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16. Celebrating 75 Years of Social Work Education at UBC - Sept 28, 29th \* From: Saren Azer

Following is the text and a link to the audio of a commentary on Eastern Kurdistan (Iranian Kurdistan) that I read on CBC national on Thursday Aug 3. Please feel free to forward the email.

Audio Link: <https://www.cbc.ca/insite/COMMENTARY/2005/8/4.html>

\* From: Karen Wonders

Hi Friends of Cathedral Grove, Just a note to say that following my return from BC, I have updated and revised the Swedish website (don't forget to "reload"). <http://www.CathedralGrove.se> Comments are welcome and appreciated. Best wishes from Germany, Karen Wonders

\* From: BCENnews

If you haven't been to the BCEN website today you will not have seen: the New Environmental Supersite. Please change your website favourites address now from <http://www.bcen.bc.ca> to <http://ecobc.org>  
Our environmental reality is what we make it -- together !

\* From: "Susan Stroud"

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Try to visit <http://www.truthout.org> on a regular basis--it's worth it.

\* From: Ilanna Sharon Mandel

The following URL will take you to an online petition I have started. Please, read it and sign if you are so inclined. This is intended to try and save the lives of the Romani people on toxic land in IDP camps in Kosovo. If you do sign, please, feel free to disseminate this URL as widely as possible. If you have a website, you have my permission to place the URL on your website to draw greater attention to this dire emergency. Thank you.

Here is the link: [www.PetitionOnline.com/ab...ition.html](http://www.PetitionOnline.com/ab...ition.html)

\* From: [dblackadder \(at\) cupe.ca](mailto:dblackadder@cupe.ca)

If, like me, you're starved for real radio since the CBC lockout started, here's great news. CBC staff have started a lockout station being broadcast on a number of community radio stations. Even better, that programming is now available all day every day courtesy of Radio LabourStart. Your favourite Radio 1, Radio 2, TV and Newsworld folks can be heard online, all the time. Some of the highlights include Bill Richardson explaining why he's "pissed off" by the current labour dispute, a thoughtful commentary by national radio reporter Curt Petrovich, and musical acts include Joe Keithley of DOA. Also: Ian Hanomansing on the loss of a supper-hour newscast, and Tetsuru Shigamatsu on just about everything Go to <http://radio.labourstart.org> / for instructions on how to listen. We even provide a link to internet radio software if you need it. Support the CMG members on the line AND get your CBC fix!

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Derek Blackadder LabourStart Canada [www.LabourStart.org](http://www.LabourStart.org)

905-373-1897 Skype me as: dblackadder

\* From: Farmers Market

For more information:

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

\* From: "Duncan"

Vancouver East Cultural Centre - To Learn More About Our 2005-2006 Season, or to  
Subscribe:

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

\* From: "carol weaver"

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CCEC Credit Union was nominated for and won the Gay, Lesbian Business Association (GLBA) "Revolutionary Business" Award in the Corporate Category. They were presented with the award at The Vanguard Expo - The GLBA's 4th Annual Business & Lifestyle Expo that was held at the Coast Plaza Hotel on July 29 & 30, 2005.

CCEC Credit Union, situated on Commercial Drive in Vancouver, has been serving the co-operative, community business and non-profit sector since 1976. They pool the savings and financial activities of individuals, co-operatives and other community groups. The money is invested by lending for job creation, co-operative financing, and other forms of community economic development.

The GLBA Vanguard Expo demonstrates the courageous businesses that have joined the Gay, Lesbian Business Association this year. Their membership is made up of people who want to do more than plaster a rainbow decal on their front window. Members are committed to making a difference in the queer community as well as the community at large.

GLBA members include major corporations, small, medium and sole entrepreneurs and community organizations that truly make Vancouver's queer community the best place to be able to be oneself. These businesses demonstrate more than tolerance ? they genuinely accept all the diversities in our community.

The theme for this year's expo was "Revolutionary Businesses, Ultra Living and Prosperity Unbound." It was not so long ago -1992- that Little Sister's Bookstore was fire bombed for the third time. It wasn't so long ago that a wink and a nudge was our "gaydar" sign. It is now time to recognize those revolutionary businesses.

[www.ccec.bc.ca](http://www.ccec.bc.ca) - [www.glba.org](http://www.glba.org)

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### 1. Canadian Lawyers Charge Bush with Torture

The Prosecution of George W. Bush for torture: an update

Monday, August 22, 2005

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A Pre-Hearing Conference of the Application to review the December 6/04 decision blocking criminal charges against George Bush is scheduled for 10:00 am, Thursday, August 25th, 2005, at B.C. Supreme Court, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, B.C.

The Attorney General wants to seal the courtroom at the pre-hearing conference.

LAW says Canadians have the right to be there.

On November 30 2004 Gail Davidson, co-chair of Lawyers against the War (LAW), filed an Information in the Provincial Court of B.C. charging George W. Bush as President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces with torture.

When Davidson went to court on December 6th to secure a date for a process hearing, the Attorney General applied to declare the information a nullity on the grounds that, as head of state, Mr. Bush was immune from prosecution. In an extraordinary action and over the objections of the reporter present, the courtroom was sealed and the press and public were excluded. Behind closed doors, the charges against Bush were stopped before any evidence could be heard.

An application for review of that decision was filed in the Supreme Court of B.C. The pre-hearing conference on Thursday is to determine a schedule for the exchange of arguments and authorities and to set a date for the review itself. The Attorney General wants to prevent the public and the press from attending this pre-hearing conference.

Many individuals and organizations around the world allege that George Bush has used his position as President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces to carry out torture that has included among its victims at least one Canadian (a minor) and many, perhaps thousands, of other non-Americans. These allegations and the evidence supporting them are widely available. LAW wants to present this evidence in court.

The Attorney General says that George Bush, as the President of the United States and a sitting head of state, is immune from prosecution.

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LAW insists that diplomatic immunity is irrelevant to this case of torture. Canadian jurisdiction to prosecute Mr. Bush was triggered when he came to Canada on November 30, 2004 and when a Canadian citizen became the victim of torture under Mr. Bush command.

The law is very clear on torture and LAW simply wants the law to be applied. Under international and domestic law, Canadians have a responsibility to prevent torture and to prosecute those who commit torture. LAW wants the hearing to be public so that Canadians can see justice being done.

Information note on the crime of torture:

Torture is a unique international crime. Torture can only be committed by or through state officials. It is a crime universally condemned by Canada and other nations as one of the most egregious violations of both international human right law and international humanitarian law. Torture is a war crime and a crime against humanity. The prohibition against torture is absolute - torture cannot be justified by any circumstances. No nation holds torture to be legal.

The right to freedom from torture is universal and non-derogable-it cannot be displaced even temporarily. Criminal law prohibits the torture of anyone.

International law says Canada owes a duty to the whole world to prosecute Mr. Bush for torture. Canada has a duty to act effectively to prevent further torture of the people in Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay and to deter other states from using torture.

For further information, contact

Gail Davidson, Tel: 604 738 0338; Fax: 604 736 1175, Email:  
[law \(at\) portal.ca](mailto:law@portal.ca)

LAW is an international group of jurists and others based in Canada with members in 14 countries.

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from Rita

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### 2. SUPPORT PICKETS

TWU (Telus) ? Media Guild (CBC)

Thursday - August 25, 2005

1. TWU Picket ? 5:30 to 6:00 pm

Seymour & Robson Office (Downtown Vancouver)

2. CBC Picket ? 6:00 to 6:30 pm

Hamilton St (Downtown Vancouver)

Please contact the VDLC if your local can have representatives

attend the picket,

In solidarity,

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Keziah McCrystal Rothlin, Executive Asst.  
Vancouver and District Labour Council  
#140 - 111 Victoria Drive  
Vancouver, BC V5L 4C4  
604-254-0703 Phone  
[vdlc \(at\) telus.net](mailto:vdlc@telus.net) Email

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From: VDLC

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3. From the Series Resistance, Rebellion and Revolution in Latin-America

La Surda Collective Presents:

Mexico - The Rebel South  
Information Night on Guerrero, Oaxaca and Chiapas

Guest Speakers:

- . Raul Gatica from Oaxaca,  
Popular Indigenous Counsel- Ricardo Flores Magon.
- . Eric Doherty, Building Bridges Humans Rights Project
- . Group of Relatives and Friends of Political Prisoners in Mexico

Thursday, Aug. 25th at 6:30 pm  
SFU - HARBOUR CENTER (Room # 1600)  
515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Further information: [lasurda \(at\) resist.ca](mailto:lasurda@resist.ca)

From: "LaSurda"

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You are invited to a public forum and discussion:

4. Canada in Haiti: Regime change, repression and resistance

August 25th 7:00pm Palestine Community Centre, 1874 Kingsway (west of

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Victoria Dr.)

Featuring:

Aaron Mate, Montreal-based solidarity activist and writer who travelled to Haiti in December 2004, and a member of Haiti Solidarity BC and participant in the World Youth Festival in Venezuela.

Admission by donation.

Organized by Haiti Solidarity BC.

For more information call 778-858-5179 or email [haitisolidaritybc \(at\) yahoo.ca](mailto:haitisolidaritybc(at)yahoo.ca)

From: "No One is Illegal-Vancouver"

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**5. No One Is Illegal August 27th Picnic - Trout Lake Park**

No One is Illegal invites all our comrades fighting in the movement for immigrant/refugee rights and self-determination for Third world communities, our indigenous sisters and brothers, our friends, families, allies and supporters to join us for a late summer picnic/feast in the park.

A chance to come together, celebrate our stories of resistance, eat good food and have some fun!

Date: Saturday August 27  
Picnic/Feast Location: Trout Lake Park  
3350 Victoria Drive (16th and Victoria)  
Time: 2pm-6pm



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Look for the NOII banner

Food: will be provided and guaranteed to be delicious! Feel free to bring something if you like.

Bring: games for kids and adults, blanket or sheet, poetry, musical instruments and anything else you'd like to share.

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No One is Illegal-Vancouver

To subscribe to low-traffic email announcement list email

[noui-van \(at\) resist.ca](mailto:noui-van@resist.ca)

web: <http://noui-van.resist.ca>

email: [noui-van \(at\) resist.ca](mailto:noui-van@resist.ca)

(604)682-3269 x 7149

Office 714, 207 West Hastings, Vancouver BC V6B 1H7

The No One is Illegal campaign is in full confrontation with Canadian colonial border policies, denouncing and taking action to combat racial profiling of immigrants and refugees, detention and deportation policies, and wage-slave conditions of migrant workers and non-status people.

We struggle for the right for our communities to maintain their livelihoods and resist war, occupation and displacement, while building alliances and supporting indigenous sisters and brothers also fighting theft of land and displacement.

From: "No One is Illegal-Vancouver"

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**6. CONVERT YOUR VEHICLE TO BIOFUEL**

August 27, 2005

With Edward Beggs (member of BC Sustainable Energy Association)

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

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at O.U.R ECOVILLAGE. Shawnigan Lake, BC, Canada

Cost:\$110 per person (including lunch) - \$90 for BCSEA members

\*\*please note if you are not a BCSEA member this may be a membership savings which makes it worthwhile to join.

Edward has a varied background in different perspectives relating to Bio-Diesel, Straight Vegetable Oil (SVO) or Waste Vegetable Oil (WVO), mechanics etc. He has spent much of his time looking at best options in vehicle models for conversion to SVO and/or which have most favorable or challenging issues running on Bio-Diesel. Please do some research on his website prior to attending.

This workshop will begin with a presentation on BioFuels and then move into an actual hands on project converting a 1983 5 cyl diesel Mercedes 300D 3 litre (one of the most prime motors to use for conversion).

This vehicle was partially donated for the purpose of education and demonstration around bio-diesel or SVO.

For more info please contact [our \(at\) pacifcoast.net](mailto:our(at)pacifcoast.net) or call (250)743-3067.

In community,  
O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE  
[www.ourecovillage.org](http://www.ourecovillage.org)

From: Brandy

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7. Emergency International Day of Action!

No Asylum in the US for Anti-Cuba Terrorist Luis Posada Carriles!

EXTRADITE POSADA TO VENEZUELA!

US HANDS OFF CUBA!

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Lift the Blockade Against Cuba!

Free the Cuban Five Held in US Jails!

march and rally

MONDAY AUGUST 29TH

at 4:30pm

Vancouver Art Gallery

(Robson St. @ Hornby St.)

Organized by:

Vancouver Communities in Solidarity with Cuba (VCSC)

[www.vancubasolidarity.com](http://www.vancubasolidarity.com) | [cubacommunities \(at\) yahoo.ca](mailto:cubacommunities@yahoo.ca) |

778.882.5223

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?Dia Internacional de Accion!

?No Asilo en los E.U. Para Este Terrorista Anti-Cubano  
Luis Posada Carriles!

?EXTRADITEN A POSADA A VENEZUELA!

?E.U MANOS FUERA DE CUBA!

?Abajo el Bloqueo Contra Cuba!

?Libertad para los Cinco Cubanos Prisioneros en los  
E.U.!

protesta y marcha

LUNES, 29 DE AGOSTO

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a las 6:30 de la tarde  
Vancouver Art Gallery  
(Robson St. @ Hornby St.)

Organizado por: las Comunidades de Vancouver en  
Solidaridad con Cuba (VCSC)  
778-882-5223 | [www.vancubasolidarity.com](http://www.vancubasolidarity.com) |  
[cubacommunities \(at\) yahoo.ca](mailto:cubacommunities@yahoo.ca)

From: "Tamara Hansen"

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### 8. Amnesty International presents "Hip Hop 4 Africa"

Help end the use of child soldiers in the Congo by joining Amnesty International at the "Hip Hop 4 Africa" fundraiser at Lucy Mae Brown on Tuesday, August 30, starting at 9 pm. Partial proceeds will benefit BVES, a Congolese non-governmental organization that works with marginalized children and promotes children's rights.

BVES activities include maintaining a centre for former child soldiers in the city of Bukavu, where they are offered support until they are able to be reunited with their families. Over the last year, the centre cared for more than 370 former child soldiers, including around 60 girl soldiers.

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people dedicated to the protection and promotion of human rights.

One of Vancouver's hottest late night lounges, Lucy Mae Brown is located at 862 Richards at Smithe. The evening will be hosted by Kyprios of Sweatshop Union and will feature DJ Kutcorners, DJ 107, DJ Set and others. There will be exciting door and raffle prizes all night, with bonus draws before 10 pm. Advance tickets are \$10, and may be reserved by calling Rachel at 778-228-7464 or Don at 604-294-5160. Tickets at the door will be \$15.

Submitted by:  
Don Wright  
Amnesty International Canada  
[dwright \(at\) amnesty.ca](mailto:dwright@amnesty.ca)

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[www.amnesty.bc.ca](http://www.amnesty.bc.ca)

From: [dwright \(at\) amnesty.ca](mailto:dwright@amnesty.ca)

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## 9. LABOUR DAY RALLY

In support of locked out TWU members

Location: Across from the Telus Building  
Corner of Kingsway & Boundary  
Burnaby, BC  
Time: 12:00 noon

Tentative Speakers:

- ? BCFL President ? Jim Sinclair
- ? CLC President ? Ken Georgetti
- ? TWU worker (Telus)
- ? CMG worker (CBC)
- ? United Steelworker (Teck Cominco-Trail)

Updates and other info to come soon

For more information: Please call the B.C. Federation of Labour- 604-430-1421

From: "Tom Sandborn"

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## 10. Operation Enduring Resistance: Remembering Nine-Eleven

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH @ 6:30 PM  
DOGWOOD CENTER (706 Clark Drive)  
DINNER, SPEAKERS, MUSIC.  
Supported by Caf? Rebelde Coalition.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH  
SFU HARBOUR CENTER (515 W. HASTINGS)  
FORUMS FROM 2-6 PM

\* Speakers including: Sunera Thobani, Splitting the Sky, Lorena Jara, Cecilia Diocson, Parisa Yazdi, Imran Munir, introduced by Hari Sharma, and more.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH @ 2 PM  
A COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION  
GATHER AT MAIN STREET SKYTRAIN STATION (THORNTON PARK)

9-11 should never be forgotten. One of them happened only four years ago, with about three thousand human lives as collateral damage. The American people became victims of the kind of terror and grief experienced by hundreds of thousands of innocent people around the world for many decades. But George Bush and his cohorts quickly turned the genuine grief of the people into a "crusade" of his own. A unilateral war, a global war, the "War on Terrorism", was instantly declared - unleashing terror here, there, everywhere. The "9-11" of 2001 became a landmark, dividing the world between the war-ravaging US government and its allies - a handful of reluctant, coerced or bought-out governments - on the one hand, and the people of the world on the other.

But there was another "9-11", going back to 1973. It was precisely on September 11 of that year that the US government staged the military coup in Chile, gunning down the democratically elected president, Salvador Allende, in his own office - and turning the whole country into a decades-long dark night of brutal repression, unremitting exploitation, and a laboratory for neo-liberalism.

Then there is September 12, 1977 when Steven Biko, first president of the all-Black South African Students? Organization, also became the forty-first person in South Africa to die while being held in the custody of the apartheid regime.

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On September 13th, 1971, the U.S government ordered a shooting in the Attica Prison in New York. At least 450 rounds of ammunition were discharged with 29 inmates dead. The Attica Rebellion, organized by predominantly political prisoners from the American Indian Movement, the Black Liberation Army, and anti-war activists, was the most well-organized prison uprising in U.S. history.

And we must never forget September 14th, 1992 in Somalia when the United Nations Security Council first began its "humanitarian" intervention.

What happened on that 9-11 in Chile, or that 9-13 in Attica, was not unique. For decades the US-led system of imperialism has been doing exactly that: in Asia, Middle-east, Africa, Central and South America; ruthlessly suppressing people's aspirations for democracy, social justice, economic well-being and genuine independence; and imposing brutal, despotic tyrants in one country after the other.

On 9-11 of this year, 2005, we call upon all the people of goodwill, as lovers of peace, equality and social justice, to come together to commemorate the memory of the people who died in America four years ago, and the countless thousands who before that day and since that day have lost their lives, their limbs, their dignity and their homes in the wars and imperialist greed undertaken by the USA, currently under the cover of "War on Terrorism".

And when we commemorate, we also resolve to build solidarity among the people of the world in their just struggles against imperialism.

Organized by a network of organizations- La Surda Latin American Collective, South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy, No One is Illegal, Vancouver Association of Chinese Canadians, Committee for Solidarity with Colombia, Iranian Federation of Refugees, Kalayaan Center, and Vancouver Status of Women.

For more information, email [noii-van \(at\) resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca) or call 778-552-2099

Website: <http://vancouver.nooneisillegal.org>

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11. UBCIC Job Opportunity - Researcher

JOB OPPORTUNITY ? UBCIC, VANCOUVER OFFICE

RESEARCHER

UBCIC Research has an opening for a full-time experienced Researcher. Reporting directly to the Senior Researcher and Research Director this position will focus on archival research, document analysis and the production of detailed historical reports related to specific claims. The successful candidate will also assist in UBCIC Research initiatives involving education, support and outreach to the BC Aboriginal research community. Duties will include but not be limited to:

- ? The identification and copying of potentially relevant documents and maps from public and private archives, government offices and university libraries
- ? Document analysis
- ? Assist in preparation and submission of draft written research reports and memoranda summarizing documentation and setting out research findings
- ? Undertaking other research and administrative tasks as may be required
- ? Providing advice and reference services to community-based researchers
- ? Assisting with workshops, conferences, lectures and publications.
- ? Maintaining and updating department database
- ? Providing orientations to the UBCIC Resource Centre for visiting community-based researchers

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree or higher in relevant fields or equivalent experience  
Excellent analytical skills and previous archival research experience  
Superior writing and editing skills  
Proficient computer skills including internet skills  
Strong comprehension of specific claims research policy a must  
Practical experience with specific claims research procedures is an asset  
Strong knowledge of the vision and goals of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs

Salary range is \$32,000 to \$36,000 per annum, depending upon experience. Please send a cover letter, resume, references and samples of writing to the attention of the Research Director. We thank all candidates for their interest and regret that only those candidates who are short listed for interviews will be contacted.

Closing date for applications is Monday September 12, 2005.



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The Union of BC Indian Chiefs wishes to thank all applicants for their interest, and advises that only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply. However, qualified Aboriginal applicants will be given priority.

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500-342 water street ? Vancouver, BC ? V6B 1B6

Fax: (604) 684-5726

Email: [research \(at\) ubcic.bc.ca](mailto:research(at)ubcic.bc.ca) Web: <http://www.ubcic.bc.ca>

The UBCIC is a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

This page and all other News Releases can be found here.

From: "UBCIC Current Events"

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### 12. ACT on Tour

Early bird deadlines for September workshops have been extended to September 1st.

#### Case Management for Autism

A Survival Guide for Parents, a Practice Guideline for Professionals

September 17th, 2005 in Vancouver

October 29, 2005 in Fort St. John

November 26, 2005 in Nanaimo

March 4, 2006 in Castlegar

Are you a parent receiving autism funding but are you unsure how to spend it effectively for your child?

Would you like to better understand autism so that you can plan your interventions with

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confidence?

Would you like to learn how to build a team approach to intervention for your child?

Are you a professional looking for more insights to help the families you are supporting?

Participate in a fascinating workshop presented by Dr. Jill Calder and maximize the impact of your autism funding!

Dr. Jill is recognized throughout BC for her insightful and amusing presentations on the nature of autism and the need for parents to develop their skills as knowledgeable team leaders for their child's intervention program - a case management approach. With a decade's experience of successfully parenting her son with autism, Dr. Calder builds on her expertise as a highly respected rehabilitative medicine specialist and combines this with her wide-ranging practical grasp of autism treatment. The result is a workshop full of important insights into the special challenges of autism for families.

See the attached registration form or download from [www.actbc.ca/act\\_wkshop\\_pdfs/Case\\_Management.pdf](http://www.actbc.ca/act_wkshop_pdfs/Case_Management.pdf)

Call ACT at 604-205-5467

or toll free at 1-866-939-5188 to register or for more information. We are able to accept Mastercard or Visa. Parents may use up to 20% of their autism funding for training opportunities. ACT has bursaries available for low-income parents. We are a not-for-profit society that prioritizes parent training.

Early bird deadlines for September workshops have been extended to September 1st. Early Bird registration costs: \$65 for parents and paraprofessionals; \$90 for professionals

From: Deborah Pugh - ACT

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### 13. World Peace Forum Women's Working Group

The committee organizing the following celebration for the World Peace Forum Women's Working Group needs some volunteers to help in organizing: participate, publicity (spread the word). art work (banners. props), help at the event, ideas...

Sept 18 Celebration of International Peace Day

Come, participate in a celebration of International Peace Day on Sunday September 18 from 2 - 4 pm at the Vancouver Art Gallery, Georgia Street Grounds (Georgia/ Hornby)

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Join us in song and dance as we help to create a culture of peace leading up to the Vancouver World Peace Forum June 23 - 28, 2006. Under the direction of the 'Wild Wandering Sage' we guarantee our colourful, joyous and thoughtful event will lift your spirits and renew your energy.

Information phone 604-294-5834 Email [ewdean \(at\) telus.net](mailto:ewdean@telus.net) .

Organized by World Peace Forum 2006: Women's Working Group

From: "Elsie Dean"

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### 14. AIDS WALK for LIFE Commemorates 20 Years

#### Demand Increases for HIV and AIDS Services

No. 05/06 - 26

August 23, 2005

Contact:

Lisa Gallo

Director of Communications

BC Persons With AIDS Society

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VANCOUVER - It started as a noble effort to help the sick and dying. A deadly and mysterious virus, at the time, was decimating identifiable groups of people across the country. With no cure in sight, few treatment options and public fear and discrimination, a small group of activists who later became the BC Persons With AIDS Society (BCPWA Society), took action. They were the first in Canada to come together and organize a walk to raise funds to help those suffering from life-threatening HIV. That small walk, in June 1986, became the prototype of hundreds of fundraising walks held across the country.

Formerly known as the "AIDS Walk", Vancouver's annual fundraiser is now a part of a national campaign called "WALK for LIFE". The funds raised during the Walk are of critical importance to many organizations, which provide services to people living with HIV and AIDS.

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In the early 1980s, HIV/AIDS was considered a disease that primarily affected gay men, intravenous drug users, hemophiliacs and Haitians. Today the disease is also affecting such populations as First Nations, heterosexual women and men, teenagers, older adults (people 50 years and older), and sex trade workers.

"The demographic profile of those infected with HIV today is much different from 20 or 25 years ago," says Glyn Townson, a long-term survivor of HIV for more than 20 years and vice-chair of the BCPWA Society. "The demand for increased services from a larger, more diverse clientele is overwhelming communities and support organizations. With 12,000 to 15,000 men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS in BC, the Walk is crucial to improving their quality of life."

According to Paul Lewand, BCPWA Society Chair, "Over the last 10 years, the number of HIV-positive people the BC Persons With AIDS Society supports has grown by 160 percent, while its core funding per person has decreased by 55 percent."

The WALK for LIFE funds direct services for people living with HIV and AIDS through the following organizations: AIDS Vancouver, Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS, BCPWA Society, Friends For Life, Healing Our Spirit, McLaren Housing Society, Positive Women's Network, Surrey HIV/AIDS Centre Society, Western Canadian Pediatric AIDS Society, Wings Housing Society and YouthCO AIDS Society.

Registration for the WALK for LIFE is now open. Individuals, teams of people and dog walkers are all encouraged to register and walk. New, convenient online registration and donation pledges can be made at [www.bcpwa.org](http://www.bcpwa.org) or by calling 604-915-WALK.

The WALK for LIFE is on Sunday, September 25 in Stanley Park. Registration and the walk take place at 8:30am and 11:00am respectively in Upper Ceperley Park (located at the Beach Avenue entrance to Stanley Park).

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15. Capital Change: The New Return on Investment Conference

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September 26th and 27th in ABBOTSFORD, BC

Abbotsford, BC - Fraser Valley and lower mainland non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses, community economic developers, cooperative members, entrepreneurs, social enterprise practitioners and individuals interested in entrepreneurial opportunities resulting from social and economic change will want to attend the first ever social enterprise conference to be held in the Fraser Valley. Capital Change: The New Return on Investment Conference will take place on September 26th and 27th at the Ramada Inn and Conference Centre in Abbotsford, BC.

Inspired by designated support for the social economy in the 2004 throne speech, Mennonite Central Committee, Employment & Community Development (MCC-ECD) and Community Futures South Fraser (CFSF) initiated a partnership with the intention of establishing the Fraser Valley Centre for Social Enterprise (FVCSE) with the support of Western Economic Diversification. The Capital Change: The New Return on Investment Conference is a major component in the development of the new centre.

CFSF and MCC-ECD understand the social and economic needs of their communities. They recognize the necessity of for-profit businesses to stretch beyond corporate and social responsibility and join with non-profit organizations to build new enterprises that meet social goals with accountability and sustainability for community development. The Centre is located at CFSF under the leadership of Stacey Corriveau, FVCSE Director and Ron Van Wyk, FVCSE Director of Research and MCC BC Employment & Community Development Director.

The conference organizing committee includes local non-profit and business leaders, representatives of neighbouring communities and individuals committed to social enterprise. "Responding entrepreneurially to economic opportunities in conjunction with social and environmental challenges will result in improved community vibrancy and health," states Ron Van Wyk, Chairperson of the Conference Organizing Committee. "This centre and conference will mark a turning point in information, and expertise sharing for engaged community building and is the next step in the shift to a new model of community organization" states Stacey Corriveau.

Conference organizer Dianne Archer is adhering to the conference core values that are aligned with the FVCSE and the conference goals to:

? Define social enterprise as it relates to the Fraser Valley

? Assist businesses and nonprofits consider social enterprise as it relates to their organization

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? Present information and tools for understanding and acting on the paradigm shift

? Provide current opportunities for social enterprise applications to priority issues identified by UWFV

? Contribute to the dialogue on economic and community benefit of entrepreneurial approaches to socio-economic challenges in the Fraser Valley Economic Community

"Blending non-profit commitment and passion for initiating services that meet community needs with business drive for entrepreneurial strategies and practices holds the promise of innovative organization structures that can provide flexibility and sustainability," states Archer.

The line-up of speakers and presenters represents the cream of BC economic sectors. Included are: David Baxter, Executive Director Urban Futures Institute; Dave Mowat, CEO Vancity Credit Union; Rupert Downing, Executive Director CCEDNET; David LePage, CEO Fast Track to Employment; John Restakis, Executive Director BC Cooperative Association; Shauna Sylvester Executive Director IMPACS; Jamie Bonham Senior Researcher Canadian Business for Social Responsibility and many more.

This conference will bring together community economic information and experts in a synergistic package that will ignite imagination and fuel productive activity with tangible results for all participants. The stage will be set for the Fraser Valley to become leaders in this dynamic wave of development. Stay tuned for more details in the next weeks as programs, keynote speakers and presenters are confirmed.

For more information and conference registration visit the website at [www.centreforsocialenterprise.com](http://www.centreforsocialenterprise.com), email [dianne \(at\) darcherassociates.ca](mailto:dianne(at)darcherassociates.ca) or call 604.313.5988

"Join nonprofit directors, business leaders, community economic development experts and social entrepreneurs at the Capital Change: The New Return on Investment Conference September 26 and 27 in Abbotsford, BC. Hear experts inspire action from personal experience. Attend workshop sessions presenting information and tools that will enhance current operations and create future possibilities. Participate in discussions and debates for lively interaction of issues and ideas.

Register by August 26th for 2 days that includes breakfasts, lunches, a dinner plus all your

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sessions for the early bird price of \$200 - after the 26th registration is \$250. Curious to learn more? Check out [www.centreforsocialenterprise.com](http://www.centreforsocialenterprise.com) ."

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**16. Celebrating 75 Years of Social Work Education at UBC**

Please join us in celebrating 75 years of social work education at UBC! We are hosting a series of in conjunction with UBC Alumni Weekend

September 28 - 29, 2005 - International Symposium

Food and Human Rights:

Hunger, Health and Social Well-being

An exciting agenda is being prepared including our two keynote speakers:

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Food Needs: What does it take to be taken seriously?

Dr. Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy, City University, UK

The Right to Food: A tool for action

Dr. Asbjørn Eide, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo and UN Food Consultant

Brochure Form - Conference

- [http://www.swfs.ubc.ca/fileadmin/template/main/images/departments/social\\_work/75\\_anniversary/brochure4.pdf](http://www.swfs.ubc.ca/fileadmin/template/main/images/departments/social_work/75_anniversary/brochure4.pdf)

Agenda Details - Conference

- <http://www.swfs.ubc.ca/index.php?id=4954>

For details of the two-day agenda see??? [www.alumni.ubc.ca/rsvp](http://www.alumni.ubc.ca/rsvp) for registration and fee info

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It is impossible to simultaneously protect, and print on, ancient forests.  
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"Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives."

William James (1842 - 1910)

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