standing in defense of the right of citizens to a decent and healthy life. To be active in direct and mass ways in support of those currently, and especially urgently, under attack by the power base.

We operate on the principles of being mutually supportive of each other, free of racism, sexism, agism, ablism, or any other forms of discrimination.

Info: Bob - 480-0533 or bwilson@heu.org

<http://members.shaw.ca/solidarity>

solidarity@shaw.ca

www.victoriasolidarity.org

COMOX VALLEY PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Part of the Community Action for Justice

www.comoxvalley.com/cvpirc

Peace and Social Justice Organizations

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Amnesty International (AI)

An international human rights organization. The local contact is AI Group 27, phone and fax: 361 4874 (Bob Mabee). The Victoria Amnesty International Group 27's web site is: www.wraytimes.com/grou27

. The regional website (BC / Yukon) is: www.amnesty.bc.ca

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

We've all got questions; together we've got the answers.

Regular discussion meetings and action with others to resist capitalist globalization and war, and build a better world.

Information call 250-385-3934 or email vlannon@pacificcoast.net

PEACE EARTH AND JUSTICE LINKS

<http://pej.ca> (follow to Links):

Peace: An extensive collection of information, campaigns, links and much more.

Earth/Environment: Local to global links to a wide variety of environmental web sites.

Justice: Links to many justice organizations.

Governments and Political Parties: Government information and services, politicians and

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parties.

Media: Visit the sites of the mainstream and alternative news media.

VICTORIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST WAR AND SANCTIONS o n IRAQ

VCAWSI does not support violence, racism, anti-muslim, anti-semitic, sexist or heterosexist language, actions or behaviours.

<http://www.vcawsi.org>

info@vcawsi.org

Deanna Dean: 250-385-0493

VICTORIA PEACE COALITION

Info: Ph: 250-478-6906 or Email: dolcla@islandnet.com, <http://vicpeace.ca>

VICTORIA WOMEN IN BLACK

Victoria Women in Black invite people of all faiths and genders to join our vigil in support of non-violent approaches to conflict in the Middle East. We stand for justice as the basis of security for Israelis and Palestinians, an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, and an end to violence against all civilians.

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Contact Debbie Yaffe, dyaffe@uvic.ca, 721-6261 at the University of Victoria.

WOMEN IN BLACK

SILENT VIGILS - for a world without war and violence

Information: Terry 595-7519 or bbcf@islandnet.com

WEEKLY PEACE VIGILS

We have seen a phenomenal CHANGE in the attitude of passersby and we feel we are helping people to give themselves permission to think WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER....NO MORE WARS.

Every Wednesday night, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Cenotaph / War Memorial at the Legislature - Belleville & Government

Info: jbrett@shaw.ca

Women, Men, Families, and Children

ALCOHOL/DRUG INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICE

For information on alcohol and other drugs, the names and locations of local counselling services, and of self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, AlAnon, Adult Children of Alcoholics, Narcotics Anonymous and others. 24 hour service 7 days a week.

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1-800-663-1441

BC SOCIETY FOR MALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Individual support and counselling for male victims of abuse.

381-0493

BRIDGES EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

<http://www.bridgesforwomen.ca>

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & COUNSELLING SOCIETY OF GREATER VICTORIA

210, 1175 Cook St

Victoria, B.C.,

V8V 4A1

250-385-6111

CHILD AND FAMILY COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION (CAFCA)

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250-595-4423

#5 - 230 Menzies St

Victoria BC

V8V 2G7

<http://www.cafca.ca>

cafca@telus.net

CHILD PROTECTION

This site is posted for educational and reference purposes related to Child Protection issues and concerns.

rwnicholson@canada.com

<http://www.rwnicholson.com>

CHILD RESCUE

Heather Clarry <heather.clarry@shaw.ca> or <http://www.childrescue.ca>

CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE PROGRAM

Helps children aged 3 to 18 recognize abusive behaviour, look at alternatives to violence and break the inter-generational cycle of abuse. Individual and groups. Support for caregivers.

592-2927, Ext 11

CRIDGE CENTRE FOR THE FAMILY

Programs include: individual counselling and support groups for women leaving abusive relationships, low cost rental housing, daycare, etc.

384-8058

FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT

Assessment and counselling for men who have abused their wives or girlfriends and want to stop. Women's program for partners of men in the men's program.

380-1955

GREATER VICTORIA POLICE VICTIM SERVICES

Greater Victoria area police departments and RCMP detachments provide support services to residents of Victoria, the Western Communities and Sidney, through the Greater Victoria Police Victim Services Program.

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995-7351

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER COMMUNITY CIRCLE

dgerry@vanisle.net

HELP LINE FOR CHILDREN

Call to report child abuse and neglect.

310-1234

LINKS TO LEARNING

For people with children with autism

e-mail: austynsgrandma@yahoo.ca or: austynsgrandma@shaw.ca

PARENTS IN CRISIS

Support groups for parents of children aged 0 - 13.

384-8042

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PARENTS TOGETHER

Problem solving and support groups for parents who are concerned about their teenager's behaviour.

474-6468

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE RESOURCE CENTRE

Pre-separation consultation and individual counselling for people of all ages affected by divorce or separation. Groups for adults and children on issues related to family separation.

386-4331

SOUTH ISLAND METIS NATION

SIMN <simn@shaw.ca>

SINGLE PARENT RESOURCE CENTRE

Provides single parents, caregivers, and children with opportunities for learning and growth through resources and services

602 Gorge Rd East

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385-1114

<<http://singleparentresourcecentre.org>><http://singleparentresourcecentre.org>

STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION GROUP

383-7322

swag@pacificcoast.net

THIRDSPACE WOMEN'S PUBLICATION

We're a community and academic paper looking for cutting edge articles, essays, artwork, rants, comic strips, photography and poems. We currently accept submissions from anyone, regardless of gender, but allow o-nly women and their children to come to collective meetings and production.

Info: wpn@uvic.ca or (250) 721-8353

<http://uvss.uvic.ca/~thirdspace>

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UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA WOMEN'S CENTRE

University of Victoria, SUB B107

(250) 721-8353

wcentre@uvss.uvic.ca

VICTIM INFORMATION LINE

Trained resource people give advice and information about the services in your community to help victims of crime. Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

1-800-563-0808

VICTORIA ELDER ABUSE PROJECT

A program designed to support and provide assistance to families with Elder Abuse Issues.

370-6638

VICTORIA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SOCIETY

Counselling and support

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2541 Empire Street

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380-1955

fvp@familyviolence.ca

<<http://www.familyviolence.ca>><http://www.familyviolence.ca>

WOMEN USING VIOLENCE COUNSELLING PROGRAM

For women who use violence towards an intimate partner.

598-9715

Other Progressive Organizations

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International Canada's new campaign calls for impartial investigation and prosecution of human rights violations, controlling of arms and intelligence transfer, promotion of

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international standards for law enforcement, solidarity with human rights defenders, support of safety for refugees abroad.

Info: "Roy Ball" <rball@imagotrackers.com>

<http://www.amnesty.ca>

ANTI-POVERTY COALITION

388-9181

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CEDCO)

201-531 Yates Street

Victoria, BC

360-0852

<http://www.cedco.bc.ca>

COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

1141 Fort Street

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383-6166

info@communitycouncil.ca

<http://www.qolchallenge.ca>

<http://www.communitycouncil.ca>

COUNCIL OF CANADIANS

Founded in 1985, The Council of Canadians is Canada's pre-eminent citizens' watchdog organization, comprised of over 100,000 members and more than 70 Chapters across the country.

Contacts in Victoria, BC:

Freda Knott

(604) 642-5120

freda@pacificcoast.net

or

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Saul Arbess (board)

(250) 383-5878

sarbess@shaw.ca

<http://www.canadians.org>

LOCAL EXCHANGE TRADING SYSTEM

(Barter & Trade)

<http://www.lets.victoria.bc.ca/>

NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Services and programs such as education, employment, social, health and community outreach for urban aboriginal people.

384-3211

PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY (Vancouver)

Pivot Legal Society is dedicated to advancing the interests of marginalized persons through

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legal education, law reform, and strategic legal advocacy. We rely heavily upon the efforts of skilled and dedicated volunteers, both in order to deal with tight economic times, and to enable us to deal with exceptional demands on our services. However, recent developments have overwhelmed us, and we need to grow quickly to deal with new demand.

For more information about Pivot visit <http://www.pivotlegal.org>

Pivot Legal Society

2985 W. 14th Ave.

Vancouver, B.C. V6K 2X5

pivot@pivotlegal.org

PROJECT RESPECT

Here is a quick description of the program:

"Youth driven multi-media prevention program focused on preventing Sexual violence amongst youth aged 14-19. Positive, fun, and interactive website. This information is valuable to all ages, gay/straight/bi, and to those who are sexually active. Everyone has the right to sexuality without violence."

Phone: (250) 383-5545
Fax: (250) 383-6112
General email: info@yesmeansyes.com
Website: www.yesmeansyes.com
2nd floor, 754 Broughton, Victoria BC Canada

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Peace,
Billy Bingaman
Prevention Assistant
Project Respect

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE - FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA

<http://www.unitariancongregation.org/victoria/>

<http://www.islandnet.com/~unitnvc>

SENIORS ADVOCACY GROUP

To protest cuts that have impact on the quality of life for seniors now, and in the future

Information: srsnetbc@vcn.bc.ca or clara_halber@hotmail.com or (250) 360- 1068

<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/srsnetbc/>

VANCOUVER ISLAND PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

PO Box 3035 Stn CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 3P3

Physical address: Student Union Bldg, SUB B120-122, UVIC

Phone: 250-472-4386

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research@vipirg.ca

<http://www.vipirg.ca>

VANCOUVER ISLAND COMPASSION SOCIETY (VICS)

A safe and affordable source for therapeutic cannabis distribution and research.

250-360-8955

<http://www.thevics.com>