



September Newsletter

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



Summer is almost over and that means WTC is back in full force planning upcoming events, end of the year initiatives, and ways to connect with our community. Below you'll find an opportunity to connect with us (in-person!), marches we hope to join alongside you, and a once a year opportunity to shape the priorities of Vancouver City Council (hint: it's budget time!).

In the meantime, consider donating extra clothes and supplies that you have as the season changes to the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre. You can find a full list of what they need [here](#).

Updates from WTC

Join us at Car Free Day Saturday, Sept. 9

Head to Commercial St. this Saturday (find us between blocks 5th and 6th) any time from 12-7 PM and come say hello at the WTC booth! We'll be chatting all about our programs, connecting with new members,



and handing out some free WTC merch.
Hope to see you there!

Influence Vancouver's 2024 priorities by filling out the budget survey

The best way to understand your city's priorities is to look at where they spend their funds. We all have a say in what programs and initiatives are funded in our city budget. Ensure that your priorities are reflected in this year's budget by filling out Vancouver's [2024 budget survey](#) before **Sunday, September 17**. The survey will take 10 minutes and is available in English, Chinese, and Punjabi.

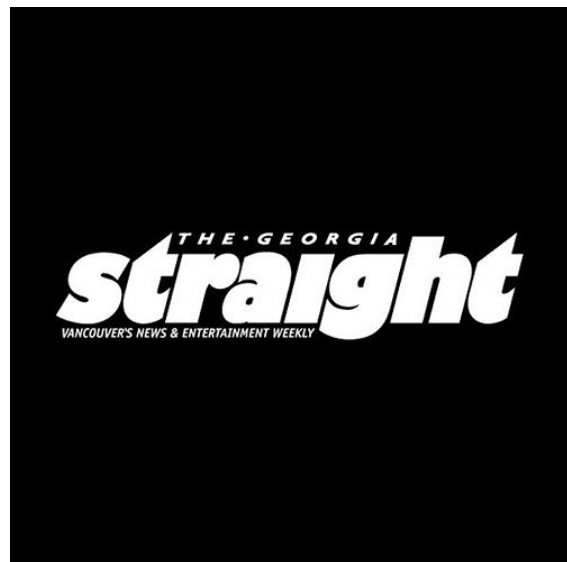
[Budget Survey Here](#)



Read our latest Op-Ed

Last month we published '[Democracy rightfully restored for Vancouver non-profit organizations](#)' in The Georgia Straight. The article discusses the need for Vancouver City Council to support front-line organizations through sustainable and flexible funding, rather than seeking to silence them. This came in response to an earlier council decision aimed to prevent City of Vancouver grant recipients from publicly critiquing the actions and policies of city council.

[Read Here](#)



Lunch and Learn (Members Only)

Annika Reinhardt, a new WTC member and compensation strategist at Talent Collective, is giving us a short lunchtime presentation all about BC's Pay Transparency Act. Join us on **October 5 from 12-12:30 pm** to learn how to advocate for pay transparency. The conversation will cover compensation practices, tools that companies should have in place, and ways to engage your employers to put pay transparency into action. [Become a WTC member](#) to access this event.

[Register Here](#)



Upcoming Events



Join the Vancouver Climate Strike

If this year's wildfire season, rising heat, and air quality has you experiencing climate dread and anxiety, you're not alone. Join the global effort to address the root causes of the climate crisis by gathering on **September 15 at 1pm** at Vancouver City Hall. We will march from City Hall to the Vancouver Art Gallery downtown in pursuit of "a rapid, just, and equitable end to fossil fuels."

[More Info Here](#)

STATUS FOR ALL

Edmonton: Sep 17 - 1:00 pm - Alberta Legislature
Fredericton: Sep 16 - 11am - 180 St John Street
Halifax: Sep 17 - 4pm - MP Andy Fillmore's office
Kingston: Sep 17 - 11am - MP Gerretsen's office
London: Sep 17 - 1pm - Victoria Park
Montreal: Sep 17 - 2pm - Minister Millers' office
Ottawa: Sep 16 - 11am - Parliament Hill
St Catharines: Sep 17 - 10:30am - Bus to Toronto
St John's: Sep 25 - 4pm - Harbourside Park
Sudbury: Sep 17 - 1pm - Memorial Park
Toronto: Sep 17 - 2pm - Bloor & Yonge
Vancouver: Sep 17 - 4pm - CBSA HQ
Victoria: Sep 17 - 11am - BC Legislature
Winnipeg: Sep 17 - 3pm - City Hall

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[More Info Here](#)

Support Migrant Worker's Rights at Status for All

Cities throughout Canada are heading to the streets to march for the rights of migrants on **September 17 at 4 pm** outside of the Immigration HQ (300 West Georgia). "We are in the midst of an inequality crisis, with migrants who grow the food, care for the sick, build the homes, and keep us going bearing some of the heaviest burden."

SEPT 14
Critical Vocabularies of Sexuality & Gender

SEP 28
The Question of Agency

OCT 12
Re-Thinking Sex

OCT 26
Portrayals of Sex and Sexuality On-Screen

NOV 9
Capitalism and Sexuality

FALL LEARNING SESSION: GENDER & SEXUALITY
 Alternating Thursdays from 1-2:30pm
 ONLINE!
 Link in bio!

Women Center public interest research group

[Register Here](#)

Webinars on Gender & Sexuality

SFU Public Interest Research Group is hosting a fall learning series of webinars on gender and sexuality. Register to learn about more about vocabulary around sexuality and gender or explore the intersection between capitalism and sexuality. These webinars will be held over Zoom, from 1-2:30 pm, and registration is required in advance.

A Free BBQ for Fairview Tenants

The Vancouver Tenants Union is bringing together the Fairview community with a free bbq and live music on **September 23 from 1-5 pm** at Granville Park. If you live in the



area, stop by to get to know your neighbours. Gathering in community is an important step of community organizing and a great opportunity to pass on important information about tenant rights!

[More Info Here](#)



Community Conversation:
Add your voice to BC's upcoming Anti-Racism Legislation



Tuesday, September 26th, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 pm
In-Person at Coquitlam Public Library [OR] Virtual at Zoom

Help shape BC's Anti-Racism Legislation

If you live in Coquitlam, head over to the Coquitlam Public Library on **September 26 from 6-8:00 pm** to join the conversation on how to address systemic racism in BC and help shape upcoming anti-racism legislation. [Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership](#) is hosting the event and light refreshments will be served.

[Register Here](#)

Read, Watch, & Learn

- Listen to our staff member, Victoria Barclay, in [this episode](#) of Pan Canadian Voice for Women's Housing's podcast and explore the other episodes of [She.They.Us: Making Room in Housing](#)
- Read Women in Urbanism's piece [Queer Activism in Public Spaces](#)

- Explore the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Center's toolkit [Healing Our Ancestors, Ourselves, and Our Communities: A Toolkit to Address Systemic Injustices in Sexual Violence Support Services](#)
- Apply to [City Hive's Youth Climate Innovation Lab: Roads to Climate Action](#) by September 17
- Donate to the [Tenant Association of Northwest Territories](#) to provide urgent aid to those evacuating.
- Apply to [join the City of Vancouver's Accessibility Committee](#) before September 15



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