



April Newsletter

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



The cherry blossoms are in full bloom and we've been busy planning our organizational goals over the next three years. Our incredible board of directors (9 out of 13 pictured above) met last month for our annual day of strategic planning.

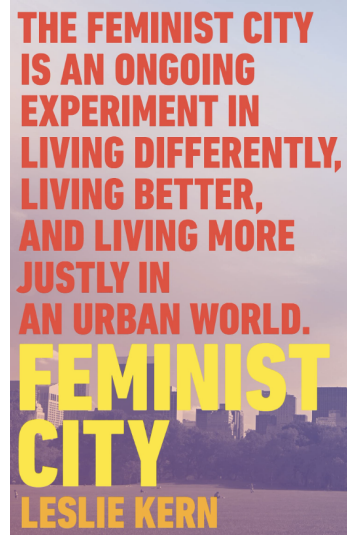
We've been busy so far this year, but can't wait to get you all involved in what's to come. For quick updates from us make sure to check out our [In Action page](#) from time to time where you can keep track of what we've been up to.

Updates from WTC

Join our member's only book club!

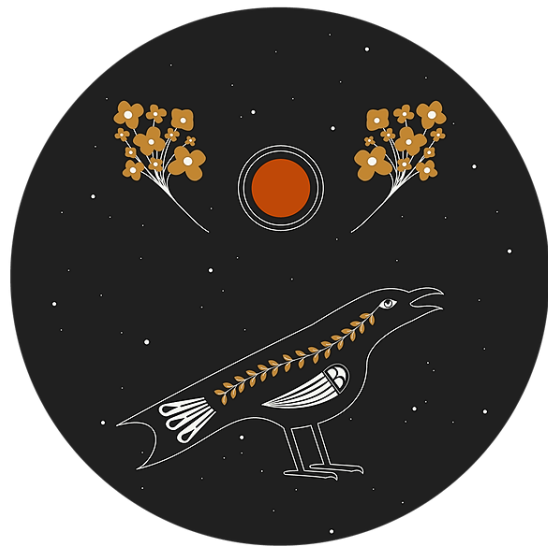
Our feminist book club will be meeting the **last Tuesday of every month from 6-7:00 PM** and we've just selected our first book, [Feminist City: A Field Guide](#) by Leslie Kern. [Become a](#)

[member of WTC](#) and join a community of intersectional feminists committed to learning and sharing! Email monique@womentransformingcities.org for more details.



TRC Webinars with FCM

Last week, we hosted part one of our learning series with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as we discussed with Ginger Gosnell-Myers what types of action local government leaders can take to advance the TRC Calls to Action. Don't miss part two coming up on **April 26 at 11 AM (PDT)** where we'll examine what implementation looks like on the ground from the perspective of a municipality leading on TRC implementation.



[Register Here](#)

Understanding Local Government workshop for Filipinx community

Our last of our workshop series with [Sliced Mango Collective](#) on civic engagement is today, **Wednesday at 5:00-7:00 PM at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre**. This workshop is focused on demystifying local

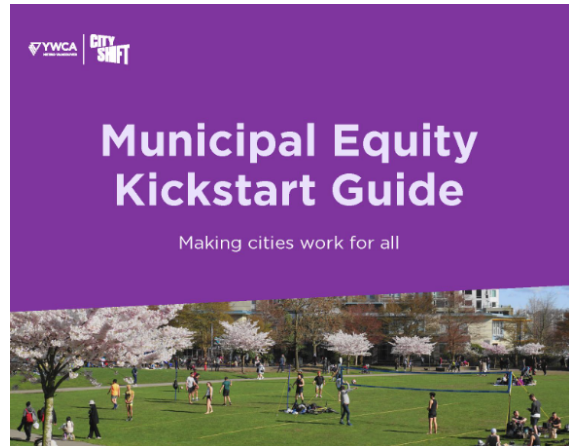


government and is open to the entire Filipinx community, not just youths. There will be snacks provided so spread the word!

[Learn More](#)

YWCA City Shift's Municipal Equity Kickstart Guide

We love organizations and resources working to build equitable cities! YWCA City Shift has recently launched their **Municipal Equity Kickstart Guide** and our TRC report is included on page 27. Take some time to explore this guide and share it with your local leaders.



[Download Here](#)

Upcoming Events



Renter Connect - with the City of Vancouver

Do you rent in Vancouver? If so, are you aware of all of the rights you have? Join the City of Vancouver staff and other legal advocacy organizations for some free advice on tenancy issues on **Thursday, April 13 from 5:30-8:30 PM PDT at the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House** (800 East Broadway). Drop by to get connected to the services and information you need as a renter.

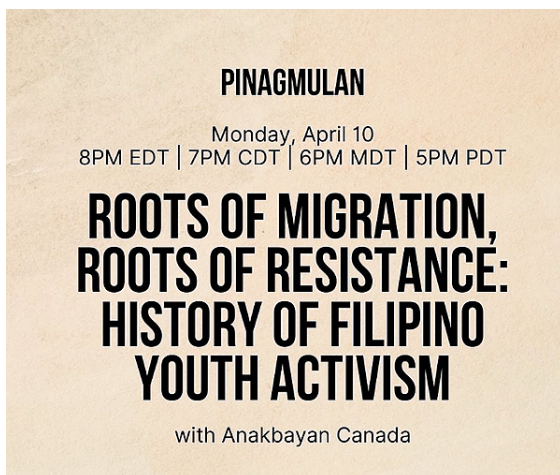
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What are alternatives to police-involved crisis responses?

Defund 604's Abolitionist Care and Belonging (ACAB) is hosting a community event every last Thursday of the month. Join them on **April 27 at 6:00 PM at the Fieldhouse at Jonathan Rogers Park** "to dream and plan for alternative responses to mental health crisis in our communities." From 6-7:00 is a facilitated drop-in group followed by art-making at 7:00, with an honoraria provided for the drop-in. RSVP at wellnesschecks@defund604.com

[More Info](#)



Roots of Migration, Roots of Resistance: History of Filipino Youth Activism

Learn all about the roots of migration in Canada, the rich history of activism, and today's current struggles for justice on **April 10 at 5:00 PM (PDT)** in an online webinar in a month-long series of virtual workshops for Filipinx students led by Anakbayan Canada, a youth organization that "aims to arouse, organize and mobilize youth for national democracy with a socialist perspective."

[Register Here](#)



Book Launch- Held by the Land

Squamish ethnobotanist Leigh Joseph is launching her latest book [Held by the Land](#) where she, "advocates for a way of living that develops and builds relationships with the plant life around us." The launch will take place **April 12 at 6:00 PM at the Massy Arts Society** (23 East Pender Street) and we encourage you to purchase the book even if you can't attend the event.

[Tickets Here](#)



May Day Rally

Join us on **May 1 from 5-6:00 PM PDT at Vancouver City Hall** (453 West 12th) as we take a stand alongside the Vancouver District Labour Council for living wages, renter rights, affordable housing, action on Reconciliation, equity, the opioid crisis and climate. We'll be there calling for a more equitable city and hope to see you too!

[More Info](#)

Read, Watch, & Learn

- Fill out this [Metro Vancouver resident survey](#) from Vancouver Coastal Health on housing and wellbeing **before the end of day Wednesday, April 5th** and you could make up to \$500 in cash prizes.
- Read about [14 Mobilizing Women Impacting Urbanism in Canada](#)
- Get excited for our book club by listening to [this podcast](#) Feminist City with Leslie Kern.

- Explore this incredible resource website that is really a book from Tema Okun [\(divorcing\) White Supremacy Culture](#) and take your time getting through it.
- Check out [Sher Vancouver Podcast](#) - a safe space for the BIPOC 2SLGBTQ+ community



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