



November Newsletter

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



During times when it can feel hard to feel hopeful, we are reminded of Rebecca Solnit's 2003 book *Hope in the Dark*.

"This is an extraordinary time full of vital, transformative movements that could not be foreseen. It is also a nightmarish time. Full engagement requires the ability to perceive both."

Solnit speaks of the need to be active in our pursuit of hope, and that hope and grief can be held at the same time. This month, we are motivated in that active pursuit of hope by the participation of our members and community in so many transformative movements.

From housing research, coordinating ceasefire rallies and organizing in solidarity across borders, our members are building power.

Our members were also integral in helping shape our eight equity-driven policies for the Vancouver City Council. It's been a year since those commitments, and we've been disappointed to see that **little progress has been made**.

We will continue to advocate and organize, and we hope you can join us.

"When I dare to be powerful - to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." - Audre Lorde

You can read an essay about hope from Rebecca Solnit [here](#).

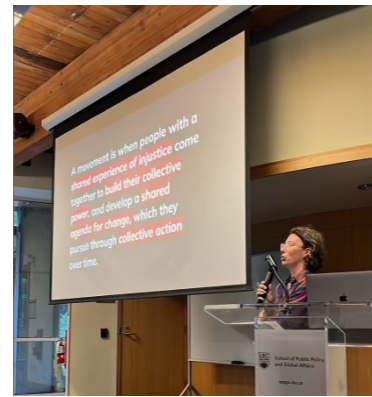
Monthly Highlights

November WTC Highlights

Stay up to date on what we're up to by checking our [In Action page](#). This past month WTC:

- Co-hosted a webinar Making Room in Housing: Taking Your voice to City Hall with the Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing, Progress Toronto, and She.They.Us which focused on having more women and gender-diverse folks heard in the housing policy process.
- Held a Lunch and Learn for our members on the BC Pay Transparency Act
- Provided input into the Translink Burrard Peninsula Area Transport Plan with our [Watch Council](#) volunteer group
- Partnered with Hot Doc's Citizen Minutes to host a screening of [four short films](#) and a panel discussion with local changemakers at the Rio Theatre for our members and the wider community
- Gave a keynote at UBC's Office for International and Regional Engagement Symposium on movement building
- Launched our [Hot Pink Paper 1-Year Progress Report](#)
- [Spoke to Gloria Macarenko about our 1-Year Progress Report](#) and the importance of tracking City Council actions to hold them accountable on CBC's On the Coast (listen [here](#)!)
- Attended the inaugural BC Non-Profit Day roundtable at the Legislature in Victoria, BC with the YWCA
- Welcomed new members into our community with another member orientation





Updates from WTC

Join our AGM on November 27 at 6 PM (PST) on Zoom

Join us for an overview of the achievements of the WTC community in 2023 and to learn more about our priorities for 2024. We'll also have a special presentation: 1 Year Since the Election: Progress and Setbacks, from WTC Campaign Lead, Clara Prager and recognize WTC members of the past who have made a significant impact. [Become a member](#) to vote!



[Register Here](#)

Join our housing advocacy workshop on Nov. 28th!

Making Room in Housing: Taking your voice to City Hall workshop, in partnership with the Pan-Canadian Voice for Women's Housing, She.They.Us. and Progress Toronto is back! We know that women and

gender-diverse folks are so often left out of housing decisions and our aim is to change that. Gain the confidence to advocate for the housing you need by hearing tips and tricks from housing experts themselves.

Tuesday, November 28 - 4:30 PM PST // 7:30 PM EST



MAKING ROOM IN HOUSING:
Taking your voice to City Hall

A FREE online workshop for women and gender-diverse people fighting the housing crisis

Register: tinyurl.com/housing-workshop

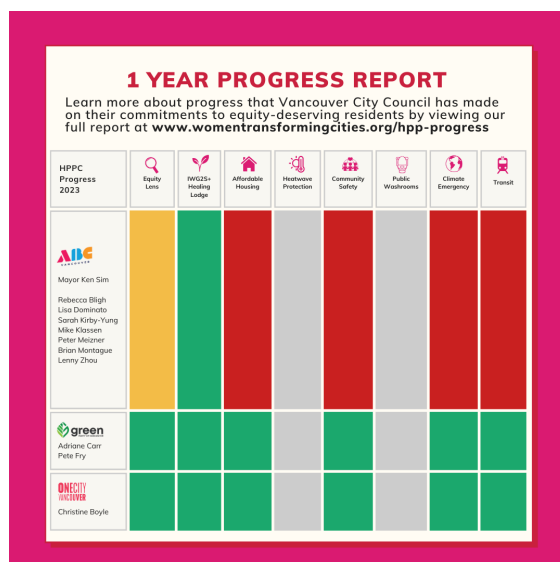
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Share our HPPC 1-Year Progress Report

We recently launched the 1-year progress report that has tracked City Council's actions over their first year in office. It rates the progress they've made on the policy pledges they made to us during our [Hot Pink Paper Campaign](#) (HPPC). The progress report shows the Green Party of Vancouver and OneCity are meeting their commitments while ABC is failing to follow through on the majority of the policies.



[View the Report](#)

Join our membership drive and win prizes!

Our members not only help fund our work, they strengthen our voice to decision-makers. Between now and our AGM on November 27 - you can [help us grow our community of members](#), and earn points that you can redeem for prizes!

Click the button and follow the steps to enter. You can earn points for becoming a member (or confirming your membership) or sharing your own unique referral link on social media!



[Join the Drive](#)

Upcoming Events



Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism

Dr. Safiya Noble, author, researcher, and professor is coming to [SFU Public Square](#) to "delve into issues ranging from marginalization and misrepresentation in commercial information platforms like Google search, to the profound power struggles that violate civil, human, and collective rights through AI and machine learning projects." **November 15 at 6:30 PM** both online and in-person. Doors open at 6 and the event is free!

[Register Here](#)



Student Research Symposium on Housing

This open symposium will showcase student research on enacting the right to housing, housing policy limitations and innovations, and community-building and collective housing. You don't want to miss WTC staff member Victoria Barclay's presentation *The Right to Housing is a Social Phenomenon: Lessons from Racialized Women about Community, Safety, & Landlords* and so much more! The event is free, so head down to the Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art (639 Hornby St) on **Thursday, October 19**.

[More Info](#)



Community Town Hall with Hogan's Alley Society

Join Hogan's Alley Society for a community town hall meeting on **Saturday, November 19 from 4-7:00 PM (PST) at 312 Main Street**. It will be an evening to honour Vancouver's Black community, where they will share updates to their Housing Solutions Lab Report, answer community questions regarding the ongoing negotiations between Hogan's Alley Society and the City of Vancouver, and celebrate local Black-community serving organizations and initiatives.

Register Here



Recipient of the Sterling Prize in Support of Controversy to Speak on Safe Supply

Nicole Luongo is the 2023 recipient of The Sterling Prize in Support of Controversy for her support and commitment to fighting for those using drugs, and for her progressive approaches to drug policy. She will be delivering a lecture on her advocacy work which includes abolition of involuntary institutionalization on **November 21 at 5:30 PM (PST) at The Morris J. Wosk Centre** (Asia Pacific Hall 580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver BC). The event is free and in-person.

Register Here

Read, Watch, & Learn

- Take action for Palestine by visiting [this LinkTree filled with action items](#)
- Select something to read from Solidarity with Palestine - [A Radical Black Feminist Mandate: A Reading List](#)
- Listen to the episode of [The Overhead: Women and Children Fleeing Violence](#) featuring WTC staff member, Victoria Barclay providing her expertise on barrier to housing for women fleeing violence
- Read the [Just Transition Guide](#), an Indigenous-led resource toward equitable climate solutions and resiliency in the climate crisis.
- [Donate to PACE Society](#) to support their Holiday Fundraiser Campaign that will be used to purchase items like winter jackets, thermal socks etc.
- Explore the report [The Loneliness Project: Responding to young women & gender-diverse youth transitioning to housing](#)



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