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contributions, considerations, concerns:

* From: angela bischoff <greenspi@web.ca>

What's Up with Antidepressant Drugs? - a frank look at suicide, withdrawal, and alternatives w/ Angela Bischoff and Amanda Vollmer

Thursday June 23, 10 - 11 p.m. live on Nat Radio <http://www.natradio.com/>

Angela Bischoff is an activist and partner of the late Tooker Gombert

<http://www.greenspiration.org> <http://www.greenspiration.org/Article/SilenceAndSuicide.html>

Amanda Vollmer is a student of Naturopathic Medicine <http://www.energyhealing.blogspot.com>

<http://www.sustainablespirit.org>

If you're in the Toronto area, you can catch Angela and Amanda on: Wed. June 22, 7 p.m. Woodsworth College, 321 Bloor St W, room 35 downstairs

(SE corner Bloor W and St George)

For more info, greenspi@web.ca

* From: "helen michell" <telquaa@hotmail.com>

The provincial and the federal government need to do more to help indigenous people of this only unceded province of Canada, to become more independent of the governments. These governments need to do less for the government elected chief and councillors of this province, who do nothing to help the indigenous people of this unceded province. The government elected chief and councillors are so corrupt, we need to do away with many of them. The drug test need to become a mandatory test to do within many of these corrupt chiefs and councillors offices, including the department of indian affairs offices. Cocaine has become the ruler of many of the indigenous communities. <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

Oceans Online is a website that helps you go beneath the surface of issues affecting Canada's Pacific marine ecosystems. There are lots of neat online tools that provide you with the opportunity to take action to protect the marine environment ? check it out at

<http://www.oceansonline.ca!>

* From: "Moir Campbell" <mcampbell@dogwoodinitiative.org>

Every single day, 30,000 children die, needlessly, of extreme poverty. On July 6th, we finally have the opportunity to stop that shameful statistic. 8 world leaders, gathered in Scotland for the G8 summit, will be presented with a workable plan to double aid, drop the debt and make the trade laws fair. If these 8 men agree, then we will become the generation that made poverty history.

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But they'll only do it if enough people tell them to. That's why we're staging Live 8. 5 concerts, 100 artists, a million spectators, 2 billion viewers, and 1 message... To get those 8 men, in that 1 room, to stop 30,000 children dying every single day of extreme poverty.

We don't want your money - we want you! <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/>

* From: <freedomnow@telus.net>

Dear Janine, We are being asked to sign this online **until June 26**. Thankyou, Larry<http://campaign-pyramid.com/kola/leonard/signup.php4?campaign=leonard>

* From: Victoria Peace Coalition <dolcla@islandnet.com> Please send this link to your friends, family and co-workers. Adjust for time zones. The heart is a stronger organ than the brain, so if you have ever had a thought picked up by someone else, you can have a feeling picked up in spades! www.worldpeacesite.com

* From: "working TV" <workingtv@telus.net>

Council of Canadian's "Food Fight" targets Genetically Engineered food <http://www.workingtv.com/foodfight.html>

* From: kpatterson <kpatterson@spsenergy.com>

On behalf of SPS Energy Solutions ... our Warehouse Clearance Sale Extended Special Report ... <http://www.spsenergy.com>

* From: <telquaa@shaw.ca>

Powerful Earthquake Leaves 8 Dead in Chile - Yahoo! Newshttp://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20050614/ap_on_re_la_am_ca/chile_quake

* From: lv?n Ignacio <ivanignacio@hotmail.com>

Movie: "Switch off" ?Apaga y V?monos!http://www.nodo50.org/azkintuwe/apaga_movie_home.htm

* From: Jim Hedger <jim.hedger@gmail.com>

Here is an article from Wired Magazine that was published today detailing the new regulations.

If you read into the intent of the law, it is clear the US Gov't wants to push porn offline as much as the 1st amendment will allow. http://wired.com/news/culture/0,1284,67869,00.html?tw=wn_tophead_2

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

If you were involved in the CIVICUS Conference in Vancouver in 2001, please contact John Crawford who is organizing the next conference in Glasgow.

He is looking for information on your experience and how he can ensure the CIVICUS Conference in Glasgow is a meaningful and useful event.

You can reach John at:

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Scottish Enterprise Glasgow
50 Waterloo Street
Glasgow G2 6HQ
0141 204 1111
07771 561875

John.J.Crawford@scontent.co.uk

* Learn the truth about The Coca-Cola Co.

URGENT ACTION: 4 STUDENTS PROTESTING COCA-COLA KIDNAPPED IN COLOMBIA

"We believe the evidence shows that Coca-Cola and its corporate network are rife with immorality, corruption and complicity in murder." Campaign to Stop Killer Coke/Corporate Campaign, Inc. Director Ray Rogers www.KillerCoke.org Visit

www.KillerCoke.org

* From: Your Local Farmers Market Society

E Bits is YLFMS? monthly on-line newsletter, reaching over 1,000 supporters of the Farmers? markets in Vancouver. If you would like to submit an article relevant to our readers on topics

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such as local food systems, farming issues, food preparation, food issues, recipes, sustainable agriculture, land preservation, arts and crafts production and community economic development please contact Tara at tara@eatlocal.org. Only articles pertaining to the overall goals and mission of the organization will be considered for submission. The next issue of E Bits will be out in mid-July. Submission deadline: **July 5, 2005.**ht

[tp://www.eatlocal.org/ebits_june](http://www.eatlocal.org/ebits_june)

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**1. THE NEW AFRICAN WAY** On **June 22**, IDRC's Dr Connie Freeman will be in Vancouver to speak at a public event about the major changes happening in Africa. Dr Freeman is the Regional Director of the East and Southern Africa office of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), which is supporting research in 22 African-countries.

**The public presentation - The New African Way -- begins at 7 p.m. in the Alice MacKay Room, Vancouver Public Library, and 350 West Georgia Street. Parking is available and the nearest Skytrain stops are Stadium and Granville stations.**

Based in Nairobi, Kenya and with over 30 years working on Africa issues, Dr Freeman brings her first hand insights into major shifts in thinking which are occurring on the continent. Historically, Dr Freeman feels that a major barrier to development in Africa has been the two-sided psychological state of "dependency" between African and Western countries. In recent years, she has seen this dependency begin to erode. If this trend continues, Dr Freeman feels new attitudes will need to occur with both Africans and Western/Northern partners. Dr Freeman's presentations are on the eve of the G-8 Summit which Tony Blair is hosting July 6-8 in Scotland. Africa and climate change are priorities for the discussions amongst the industrial leaders.

Canada's International Development Research Centre is one of the world's leading institutions in the generation and application of new knowledge to meet the challenges of international development. For more than 30 years, IDRC has worked in close collaboration with researchers from the developing world in their search for the means to build healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous societies.

The British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC) is a coalition of international development organizations. Through relationship-building with other networks, BCCIC works toward its goal of achieving sustainable global development in a peaceful and healthy environment with social justice, human dignity and participation for all.

For further information, contact:

Leslie Adams, Tel: 604 608-2684; e-mail: [ladams@web.net](mailto:ladams@web.net)

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## **2. EARTHSEEN**

This week EarthSeen presents:

1. By Jeremy Williams, a documentary on the recent struggle to protect the Upper Walbran Valley on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Part of the territory of the Pacheedaht First Nation, the Walbran Valley was the site of a musical uprising on October 9, 2004. It was the largest forest protection gathering since the Clayoquot Sound blockades. Aerial artist John Quigley shaped the chorus into a 60,000 square foot "living sculpture" of the Tree of Life. (13:40)

2. The Pacific Environmental Science Centre tenth anniversary June 8, 2005 (in pelting rain) at Maplewood Flats in North Vancouver, BC. Caught on camera celebrating are Chief Leah George-Wilson of the Tsiel-Waututh First Nation, Mayor Janis Harris of the District of North Vancouver, Patricia Banning-Lover of the Wild Bird Trust, Jim Cox of the Vancouver Port Authority and Don Fast, Paul Kluckner and Chris Pharo of Environment Canada. Good news story of many people and interests working together to create a science centre and wild bird sanctuary. (13:25)

Sunday June 19 at 1:00pm Monday June 20 at 10:30pm **Thursday June 23 2:30pm Saturday June 25 at 11:30am**

On Shaw cable 4 - the community channel - in Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley. EarthSeen, Greater Vancouver's longest continuous running (since 1994) environmental and social justice activist television program, broadcasts because ICTV Independent Community Television Co-operative exercises its entitlement to access and resources from Shaw cable 4, the cable community channel.

EarthSeen, an ICTV volunteer production, is made possible by the British Columbia Environmental Network Foundation (BCENEF) and the ACCESS Association of Chinese Canadians for Equality and Solidarity Society.

If you want copies, set your VCR to record it. Or ask a friend. It takes a lot of time to respond to requests for copies, especially since this is

volunteer community television and we have hard costs for tapes, transportation and refreshments. And yes, you are always welcome to send in a couple of dollars to support citizen access to the community channel.

Also let our broadcast regulator, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (email: [procedure@crtc.gc.ca](mailto:procedure@crtc.gc.ca)), know what you think about the current state of community television in Vancouver. Do it now as Shaw's license renewal is due this August.

Ask the CRTC why cable companies such as Shaw get all the public money from the subscriber-funded community channel levy and community television groups like ICTV get no money but have to deal with an arrogant, dismissive and rude Shaw management, which once denied ICTV and EarthSeen access, for their entitlement to resources and broadcasts.

For more about ICTV and to volunteer, go to [www.vcn.bc.ca/ictv](http://www.vcn.bc.ca/ictv) or call 604.254.5844. We are volunteer managed and operated co-operative so please have a little patience.

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\*\* The first fundamental human right is the right to a safe environment.\*\* Without that, we are not able to claim any any other rights.

- Ken Saro-Wiwa

From: Sid Tan <sidtan@vcn.bc.ca>

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3. STREET REP WAGES WAR ON INDIFFERENCE

VANCOUVER, BC - On June 24th, *The Street Repertory Theatre Company* fires its opening salvo into the urban theatre scene with an exploration of competitive aggression through the eyes of two Canadian playwrights, Daniel MacIvor and Michel Garneau. The evening promises a double-barreled bill of provocative Canadian plays in this inaugural battle in

Street Rep's

war on urban indifference.

Directed by Amanda Lockitch, MacIvor's *Never Swim Alone* and Garneau's *Warriors* will be onstage at the Pacific Theatre from Friday, June 24th to Saturday, July 9th, 2005. Tickets for the show are \$22/ general admission and \$18 /students, available at <http://www.festivalboxoffice.com> and at the Pacific Theatre before the show. Details at <http://www.streetrep.ca>.

In 2004, founder Jeff Fisher united a battalion of socially conscious theatre veterans (Thrasso Petras, Al Frisk, Erin Harris to name a few) to form *The Street Repertory Theatre Company*. Their goal: to use theatre and art to fuel discussion and find solutions to those issues confronting urban society. For Fisher,

Never Swim Alone

and

Warriors

provided an excellent opportunity to explore an important theme on

Street Rep's

hit list: competitive aggression and greed.

"There's an important connection between one's competitive aggression on a personal and professional level and competitive aggression on a global level." says Fisher, "The same forces that lead to international conflict are visible in our communities and in our personal lives."

That both plays are Canadian is also significant for Fisher: "Given our proximity both geographically and culturally to the U.S., the Canadian perspective is increasingly important.

As well as providing a mirror with which Canadians can better understand themselves, it provides an important perspective for anyone concerned with global politics." Perspective is what this performance is all about, for in addition to the director's and actors' interpretations of the scripts, the audience will get to see the perspective of two local artists, as The Cold World graffiti crew and Jason Cusator are each producing an art series based on the plays.

Director Amanda Lockitch (Random Productions' *The Lesson: A Marathon Event*; Vancouver Playhouse's

Trying,

Assistant-Director) was intrigued by the opportunity to work with plays that draw on two different stylistic traditions: "

Warriors

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offers gripping dialogue in straight-up realism while

Never Swim Alone

consistently and consciously breaks the fourth wall in an almost hypnotic structure of rhythm and repetition." For Lockitch "the excitement and reward is in directing such stylistically diverse yet equally captivating plays to explore such a powerful theme."

In keeping with their war on indifference, *Street Rep Theatre* will contribute a portion of each show's box office revenue to assisting street kids through

Covenant House Vancouver

and to the protection and promotion of human rights through

Amnesty International

Media contact Sean Cook (publicist) at 604-722-2015 or scook@sd43.bc.ca

From: dwright@amnesty.ca

4. GIGANTIC ROLLING STREET PARTY 2000 + 5 wheel ride: THIS Friday 24 June !

* PLEASE FORWARD and circulate !beat the heat,treat yourself to a party in the street!

when: meet 5 - 5:30pm, and leave 6pm ish where: Vancouver Art Gallery, Georgia St side [on the side w/ the lions and the refreshing fountain], downtown Vancouver

WHAT: . o o o Free. a gigantic rolling street party, the biggest in Vancouver, ever. yes!who: we need over 1000 riders. 1002.5 bicycles, 501.25 skateboards, 240.5 rollerblades, 250.625 rollerskates, 501.25 wheelchairs, 668.3 tricycles, 2005 unicycles, 6015 cycleboats, 1496 chopper bikes, 60 million bc dinosaurs against fossil fuels, 777 pedal powered couches... all human power welcome, bring all your friends. bring your family. enjoy safety and comfort in the car-free space that we create by simply riding together.

Finish of June "bike month" right, we ARE traffic!!!

for more information:

[[[velolove@vancouver.indymedia.org]]] [[[<http://www.velolove.bc.ca>]]]

Post ride picnic at sunset beach after the ride. Bring food, your own utensils, refreshments, a blanket...

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"The soul is dyed the colour of its thoughts. Think only on those things that are inline with your principles and can bear the full light of day.

The content of your character is your choice.

Day by day, what you choose, what you think

and what you do is who you become.

Your integrity is your destiny?

it is the light that guides your way."

~ Heraclitus (Greek poet)

From: Kari Hewett <paxlogos@yahoo.ca>

5. FREE CHARITIES WORKSHOP

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

June 24, 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

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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 (11:00 am-12:00 pm), 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 (12:30 pm- 3:00 pm), 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

Non-BCCIC Members will be charged a workshop fee. Please RSVP your registration for this workshop **as soon as possible** by contacting Salima Jethani at bccic@web.ca or telephone at 604-899-4475.

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**6. ENVISIONING PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES** \* sorry for the long email, however there is important information included in this email, including updated and slightly changed schedule, registration information, etc. Please note all this information is also

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on our website. Also note some speakers are still being confirmed- a final updated schedule will be out next week\*

..:ENVISIONING PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES:.

□□□□□□□□□□ **Friday June 24 to Sunday June 26** □□□□□□□□□□ **SFU Harbour Center (515 West Hastings)** □□□□□□□□□□ **and Lore**

**Krill Co-op (65 West Cordova)**

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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, films, and strategy sessions. Childcare available. Lunch provided on Saturday and Sunday.

One of our keynote speakers on the opening panel on the evening of Friday June 24th is Waleed Rabia. Waleed is a founder of Al Muajaha (?The Witness? or alternatively, ?Confrontation?); Iraq's first independent media project that was initiated one week after the war began, and associated with the IndyMedia Center. He was an embedded journalist with the Iraqi resistance forces from Northern to Southern Iraq, subproducer for the BBC, and liaison with internationals in Iraq such as Voices of Conscience, Iraq Solidarity Project, Big Noise Films, Naomi Klein, and others.

Some of our speakers on Saturday include Arthur-Martins Aginam who is a former Nigerian Public Affairs journalist, Arthur Manuel who is a Secwepemc defender, Gene McGuckin of Prepare the General Strike Committee, Nazilla Betta who is an Algerian physician on women's health and health under occupation, Don Pedro who is a leader of the Mayan peoples movement in Guatemala against Canadian corporations, Montreal-based author and activist Samir Hussain, Marysol Torres of the Vancouver Bolivarian Circle, Sid Shniad of the Telecommunications Workers Union, Gary McCarron from the SFU School of Communications, activists from the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, Megan Olson who is a street nurse and recent recipient of a human rights award for her work in the Downtown Eastside, Hari Sharma who is the President of South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy, community



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activists involved with the historic Red Power movement, well-known author Anthony Fenton, Erika Fuchs of a Mexican migrant workers support group, speakers from the Haida Nation, Sid Tan from the Chinese Canadians Head Tax Redress Campaign, Cecilia Pereyra who is a local Latina activist, and many others.

Our program for the weekend includes two highly unique and participatory events: A Canadian Refugee Camp and A Historical Resistance Walking Tour of the Downtown Eastside. On Saturday, community activists and residents of the neighbourhood will guide the Historical Resistance Walk of the Downtown Eastside with a history of the many poor, working class, and racialized communities that have shaped the neighbourhood's culture and resisted gentrification and displacement. The Canadian Refugee Camp will go up on Sunday and involves the collective organization and participation of over a dozen immigrant and refugee community organizations in Vancouver who have been engaged in historic and present struggle against exclusionary immigration policies.

For more information check the website at <http://users.resist.ca/~eps2005/>

+++++ORGANIZERS OF THE CONFERENCE

The organizing of the Envisioning Peoples Conference is not directly related to any group or organization, however all of the organizers of the Conference Committee are heavily involved and implicated in the myriad of struggles and movements that are represented in the Conference. We came together as activists and organizers finding the need for long-term vision, strategy, and face-to-face relationship building.

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REGISTRATION

We are asking people to pre-register for the conference, as space is limited. Registration information is included below in this email and is also on the website. The conference is by donation (suggested donation 10-20\$ for the entire conference including food and all the film festival). No one turned away for lack of \$.

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SUPPORTING THE CONFERENCE

\* We are in the process of organizing volunteer childcare, preparing food and securing food donations, organizing vehicles, organizing housing for out-of-town participants, and many other tasks. If you can help with any of this, please get in touch.

\* Information tables at the Conference: We are still in the process of sorting out the logistics of information tables at the conference, please watch out for another email on this.

\* 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

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\* There are several organizations that are supporting and endorsing the conference. We hope you will too. If you are able to endorse, please email or call us at eps2005@resist.ca or call 778-552-2099.

\* Help publicize this conference through your networks. Posters and leaflets are available for download on our website.

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**FRIDAY SCHEDULE** Friday June 24 @ 6 pm at SFU Harbour Center (515 West Hastings)

//////////////////// Two Years of War, Five Hundred Years of

Resistance

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\* Waleed Rabia on "Independent Media in a Time of War" Waleed is a founder of Al Muajaha ("The Witness" or alternatively, "Confrontation"); Iraq's first independent media project that was initiated one week after the war began, and associated with the IndyMedia Center. He was an embedded journalist with the Iraqi resistance forces from Northern to Southern Iraq, subproducer for the BBC, and liaison with internationals in Iraq such as Voices of Conscience, Iraq Solidarity Project, Big Noise Films, Naomi Klein, and others.

\* Clifton Arihwakehte on "Decriminalizing Resistance" Clifton is a community activist of the Kaneshat'ke Mohawk community (near Montreal). He has been an active member of the current resistance in Kaneshat'ke to government policies- such as the Kaneshat'ke Interim Land Based Governance Act- that aim to extinguish indigenous rights to the land. He has also been the editor of Karihwatatie, the journal of the Kaneshat'ke Cultural Centre.

\* Angélica Gutiérrez: "On the Edge of Revolution" Chilean-born community activist, who has been living in Canada for 29 years. Member of the Internationalist Bolivarian Circle "Bob Everton" and collective member of "América Latina al Día," a bilingual, weekly radio program on Vancouver's Co-operative Radio. She was involved with the International Solidarity Gathering in Support of the Bolivarian Revolution and has recently returned from Venezuela.

\* Harsha Walia: "Confronting Fortress North America" Harsha is a South Asian writer and activist currently based in Vancouver. She started organizing in India and in Canada, she has been involved in the fight for the rights of immigrants and refugees, particularly in the post 9/11 climate, along with supporting various indigenous struggle through movements such as No One is Illegal and the South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy.

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**SATURDAY SCHEDULE** Each time slot will have two concurrent workshops. Longer description of each panel can be found at

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

10:00 TO 11:30

Panel 1: \* Rethinking the Labour Movement:- Sid Shniad (Telecommunications Workers Union and Stopwar.ca): Role of labour unions within social justice struggles - Kim

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Toombs (IWW and Community Solidarity Caucus, Victoria): Organizing for workers rights beyond unions

- Gene McGuckin (Prepare the General Strike Committee): State of the labour movement

- Filipino Nurses Support Group: Organized labour and migrant labour issues

Panel 2: \* Resisting 2010 Olympics:- Maryann Abbs (activist and popular educator): History, analysis, and effects of the Olympics globally-

David Cunningham (Anti-Poverty Committee): Gentrification in the Downtown Eastside

- Billie Pierre (Native Youth Movement): Indigenous land struggles against mega-tourism in unceded territories of BC

- Erika Fucks (Mexican migrant labour support group): Vulnerable migrant labour conditions,

- Martha Roberts (Bus Riders Union): Development of the RAV line.

.....11:30 TO 1:30.....Panel 1: \* Health under Capitalism:- Hospital Employees Union: Effects of privatization on the public health care system

- Gary McCarron (SFU School of Communications): Western medical discourse as a tool of social control

- Samir Hussain (activist, author and medical practitioner from Montreal): Impacts of war & capitalism on health

- Nazilla Betta (Algerian medical practitioner): Women's health and the effect of medical monopolies on the AIDS crisis in Africa

- Megan Olsen (street nurse and recent recipient of human rights award): Reports on grassroots projects for community health and safety.

Panel 2: \* Creative Political and Legal Strategies: In the face of increasing repression, innovative, subversive and effective legal and

political strategies are being engaged by communities in resistance: from community self-defence against police repression, political and legal tactics adopted by indigenous movements to confront the colonial system, and other multi-fold strategies on doing long-term organizing.

- Vancouver Network of Drug Users (VANDU)

- Copwatch

- Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP)

- Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade

- Western Shoshone Legal Defence Fund

.....1:30 TO 2:30.....Lunch Served.

.....2:30 TO 4:00.....Panel 1: \* The Possibilities and Limitations of Electoralism:- Marysol Torres (Vancouver Bolivarian Circle): Left taking state power in

Venezuela

- Left in local government in Kerala and West Bengal

- Cecilia Pereyra: Social movements beyond electoral politics in Argentina

- Confronting colonial governance systems in Canada

- Phil Lyons (Left turn): Recent provincial elections and the Leftturn experiment.

- Waleed Rabia (Iraqi journalist): Fade of democratic elections in Iraq

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Panel 2: \* The Globalization of War & the Assault of Globalization: -Arthur-Martins Aginam (former Nigerian Public Affairs journalist):

Struggles in Africa against neo-colonialism, free trade and development. -

Anthony Fenton (author and activist with Haiti Solidarity BC): War profiteering and the state/corporate nexus in war and globalization - Free trade agreements, the War on Drugs, and occupation in Latin America -

Resistance against occupation in Turtle Island

- Military occupation and imperialism in the Philippines

- Harjap Grewal (South Asian Network For Secularism and Democracy): Social movements against corporate globalization in South Asia

..... 4:00 TO 6:.....Panel 1: \* History Matters: Past resistance: With speakers on past local movements of resistance

- Benita Bunjun (Vancouver Status of Women): Women's movement

- Jill Chettiar (Down town East Side Residents Association): Anti-poverty organizing

- Ray Bobb (Stolo Nation, ex- Red Power member): Indigenous sovereignty struggles

- Sid Tan (Vancouver Association of Chinese Canadians): Chinese Head Tax Redress campaign

- Hari Sharma (President of the South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy): Struggles in solidarity with Third world liberation and immigrant organizing against racism.

Panel 2: \* Struggles for Indigenous Self-Determination: fighting mining and forestry destruction: With indigenous speakers from Guatemala, BC, Philippines, and India

\* FILM FESTIVAL: SFU Harbour Center, 515 West Hastings from 1:30-6 pm -Poverty Outlaws from 1:30-2:30 pm

- Continuous Journey from 2:30-4 pm

- Short documentary by Revolutionary Women in Afghanistan from 4:00-4:30 pm - Control Room from 4:30- 6 pm

\* 6:15- 7 pm: ?HISTORICAL STRUGGLES IN THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WALK? will leave from SFU Harbour Center. Community activists and residents of the neighbourhood will guide the Historical Resistance Walk of the Downtown Eastside with a history of the many poor, working class, and racialized communities that have shaped the neighbourhood's culture and resisted gentrification and displacement.

### +++++**SUNDAY JUNE 26 SCHEDULE**

\* 9:30 am to noon: Space available for strategy sessions, caucuses, networking, particularly for those traveling from outside Vancouver. More details on this soon.

\* Noon to 2 pm: Closing panel at Lore Krill (65 West Cordova) ?Resistance to War and Colonialism?

- Clement Apaak

(PhD Candidate at SFU): The democratic experiment in Ghana

- Palestine Community Center: Occupation of Palestine

- Anthony Fenton (author & activist with Haiti Solidarity BC): Role of US/Canada in the occupation of Haiti

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- Lisa Yazdi (Iranian activist and Masters student): US hegemony in Iran & the Iranian elections

- Dustin Johnson (Indigenous Students Society): Resistance to colonialism in Canada

\* 1-4 pm: ?A Canadian Refugee Camp? at Victory Square (Cambie and Hastings) The Refugee Camp, constructed by over dozen immigrant/refugee groups, highlights well known policies in Canadian immigration history such as the Chinese Head Tax, the internment of Japanese-Canadians, the "None is too Many" policy for Jewish refugees, and the exclusion of South Asian migrants on the Komagata Maru; a history that is repeating itself with the economic, political and imperialist drive of the "War on Terrorism" both at home and abroad. The Camp also draws links between Canadian corporate and state policies against indigenous peoples and Third World peoples that are the roots causes of war, displacement and migration.

\* Lunch will be served at the Refugee Camp (Victory Square) from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

\* 2- 4 pm: ?STATUS FOR ALL!? MARCH. Gather at Victory Square A silent march to honour all the deportees struggling against Citizenship and Immigration Canada. This march is being organized to coincide with the historic 200 km walk from Montreal to Ottawa being organized by Solidarity Across Borders- a Montreal network of self-organized refugee groups, individuals and their allies- from June 18-25, 2005. For every agonizing moment, for every day spent in anxiety, for every detention, for every deportation, for the stolen time and the stolen lives, this march will pay tribute to all those fighting in this silent war. Organized by a network of immigrant groups in Vancouver.

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

\* 4:30- 7 pm: Anti-oppression organizing in an anti-imperialist/anti-capitalist context.--- THIS WORKSHOP HAS MANDATORY REGISTRATION TO ENSURE A MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

?Can anti-oppression politics provide a model for a multi-faceted analysis that addresses oppression and class exploitation as distinct but nevertheless intimately interrelated social relationships??

? Sharmeen Khan, ?Roundtable on Anti-Oppression Politics in Anti-Capitalist Movements?

Anti-oppression arose out of the left's failure to develop a nuanced approach to questions of oppression. In recent years, the left has been influenced by anti-oppression analyses, as the movement has sought to address the effects of capitalism on different communities. Although anti-oppression organizing has pejoratively been labeled ?identity politics?, it serves as a necessary foundation to ensure a systemic analysis of capitalism and expand the analysis of radical organizing that does not get co-opted by the liberal discourse of multiculturalism and women?s/ queer rights. This comprehensive workshop will explore the concepts of power, privilege and oppression and examine racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other systemic biases in order to increase

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awareness, empowerment and create transformative politics within an anti-capitalist framework.

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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Envisioning Peoples Struggles Conference Workshops, Panels and Films June 24-26, 2005

**PRE REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: Organisation/Affiliation (if any):

When do you plan to attend?

Do you plan to attend: Friday June 24 Opening Panel? Saturday June 25 Workshops? Sunday June 26 Program?

Sunday June 26 Anti-Oppression Workshop (mandatory pre-registration)?

Sunday June 26 Film Festival?

Please indicate your preference of workshops in each time slot for Saturday so we get a sense of room size required:

10:00 TO 11:30\* Rethinking the Labour Movement\* Resisting 2010 Olympics

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

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

Do you need childcare (how many/ages)? Time childcare is needed:

Do you have any food allergies or restrictions that we should be aware of? Do you need translation? Do you

need housing (which nights/ accessibility needs or preferences/allergies)?

Do you have any other concerns?

Contact Information E-mail (preferred) or phone:

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

**7. STATUS FOR ALL**

\* Update on Solidarity Across Borders March on Ottawa: over 1000 people marched through downtown Montreal and north to two mainly immigrant neighborhoods during the first day of the march (June 18)

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

STATUS FOR ALL! SUNDAY JUNE 26 @ 2 PM GATHER

**AT VICTORY SQUARE**

Lunch served at The Canadian Refugee Camp at Victory Square. The Canadian Refugee Camp will go up prior to the march and visually depicts the various historic and present community struggles against exclusionary immigration policies.

A silent march to honour all the deportees struggling against Citizenship and Immigration Canada?.

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allies- from June 18-25, 2005 to draw attention to the struggles of refugees and immigrants for life and dignity. Dozens of groups have so far endorsed the march, including the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW), the Canadian Union of Postal Employees (CUPW), the Quebec Women's Federation (FFQ), and many more.

Lack of status, deportations, detentions, and security certificates all contribute to making migrants vulnerable to exploitation, poverty, insecurity and indignities that no one should suffer. In the current political context, as Canada rushes to harmonize its border policies with the United States to create a unified "Fortress North America", the situation of immigrants and refugees is worsening.

Every day, thousands of migrants and their families struggle against the uncertainties created by the racist and anti-poor processes of

criminalization carried out by Immigration Canada. They are forced underground; threatened with detention or with deportation to desperate situations; and subjected to discriminatory legal standards. The people whose lives have been torn apart by Canadian immigration are not anonymous; they are our friends and neighbors. Some families threatened with deportation have lived and worked in Vancouver for several years and have Canadian-born children; this is their home. In the past years, we have written hundreds of letters, collected thousands of signatures, and organized dozens of demonstrations. We have successfully fought deportations and detentions, but have also seen our family members and friends removed, detained, forced underground or forced into sanctuary.

In Vancouver, the migrant communities leading the march are simply demanding their basic rights to a secure life, dignity and a future. Our

demands for regularization call for the recognition and affirmation of rights and status of people residing in Canada without permanent residency- non status peoples, refugees, and temporary workers.

For every arbitrary detention, for every summary deportation, for every minute spent in jail without charge or trial, for every anxious and dehumanizing day spent waiting for status? for all the stolen time and the stolen lives -- this march will pay tribute to all those fighting in this silent battle.

Organized by Association of Chinese Canadians for Equality and Solidarity Society, Vancouver Status of Women, No One Is Illegal, Iranian Federation

of Refugees, Kalayaan Centre (Philippine Women Centre), South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy, Iranian Refugees of BC, La Surda Latin American Collective, Committee for Solidarity with Columbia.

More information: [noii-van@resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca) 778 552 2099 Website: <http://noii-van.resist.ca>

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### 8. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Vancouver Status of Women

Job Posting: Administrative & Fundraising Coordinator This position is responsible for Vancouver Status of Women's

administrat

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ion, financial management, and fund development.

Aboriginal women & Women of Colour are strongly encouraged to apply. Affirmative Action principles are in effect for this hiring. Please

feel free to identify any barriers you may face in your application.

Primary Responsibilities:

Administration (approximately 30% of work hours) ? Develop and strengthen internal administrative processes, including

information systems and records management

? Liaise with Coordinating Collective including preparing documents

for meetings and correspond via phone, mail, email

? Coordinate internal and external communication tools, including the newsletter, annual report and website

? Coordinate Annual General Meeting, Coordinating Collective organizational development and strategic planning sessions and retreats and assist with Coordinating Collective orientation

? Liaise with strata council and equipment suppliers to maintain Center (e.g. security)

? Work with other staff to coordinate day to day office activities

including responding to emails, phone calls, faxes, walk-ins, office cleaning

Fund Development Coordination (with support of Fund Development Committee) (approximately 20% of work hours)

? Coordinate Fund Development Committee in developing and implementing fund development strategies

? Prepare and submit grants and proposals

? Develop and deliver direct mail campaigns with support of Fund Development Committee

? Develop and maintain relationships with donors, members, and supporters

? Create and update donor and membership database

? Research for additional funding sources

Financial Management (approximately 50% of work hours) ? Responsible for financial management of organization ?

Strengthen and coordinate financial administration systems

? Accounting duties include verifying the validity of invoices and expense claims, and liaising with the part time accountant on budget, bookkeeping and payroll issues

? Cashflow and variance reporting to the Coordinating Collective, including financial projections throughout the year.

? Preparation of monthly financial statements for the Coordinating Collective

? Develop, prepare, and revise the Budget and monitoring expenditures

? Audit - prepare and compile documents for the audit, liaising with auditors

? Monitor funder and grant reporting requirements

VSW operates within a collective framework, therefore the aforementioned responsibilities are expected to be carried out through the following



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collective mechanisms:

? Prepare materials for and attend Coordinating Collective (monthly), Staff (bimonthly), Finance Committee (monthly) & Fund Development Committee (monthly) and other committee meetings as necessary

? Participate in staff training, visioning, and planning sessions

? Maintain coalitions/relationships with other women's and social justice organizations as is determined by Staff and Coordinating Collectives and as time permits

Qualifications: ? Knowledge and experience working collectively within a feminist organization

? Strong organizational and administrative skills

? Experience in the financial management of a non-profit organization

? Experience and interest in fundraising

? Awareness of issues faced by historically marginalized communities, including Aboriginal women, women of colour, women with disabilities, queer women

? Experience working with volunteers is an asset

? Fluency in a language other than English is an asset

Position Details: ? This is a full-time staff position at 30 hours per week. ? \$18/hour, plus benefits (medical/dental/life insurance) and annual holidays.

**DEADLINE for application: 5:00pm - Thursday, June 30th, 2005.** No phone calls please.

Submit resume and cover letter: Administrative & Fundraising Coordinator Hiring Committee  
2652 E. Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V5K 1Z6

We thank all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Selected applicants will be contacted for interviews in July.

Vancouver Status of Women is a non-profit, feminist, community based organization with a vision of Freedom and Self-determination for all through responsible, socially just, healthy and joyful communities both locally and globally. VSW works with women to ensure our full participation in the social, economic and political life of our communities.

From: "Julie Ham" <womencentre@vsw.ca>

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9. A ROOFTOP PARTY FOR PAL A Rooftop Party For PAL (Performing Arts Lodge)
Vancouver

Date: Thursday, July 7 Time: 8 pm to 12 midnight Venue: Performance Works on Granville Island

Tickets: \$20 Contact: 604.255.4312 or 604.872.1954

Hello Everyone !

This notice is going out to everyone who has ever received a media release or event announcement from PublicityPlus Event Marketing or our Community eListDirect email broadcast service. My apologies if you have already heard directly from PAL or one of its other supporters, but I thought this important enough to our community to repeat the announcement.

From: Kevin Dale McKeown <kevin@publicityplus.ca>

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## 10. CHALLENGING WALMART

I emailed the accompanying message to Vancouver City Council. I urge all who receive this to email at least councillor Louie to urge him to vote against the Walmart proposal. The emails of the other council members are available at <http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/councilmembers.htm>.

The vote on Walmart was postponed Tuesday night, but it emerged that with Louie's return there will, unbelievably, be enough votes to support it. It is imperative that we flood council with demands that this not happen. Please take action to defend this city, and working people everywhere.

----- Original Message -----**From:** Earle Peach**To:** [raymond.louie@vancouver.ca](mailto:raymond.louie@vancouver.ca) **Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2005 6:19 AM

### **Subject:**

Walmart

Excerpt from a speech made by Lucy Parsons, black woman, activist, anarchist, and wife of the Haymarket martyr, Albert Parsons. Lucy attended and addressed the founding convention of the IWW on the afternoon of June 28, 1905. On the afternoon of June 29, in relation to women's oppression she said, "There was never a greater truth uttered. We are the slaves of the slaves. We are exploited more ruthlessly than men. Wherever wages are to be reduced the capitalist class use women to reduce them, and if there is anything that you men should do in the future it is to organize the women.. And I say that if the women had inaugurated a boycott of the State Street stores since the Teamsters strike, the stores would have surrendered long ago. I do not stand before you to brag. I had no man connected with that strike to make it of interest to me to boycott the stores, but I have not bought one penny's worth there since that strike was inaugurated. I intended to boycott all of them as one individual at least, so it is important to educate the women.

Now, I wish to show my sisters here that we fasten the chains of slavery upon our sisters, sometimes unwittingly, when we go down to the department store and look around so cheap. When we come to reflect it simply means the robbery of our sisters, for we know that the things cannot be made for such prices and give women who made them fair wages.?"

□□□ Councillor Louie: The Walmart decision has been postponed for a week, clearly to allow time for you to return to council and vote in favour of it. If you do so you will be contributing to the ongoing march to the bottom that Walmart represents; ruining an already damaged neighbourhood; violating the hopes and dreams of the majority of Vancouverites; and caving in to the endless demands of a group of corporate vampires. I beg you to reconsider your vote, in the historical context of the quote above. The kind of oppression Lucy Parsons fought will always thrive as long as there are politicians willing to sacrifice the public good, whether here or in other countries.

Earle Peach

From: Earle Peach or Barbara Jackson <earlbarb@vcn.bc.ca>

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## 11. CALLING ALL ACTIVIST

### **STUDENTS**

Canada

setback in our right to organize

Dear Fellow Students,

I am writing to you today on a matter of extreme importance, not only for the Kwantlen University College Student Association (KSA, Local 26 of the

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Canadian Federation of Students), but also for the whole of the Canadian student movement.

A BC Supreme Court ruling was handed down on May 12, 2005 giving control of the KSA to a Kwantlen administration supported group of candidates in the KSA election. This case is a huge setback for students who believe that student organizations should operate free from interference from our institution's administrators. Here is the story:

On April 25, 2005 Kwantlen University College VP Derek Francis, met with the leader of a group of candidates, Aaron Takhar, who ran under the slate name Reduce All Fees Party (RAF) in the KSA election, to discuss how his slate was the proper KSA board of directors, that the current Board was preventing them from taking office because we were corrupt, and asked if the administration could help them out. Mr. Francis replied that if some proof could be provided of their victory that he would 'consider his options'. On April 27, the KSA Ombudsperson, acting completely outside his authority according to KSA Regulations and Bylaws, wrote a letter to Mr. Francis, that the new board of the KSA: RAF. Mr. Francis, at the request of Mr. Takhar promptly locked the current Board of the KSA out of their offices, posted security outside the doors and allowed RAF sole access. The current Board of the KSA sought a legal injunction against KUC for being locked out, for a declaration of who the winners of the KSA election were and costs from KUC for breaking our lease and costs associated with the lock-out.

Kwantlen University College should not have taken a side in the matter. If Mr. Takhar felt that there were problems with the KSA's election, and it was not perfect, RAF should have petitioned the court to review the election. Kwantlen University College should have pointed RAF in this direction instead of helping them perform a hostile take-over of the KSA offices. It is entirely possible that a court petition would have had the very similar results.

The Court's decision gave control of the KSA offices to the administration-supported group of RAF candidates. There were a few problems with the judges decision, like failing to review what happened during the KSA election but using it as a basis for who should constitute the KSA's Board for the next year;

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and also failed to label Kwantlen University College's actions as appropriate or not. This is especially disturbing because the same day we were locked out of our offices, the KSA filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against Kwantlen University College for failing to collect and remit our fees properly. The judge was informed of this.

It is my fear that this decision can/will be used by administrations across the country to justify interfering and breaking contracts with, student organizations for their own ends. It is also my fear that this case will be used by right leaning governments as proof that students can't run their own organizations, and require administrators to watch over them and take control when 'necessary'. It is also my fear that labour unions will use it for the same reason. KSA staff abandoned the current Board and helped out RAF during the dispute at the direction of their union, CUPE 2396. The KSA Ombudsperson is in the union.

What happened to the KSA, happened because Kwantlen University College took a side in the KSA's election. Without their interference there would have been no injunctive hearing, and the election would have been properly reviewed to determine who the Board of Directors should be.

The decision was from Mr. Justice Maczko, in the case of Kwantlen Student Association v. Kwantlen University College and Mat Huff, Aaron Takhar, Javin Khatri, Joey Atwal and Mariana Nakhla.

I should also note that the Canadian Federation of Students sat on the sidelines and waited for the court to make its decision before openly supporting one side over the other. The CFS did not condemn the actions of Kwantlen University College.

During this dispute there was a provincial election in full swing. The KSA had put together an extremely aggressive advertising campaign designed to make post-secondary education a key voting issue in the election. It called for a reduction in tuition, increase in funding and re-instituting a system of up-front non-repayable student grants (which were eliminated the year before). Our campaign efforts were derailed the second week of the election by this dispute and post-secondary education failed to become an important issue in the election. The CFS basically

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had no campaign specifically on post-secondary education, and refused to participate in the KSA's campaign.

I am extremely disheartened by what has happened at my school. There are times when I have believed that the goals that our organizations and leaders put forward were the actual goals and values we are trying to achieve. This dispute, more than any other fight I have been engaged in on tuition or funding or against corrupt deans and administrators or just the fight for the right of students to have a voice at the policy table; this dispute has taught me that corruption wins, and that countless people will turn their backs on the values and ideals they espouse if it suits them politically or gives them some kind of gain. It is a sad time for students in Canada.

The annual general meeting for the Canadian Federation of Students recently occurred and I have been informed by attendees of that meeting that the old Board of Directors at the KSA was repeatedly badmouthed for not doing work etc. I have attached our annual report for the 2004-2005 year for your review.

If you have any questions, concerns or just want more details about what happened/is happening at the KSA please feel free to e-mail me at this address.

Sincerely,

Laura Anderson

Former KSA Chairperson and Director of External Affairs

Current KSA Langley Campus Representative (voting Board member)

From: "Laura Anderson" <deathpilot11@yahoo.com>

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