



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



Last month, WTC members and fellow community organizers joined staff on a field trip to Vancouver City Hall.

At WTC, one of our goals is to make engaging in local government just a little bit more accessible. Bringing together our community and inviting folks from different organizations like Mosaic, East Van Roasters, Marpole Neighbourhood House, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, and Chrysalis Society to explore City Hall, is one of the ways we've worked towards that goal over the last year. Before the field trip, only one of our participants had ever visited City Hall!

The field trip had a significant and positive impact on those who attended.

- **91% of attendees agreed that after attending this field trip they'd be more likely to engage with local government by contacting city officials, attending a council meeting, participating in public engagements, or voting in local elections.**
- **100% of field trip attendees said they learned more about local government and council meetings, with 81% ranking themselves as knowing a lot about local government after the event.**

We had such a great time bringing our community together to feel closer to their local government. As one of our participants noted, **"I enjoyed meeting new people that are passionate about making changes, and have great knowledge to share. I also enjoyed learning about the structure of local government, and how we can all be a part of it. It was eye-opening."**

Learn more about our field trip to city hall by [reading our full blog](#) post on our website.

Where should WTC go next? Suggest a City Hall near you by filling out our Field Trip Suggestion Form below.

[Field Trip Suggestion Form](#)

Monthly Highlights

Last month we:

- Delivered a workshop at Vancouver & District Labour Council (VDLC)'s May Day Community Social on how workers could drive change at City Hall.
- Facilitated a workshop at the HeritageBC conference in Nelson on how the TRC Calls to Action relate to heritage.
- Hosted another learning series webinar that focused on how local governments can impact food justice and how we can influence our local decision-makers to take action.
- Took a field trip to Vancouver City Hall! [Read our blog](#) all about it.
- Welcomed back two of last summer's interns, Lily Liu and Alex Thomson, as we collaborate with UBC's Arts Amplifiers program for the third year in a row. These students will help us create more [civic resources](#) for an additional ten municipalities, so keep your eye out for these in the fall!



Updates from WTC

Putting an Equity Lens on

Community Engagement

If you're interested in learning how to build relationships and develop reciprocal community engagement practices that are rooted in equity, you won't want to miss this! It's on today, **(Thursday, June 13 from 12-1:30 PM on Zoom)** so get your tickets quick!

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

[Tickets](#)



Sponsor a Workshop!

For WTC's 2024 fundraiser we're collecting [donations](#) that will go directly to sponsoring a workshop to support the civic literacy, confidence, and skills of equity-deserving communities and grassroots organizations. Help us shape who cities are built by and for by bringing more voices to the table to advocate for our needs where we live.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to sponsor 5 workshops, but we need your help! *All donations are tax-deductible.*

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Climate Resilience at the Local Level

Are you curious about how local governments are progressing climate resilience across Canada? Join us **July 30 at 12:00 pm (pt)** for our learning series webinar in partnership with [The Climate Reality Project Canada](#). We'll explore:

- How local governments are building climate resilience at the local level
- How to evaluate your community's climate plans
- How to continue the momentum in your own municipality and hold your elected officials accountable

This workshop is free for all attendees!

[Register](#)

Join us at The Women's Strike

Head down to Vancouver City Hall on **Monday, June 24 at 12:00 pm** to join the women's strikes happening across Canada in honour of the second anniversary of the overturning of Roe V. Wade in the United States. We'll be there advocating for our bodily autonomy and would love you to join us! Fill out [this contact form](#) if you're interested in coordinating with the WTC community to meet at the strike.

[Join WTC at the strike!](#)

An Operations & Community



Manager, Rebecca has joined our team!

Give a warm welcome to [Rebecca Simiyu \(she/her\)](#) our newest team member! She is Kenyan born, raised in Switzerland and Winnipeg, and now lives in Vancouver. She has a background in Political Studies and Gender Studies from the University of Manitoba. With professional roots in community organizing in youth-centred spaces, Rebecca is passionate about reflecting the diverse voices that make up our community through storytelling in various mediums.



Upcoming Events



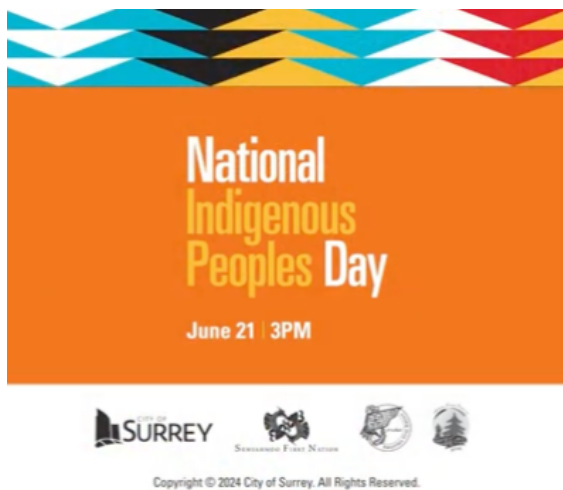
Palestine Resists: Zine Making Workshop

Head down to the James Black Gallery (144 E 6th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5T 1J5) on **Sunday, June 9 from 7-9 pm** to make zines in support of Palestinian liberation. "This evening is an opportunity for you to get informed, take steps towards helping in the ways that we can, ask questions, engage in discussion, and also find some warmth and solace in community." [Learn more here.](#)

RSVP

Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day in Surrey

The city of Surrey is hosting a National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration &



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Wellness Event on **Friday, June 21 from 3-8 pm** at Bill Reid Millenium Amphitheatre (17728 64 Ave, Surrey, BC V3S 1W8). There will be cultural sharing from local First Nations with art, music, storytelling, and more! The event is open to everyone and free to attend.

QMUNITY

Trans ID Clinic

In-Person 2SLGBTQIA+ Virtual

QMUNITY's Trans ID Clinic provides free notarial, administrative, and emotional support to folks who require assistance with name and gender marker changes.

When? 1st Wednesday & 3rd Friday of the month, 4pm to 6pm

Where? To see accessible location visit qmunity.ca/trans-id.

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Trans ID Clinic

In addition to their monthly peer group meetings, Qmunity hosts a [Trans ID Clinic](#) every first Wednesday and third Friday of the month to help support folks needing to make name and gender marker changes on government IDs. Make an appointment or drop right in to Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2W3) and you'll get the administrative and emotional support you need!

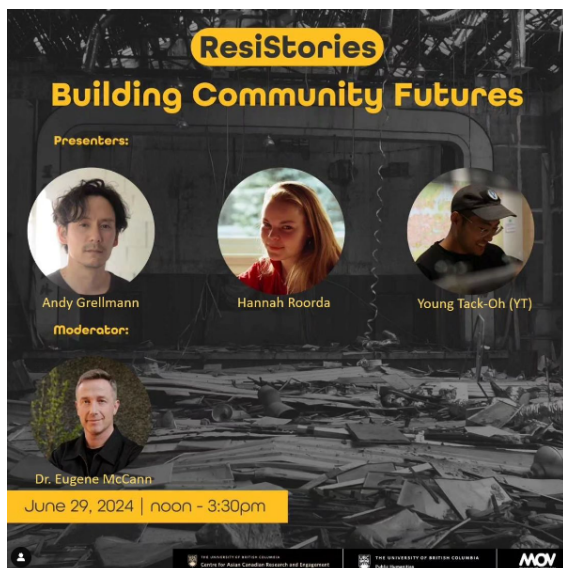
Kaligayahan at Paglaban!

Slice Mango Collective is hosting a free event in celebration of Filipinx Heritage Month, the theme of which this year is joy and resistance. There will be an artist showcase, art-making social, and



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chance to connect with other Filipino youth on **Sunday, June 23 from 1-4 pm** at the Bob Prittie Library (6100 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby). Snacks and zine making materials will be provided, but donations are always welcome!



[Register](#)

Cultures of Belonging an event by SFU Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies

"Built environments can be spaces of inclusion for some and exclusion for others." Explore this idea at a lunch and learn with graduates from UBC's School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture on **Saturday, June 29 from 12-3:30 pm** at the Museum of Vancouver (1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, BC, V6J 3J9).

Read, Watch, & Learn

- [Watch these two films](#) created by the 2-Spirit Collective (in collaboration with West Coast Leaf and UNYA) that highlight why access to gender-affirming and culturally safe health care is so important.
- Read [this fantastic interview](#) with WTC's very own founder, Ellen Woodsworth!
- Explore [Connecting BC](#), a 10-year public transit plan for British Columbia.

- Take a look at [the new report](#) by Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and Living Wage for Families BC, and the regional fact sheets like [Metro Vancouver's](#)
- Demand an arms embargo to Israel and [call your MP](#)
- Support your local Indigenous book stores and [read one of these books](#) for Indigenous History Month!



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