



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



It was great to connect so many of you at the various events celebrating International Women's Day this past week. Like you, WTC believes that recognizing the inequities that exist for equity-deserving genders and advocating for better policies and programs to meet those needs is our collective work more than just one day a year.

To understand what solutions to advocate for, we must first understand how our intersecting identities affect the way we experience the world. Only then can we take action to address the barriers that exist for equity-deserving genders to belong and thrive.

**This month, our aim is to bring our community an opportunity for both: to learn and to act.**

Join us for our second [learning series webinar on intersectionality](#) (more details below) and explore our [civic resources](#) that just launched today! The webinar will provide a foundation to understand how to view policies through an intersectional lens. Our resources will then give you the tools to make accessing and engaging with the City of Vancouver to achieve those policies just a little bit easier.

Together, we can embody the values of International Women's Day all year long.

## Monthly Highlights

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- WTC's marched at the 33rd Annual Women's Memorial March in the DTES (pictured above) to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.
- WTC launched our learning series with an *Understanding Local Government + Your Ability to Affect Change* webinar that covered key players in local government, areas of opportunity to affect local decision-making, and answered questions on how to engage at the local level.
- WTC joined 70+ feminist organizations across Canada in opposing Alberta Premier Danielle Smith's reckless proposed restrictions on the rights, freedoms, and medical care of trans youth. Read and amplify [the statement](#).
- WTC hosted a virtual town hall to provide community feedback & help shape British Columbia Law Institute's recommendations for changes to BC policy around the public hearing process during land use decisions.
- WTC connected with the social justice community at Vancouver's Social Justice Film Festival KDocs. Thank you to those of you who came to say hello at our booth!



## Updates from WTC

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### Intersectionality: A Framework for Life and Feminist Policy

Join us for the next learning series workshop on **March 20th at 12:00 PM** as we explore:

- The history and origins of intersectionality

- An introspective approach to your own varying identities
- How to apply intersectionality to your life and policies

Workshops are \$10, but free for our members so sign up to [become a member](#) today. *Members can access the free code via Slack or in our past Member Dispatch.*

[Register](#)


## Explore WTC's Civic Resources

Understanding how local governments work is hard. Building the confidence and safety to participate in that system is even harder. We are proud to launch [13 civic resources](#) that cover topics like who makes up Vancouver's local government and how to speak to council. These resources explore opportunities to have your voice heard and provide tips to make it easier along the way. We hope these resources can help guide you as you advocate for change at the local level.

[Civic Resources](#)

## We welcomed three new board directors to our team!

We are so excited to announce that three new board directors have joined




# INTERSECTIONALITY: A FRAMEWORK FOR LIFE AND FEMINIST POLICY

A WTC LEARNING SERIES

A workshop to explore intersectionality as a framework, including its history and origin and how to apply it in your life.

**MARCH 20**  
**12:00-1:00 PM (PST)**  
**ON ZOOM**



# WTC's Civic Resources

BUILDING THE CONFIDENCE  
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us. Please welcome [Iris Cheng](#) ([she/they](#)), [Anita Lal](#) ([she/her](#)) and [Sadie Gilker](#) ([they/them](#)) to our team! We know that their civic knowledge, enthusiasm for equity, and strong leadership will contribute greatly to our organization over these next few years.

## Welcome to our new WTC Board Directors!



IRIS CHENG  
(SHE/THEY)



ANITA LAL  
(SHE/HER)



SADIE GILKER  
(THEY/THEM)

## Help us advocate to meet more childcare needs for BC families!

WTC endorsed the [Seamless Childcare Now](#) campaign asking school trustees to take action and use existing classrooms as childcare spaces after school hours to ease the childcare shortage, make things easier for parents, and provide better jobs for early childcare educators. We encourage you to do the same! [Sign the letter here.](#)

## Take Action Now to Meet BC Families' Childcare Needs

All BC families with school-aged kids should have access to quality, affordable childcare close to home.

We're making progress, but not nearly fast enough for the many families that need childcare now, especially those with school-aged children.

## How to Organize for Change: Community Organizing + Running a Campaign

Register now for next month's learning series workshop on **April 24th at 5:30 PM (PST)** as we explore:

- Roles of community organizers
- Building & yielding power
- Creating a campaign strategy
- Campaign tactics

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The flyer features the WTC logo (Women Transforming Cities) at the top left. The main title is 'HOW TO ORGANIZE FOR CHANGE: COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & RUNNING A CAMPAIGN'. Below the title is an illustration of four diverse people (two men and two women) engaged in various activities: one man is speaking into a megaphone, one woman is on a laptop, one man is holding a document, and two women are sitting at a table with papers. To the right of the illustration is a box that says 'A WTC LEARNING SERIES'. Below that is a paragraph: 'A workshop to build your understanding of community organizing, building & wielding power, and creating campaign strategies.' At the bottom right, a box contains the date and time: 'APRIL 24 5:30-7:00 PM (PST) ON ZOOM'. The flyer has a yellow background with teal and red accents.

WTC WOMEN TRANSFORMING CITIES

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## Upcoming Events

MARCH 14

### FIGHTING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF COMMUNITIES



#### Fighting the Criminalization of Communities

The chair of SFU's Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies department, AJ Withers, will moderate this conversation between two community organizers, Liat Ben-Moshe and Aero Marion, about carceral (un)housing in Vancouver and the criminalization of marginalized communities and resistance. Head down for this free event at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts (149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC) on **Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 PM (PDT)**.

Tickets

#### The launch of Overcaste: an anti-caste exhibit

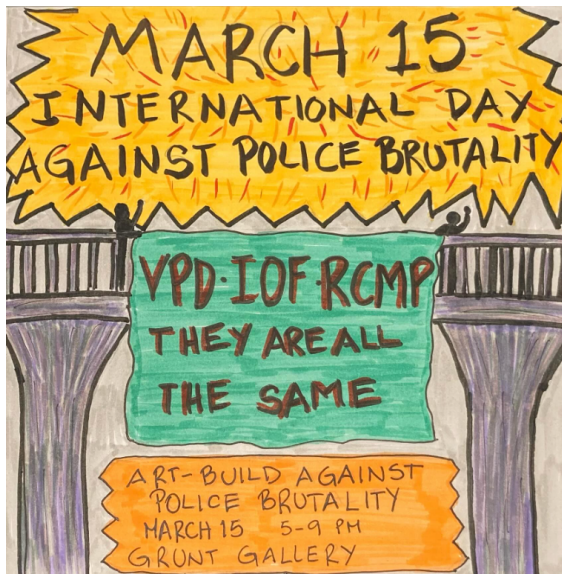
Poetic Justice Foundation is unveiling "a groundbreaking, bold, and provocative anti-caste exhibit that challenges societal norms and impactful narratives" on **Saturday, March 16 from 4:00-5:30 PM (PDT)**.

Stop by to see an "unprecedented anti-caste exhibit exposes the harsh realities of caste discrimination within



Punjabi communities across BC. Through the transformative power of storytelling, we centre the unsettling truths that have lingered on the margins for too long."

Tickets



## International Day Against Police Brutality

To mark the international day against police brutality we'll be gathering at the Grunt Gallery (Unit 116 - 350 East 2nd ave) on **Friday, March 15 at 5:00 PM (PT)** with masks on to make banners and silk screen t-shirts that call for an end to police brutality. For more details or to inquire more about accessibility reach out to the organizers at

[access@grunt.ca](mailto:access@grunt.ca)

More Info

## Understanding & fighting back against the transphobic movement in "Canada"

On **Monday, March 25 at 10:00 AM (PDT)** JusticeTrans is hosting a

Don't miss, on March 25, 2024, 13:00-18:00 EST, **online:**

## **Understanding & fighting back against the transphobic movement in "Canada"**

*An event for trans communities and our allies*

### **Schedule**

- 1:00 Opening ceremony
- 1:45 Presentation: Tracking Transphobia
- 3:30 Roundtable
- 4:30 Community care session
- 5:30 Closing ceremony

With artistic performances and many other surprises!



symposium for trans communities and allies that includes a presentation on transphobia, a roundtable discussion, and a community care session. There will be artistic performances celebrating trans joy and a safe space to discuss how to fight back against the current transphobic movement.

[Register](#)

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## Read, Watch, & Learn

- Read the final report [Upholding dignity and human rights: the Federal Housing Advocate's review of homeless encampments](#)
- Read [this Narwhal article](#) about 10 Black environmentalists building community
- [Email your school trustees](#) asking for action on existing classrooms as childcare spaces after school hours to ease the childcare shortage, make things easier for parents, and provide better jobs for early childcare educators.
- Watch SFU's Public Square [event video from Mobilizing Fear and Misinformation: Anti-SOGi and 'Parents Rights' Movements](#)
- Celebrate the art of Sick and Disabled, Mad, Crip QTBIPOC2S (Queer, Trans, Non-Binary, Black, Indigenous, People of colour and Two Spirit folks) at [the event My Petals are Bruised and I'm Still a Flower](#)



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