



## May Newsletter

*Updates, events, and recommended reading from Women Transforming Cities.*



Last week we recognized Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit Peoples (MMIWG2S) by looking at five [Calls to Justice](#) that municipalities can action today in our [latest blog post](#).

As we discussed in our two part webinar series on the TRC Calls to Action, we all have a role to play in implementing the work laid out for us by survivors and their families.

The calls "aren't just about institutions, or about governments, although they have foundational obligations to uphold; **there is a role for everyone in the short and the long term**. Individuals, institutions, and governments can all play a part; we encourage you, as you read these recommendations, **to understand and, most importantly, to act on yours.**"

**Updates from WTC**

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## WTC spoke at the May Day International Worker's Day rally

A big thank you to the Vancouver & District Labour Council for organizing the May Day Rally and inviting our board member, Serena Jackson, to speak to the connection between the feminist and labour movements and how we can demand better from our city. "Feminism means recognizing systemic inequities and doing something about it. And when you think about it, isn't that what the labour movement does?"



[Watch Full Speech](#)

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## The systemic housing crisis requires systemic solutions

Last month, WTC board members published an Op-Ed in *The Province* in response to the inhumane decampment of the DTES. "Addressing the housing crisis requires transformative action from all levels of government. The City of Vancouver can't fix these systemic problems alone — but its leaders have the ability to contribute to long-term solutions if they choose to make it a priority. These solutions don't require the forced removal of residents."



[Read Article](#)

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## WTC workshops

Did you know that WTC delivers workshops to organizations and groups on intersectionality, civic literacy and community organizing? In the last month we've delivered workshops for Sliced Mango Collective, Pacific Immigrant Resource Centre, Living In Community and Mt Pleasant Neighbourhood House.



We are planning our workshops for the rest of the year - find out more and get in touch if you are interested!

[More Info](#)

## Become a member today!

Did you know that becoming an official WTC member gives you access to special members-only events and resources? **We're hosting our first members-only meetup this month and we'd love to see you there!**

Become a member of WTC today and join our community of intersectional feminists working to make the places we live equitable spaces where everyone can belong and thrive.



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## Upcoming Events

### Let's Talk Housing

With last month's decampment and the rising cost of living, we've all got housing on our minds. Join former City



Councillor, Jean Swanson on **May 9 at 10:00 AM (PDT)** at the Community Drop-In at the DTES Neighbourhood House to listen to and dialogue with residents in hopes of creating a concrete list of priorities around housing needs that will better inform housing advocacy moving forward.

[More Info](#)



## Changing outcomes for women experiencing homelessness & engaged in survival sex work

Join the Women's National Housing & Homelessness Network for their second webinar in their [At the Intersection](#) series. Tune in on **May 12 at 11:00 AM (PDT)** to hear from Street Level Women at Risk (SLWAR) representatives, including a founding member of the Women's Advisory Group discuss "lessons learned from implementing a successful Housing First program for individuals who identify as women engaged in survival sex work."

[Register Here](#)



## Promoting Inclusive BIPOC Leadership & Economic Empowerment

The Women's Economic Council's annual conference from **May 9 to May 11** is focused on promoting leadership and economic empowerment for Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour. There is an incredible lineup of speakers scheduled to present, so we encourage you to [explore their events](#) and tune in to this year's conference.

[Register Here](#)



## Catch a film at this year's DOXA

DOXA Documentary Film Festival is on from **May 4 to May 14** and there is so much to see including a film about our very own Chinatown ([Big Fight in Little Chinatown](#)), a film about the 2012 Montreal student demonstrations, and so many stories about resistance, community, identity and more. Here's a list of [Local and Canadian Talent to Watch](#) to help you narrow down some options.

[More Info](#)

## Where Do We Go From Here? Mapping Climate Justice Frontlines in Vancouver



UBC's Centre for Climate Justice and SFU Community-Engaged Research Initiative are teaming up to host a discussion on climate justice and the bridges needed "among people, movements, and issues - in order to ensure that justice is centered in all climate action" on **Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 PM (PDT)** at the Harbour Centre in SFU's downtown campus (515 West Hastings St.).

[Register Here](#)

**The intersection of gender and disability**  
Come join us for an exploration of how the 2021/2022 Gender Equality Report Card advances a framework to end disability poverty  
**Wednesday, May 17**  
**10am-11:30am PT**



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**Advancing gender equality: a conversation on ending poverty for people with disabilities**  
West Coast Leaf and Disability Without Poverty are hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, May 17 from 10:00-11:30 AM (PDT)** on "key actions and inactions taken by the BC and federal government to address economic insecurity and access to healthcare, focusing on the intersectional experiences of people with disabilities." We'll see you there.

[Register Here](#)

## Read, Watch, & Learn

- Take a continuing studies course from Ginger Gosnell-Myers and Keltie Craig on [Climate Justice: Building Just and Equitable Communities](#)
- Explore this [event page](#) full from Art + Feminism which includes both in-person and online community events.

- Read WISH's [By Us, For Us \(BUFU\) report](#) that surveyed over 200 sex workers for a needs and risks assessment of sex workers in the lower mainland and southern Vancouver Island.
- Listen to the episode [The evolution of queer spaces](#) to learn all about preserving queer spaces and how they've changed since the 1950s.
- Get inspired by [Finland and their 'Housing First' policy](#).
- Consider filling out Battered Women's Support Services [survivor survey](#) if you are a cisgender or transgender woman or gender-diverse person who has experienced intimate partner violence, domestic violence and/or gender-based violence.



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