



March Newsletter

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



Yesterday was International Women's Day (IWD) which is always a great time to reflect on feminism and what #EmbracingEquity means to each of us.

Feminism isn't feminism unless it's trans-inclusive. **To be a feminist is to advocate for all who are marginalized because of their gender expression and identity.** To be a feminist is to question what actions collectively and individually we can take to create spaces and policies that reflect the needs of all of us.

Our board member, Alexa Traboulay wrote a blog post reflecting on International Women's Day and the 32nd Annual Women's Memorial March we attended last month. Here's a short excerpt:

Today is International Women's Day (IWD) and a very important day to reflect on how we centre Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people in the pursuit of gender equity.

Outside of the social justice sector, IWD has become synonymous with

celebration. Buzzwords such as 'women's empowerment' have become increasingly common in discussions about IWD, with many forgetting that IWD is, at its core, a day of protest and resistance. It is a day to acknowledge that significant inequities continue to exist, particularly for racialized women. The ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) is evidence of such inequities.

[Read Full Blog Here](#)

Updates from WTC

Where Equity Won and Lost in Vancouver's 2023 Budget

Our letter to City Council written with 14 other organizations urged Vancouver to invest in equity in the 2023 Operating Budget. Read our latest [blog](#) that explores missed opportunities and where investments fell short in this year's budget. While our advocacy efforts resulted in some wins, "**The ever-ballooning police budget creates a manufactured environment of scarcity for every other priority and community that the city ought to serve.**"

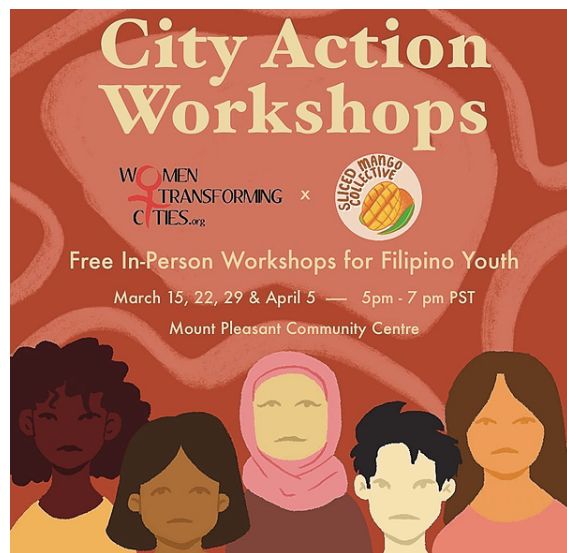
**"WE CAN'T
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[Read More Here](#)

Spread the word!

We've teamed up with [Sliced Mango Collective](#) to offer a series of free workshops for Filipino/a/x youth (aged 15-30) on civic engagement. These workshops will take place every **Wednesday at 5:00-7:00 PM from**

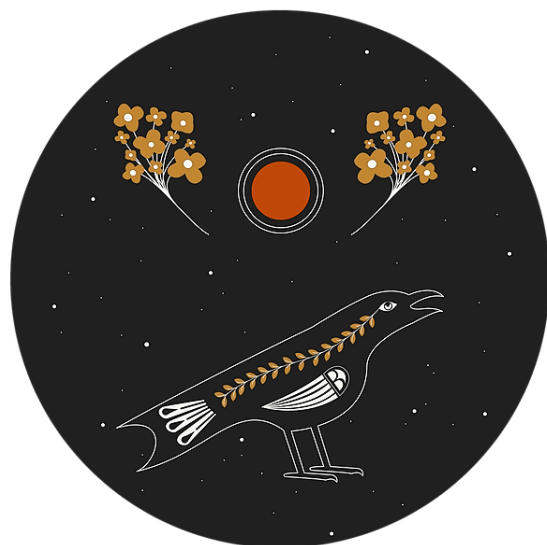
March 15 to April 5 and cover topics like Intersectionality, Community Organizing and Campaigning, and Understanding Local Government. Help us spread the word. Participants can join one session or join them all!



[Register Here](#)

TRC Webinars with FCM

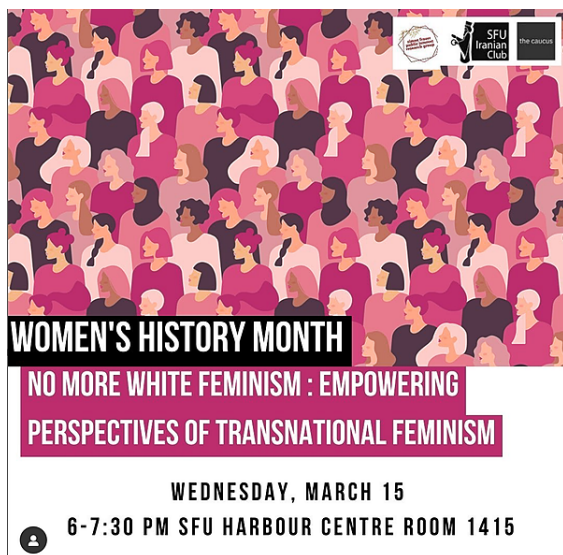
We're hosting a two part webinar series with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on **March 29 at 11AM** and **April 26 at 11 AM** to share our findings from our report [TRC Calls to Action in BC Municipalities](#) with 2,100 member governments across Canada. We'll cover some of the Calls to Action along with recommendations to accelerate implementation. Keep your eye out for more information on how to register soon.



Upcoming Events

No More White Feminism: Perspectives of Transnational Feminism

"When treated as a single issue struggle, feminism can turn a blind eye, and at times actively participate in oppressive practices, with white



[Register Here](#)

feminism, especially, having left its traces from one colonial and imperial project to another." Get ready to learn more and engage in meaningful discussion on **Wednesday, March 15 from 6-7:30 PM** at SFU Harbour Centre Room 1415.



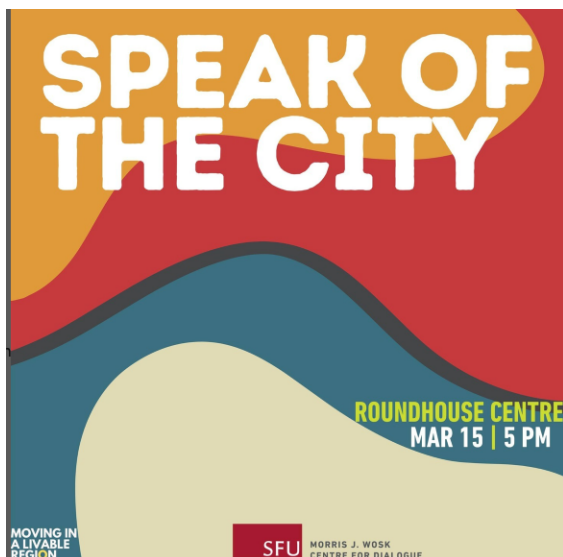
[Apply Here](#)

Voice for Women's Housing Hosts Skill Sharing Lessons

Apply to join the first of a four part webinar series from Voice for Women's Housing - Cultivating a Powerful Public Voice Based on Your Lived Expertise. This first session will be held **Saturday, March 11 at 10 AM (PST)**. The following three lessons cover who has the power in policy, how to community organize and what coalition building looks like.

Speak of the City

Organized by Moving in a Livable Region, an initiative of the SFU Centre for Dialogue, join us at the Roundhouse Community Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews in Yaletown by the Canada Line station) on **March 15th at**



5:00 PM to connect, learn about topics like mobility, public hearings, and you guessed it...chat about Vancouver! The event is casual, free to attend, and a great way to meet some of your neighbours.

[Register Here](#)



Status for All - Vancouver Rally

What better way to recognize the International Day for Elimination of Racism then heading down to CBC Plaza (700 Hamilton St.) on **March 19 at 12:00 PM** to join Migrant Rights Network in the streets as we "demand equal rights and permanent resident status for all undocumented people, migrant workers, students, families and refugees."

[RSVP Here](#)

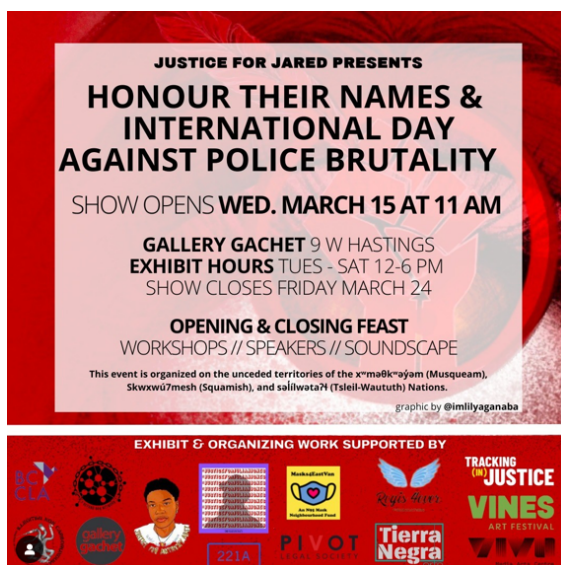


International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The University of Calgary and the University of Alberta have collaborated with international activists to bring us a multi-part series on caste-based discrimination. On **Tuesday, March 21**

from 12:00-1:30 PM (MST) Dalit-Bahujan leaders will discuss their research on "how caste-based discrimination and violence manifest in the North American academy" and how to organize for institutional and social change.

[Register Here](#)



Honour Their Names

In honour of International Day Against Police Brutality a gallery exhibit presented by Justice for Jared with support from various community organizations will open on **March 15 at 11 AM** at Gallery Gatchet (9 W Hastings). Checkout the exhibit anytime before the shop closes on March 24 with exhibit hours from **Tues-Saturday 12-6:00 PM**.

[More Info Here](#)

Read, Watch, & Learn

- Add your signature to the [There's No Gender Equality Without Trans Women statement](#) we joined hundreds of organizations in signing.
- Explore BWSS's [Gender Equity Learning and Knowledge Exchange](#), "a centralized hub for 300+ free resources related to Gender-Based Violence from provincial, national, and international sources."
- Learn all about how [Gender Inequality Makes Aging More Difficult for Women](#)
- Read [Canada's gender pandemic response - Did it measure up?](#) that our board member Julia Smith contributed to.
- Take a look at SFU Public Square's [2021 Community Summit Toward's Equity final report](#), but especially check out their [Towards Equity resource list](#).

- Watch this webinar from LTHJ Global on [Unlearning the Hatred of Women](#)



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