



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



We believe that equitable participation is essential for transformation at the local level. One of our goals is to build the civic skills and confidence of communities who have been historically excluded to engage and participate in civic processes. We know that navigating these systems and processes are challenging. So, we are trying to make it a little easier!

Last month, we shared our new [civic resources](#) to support the participation of Vancouver residents. This month, we're launching a set of [engagement guides for 10 communities across BC](#) - from our neighbours in Richmond and Burnaby all the way to Powell River.

These resources are intended to be direct and straightforward. They explain in plain language your opportunities to participate in your local government. We hope to continue to develop more, so let us know if you'd like one for your municipality!

In solidarity,  
Women Transforming Cities

In March we:

- Delivered a workshop on community organizing to Kiwassa Neighbourhood House. We delved deep into theories of change, how to create campaigns, and tips on creating meaningful community engagement. Reach out if you'd like a workshop for your organization
- Developed [a pocket-sized guide to engaging with local government](#) for YWCA's City Shift event to explain the importance of engaging with local government, how local government can affect equity, and what to do to stay informed & take action. We loved connecting with our community at this event
- Launched [a series of civic resources](#) to help you understand and engage with local decision-making. Resources explore council meetings, opportunities to have your voice heard, and so much more
- Shared a workshop on intersectionality and the Black feminists who laid the foundation for the term to be coined by Dr Crenshaw - as part of our second learning series webinar in 2024
- Inspired students to join our work at the Douglas College event: A Feminist Life
- Onboarded three amazing new [board directors](#)
- Spoke on the panel for Inclusive Cities: Shaping Our Urban & Climate Just Futures with BIPOC Voices, a networking event organized by our friends at CityHive
- Moderated the panel What Can Local Governments Do to Prepare for Extreme Heat at the Columbia Institute's High Ground 2024 and shared ideas to protect our seniors, tenants, and disabled community from extreme heat



## Updates from WTC

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**How to Organize for Change:**

## Community Organizing + Running a Campaign

Join us at this month's learning series workshop on **April 24th at 5:30 PM (PST)** as we uncover all the things you need to know to start organizing for change. Topics include:

- Roles of community organizers
- Building & yielding power
- Creating a campaign strategy
- Campaign tactics


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

[Register](#)

## Explore WTC's Municipal Guides

After the launch of our [civic resources](#) for the City of Vancouver, we wanted more folks to engage in local government where they live. If you live in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Courtenay, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Powell River, Richmond, Surrey, or Victoria these are for you! Scroll down to view [these PDFs](#) and learn more about appearing at public delegations, speaking on motions, engagement opportunities, public hearings, and your municipality's Official Community Plan.

[Municipal Guides](#)





### HOW TO ORGANIZE FOR CHANGE: COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & RUNNING A CAMPAIGN


A WTC LEARNING SERIES

A workshop to build your understanding of community organizing, building & yielding power, and creating campaign strategies.

**APRIL 24**  
**5:30-7:00 PM (PST)**  
**ON ZOOM**



### Explore WTC's Municipal Participation Guides

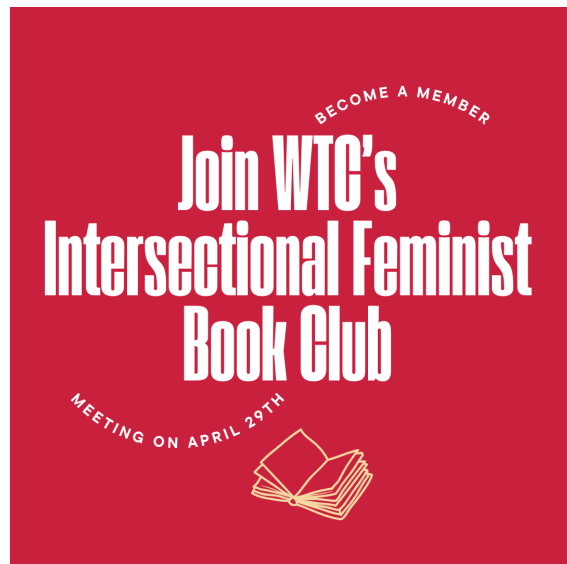


[WWW.WOMENTRANSFORMINGCITIES.ORG/RESOURCES-2](http://WWW.WOMENTRANSFORMINGCITIES.ORG/RESOURCES-2)

## Our next book club meeting is this month!

Did you know we have our very own member book club? [Become a WTC member](#) to join our intersectional feminist book club! This month (on **April 29**) we'll meet in-person and virtually to discuss [Enter Ghost by Isabella Hammad](#).

Email [info@womentransformingcities.org](mailto:info@womentransformingcities.org) for more details

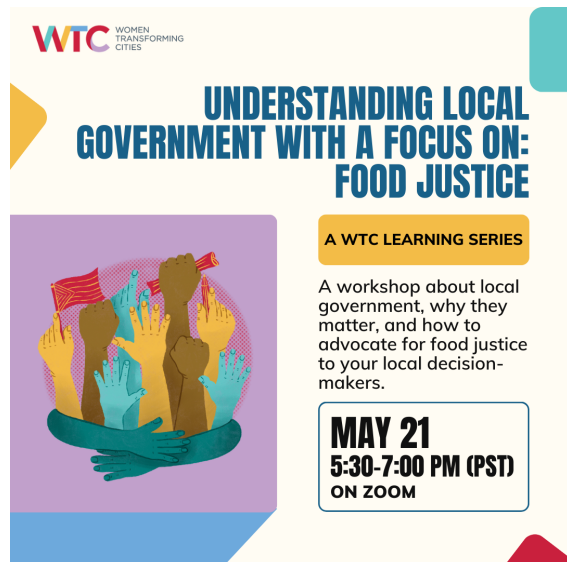


## Understanding Local Government with a Focus on: Food Justice

If you missed our February learning series, here's your chance to learn all about local government! This workshop will cover

- Responsibilities of municipal governments
- How local governments make decisions
- How to engage & influence local government around food justice

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Upcoming Events



## National Day of Action: Rally, March + Music

This **Saturday, April 6** is a national day of action! Join us at the Vancouver Art Gallery (750 Hornby St) at **2:00 PM** for a day of solidarity in support of Palestine, led by Free Palestine BC and the Canada Palestine Association. There will be a rally, lots of music, and a community march for the end of colonial violence.

[More Info](#)



## A community film screening and fundraiser for Palestine!

Massy Arts Society and Crescent Justice Collective are hosting a community film screening and fundraiser for Palestine on **Sunday, April 14th**. "This event was organized to share knowledge through the centring of Palestinian voices and narrative, to build relationships and networks of solidarity through sharing in our love, grief and rage with community, and to raise funds for the people and animals of Palestine."

[Register](#)

## Earth Day Demonstration

Take action on **April 22 at 4:30 PM (PDT)** by joining a demonstration led

**Earth Day Demonstration** 

**Where:** Outside the Premier's office  
2909 West Broadway

**When:** Earth Day (April 22)  
starts at 4:30PM ends at 5:30

**What to bring:** Yourself, a friend and a sign!

**Why:** Let's show the premier that we need free sustainable transit!  
Join our the initiative!

by [Transit for Teens BC](#) for Earth Day and call upon BC Premier for free transit! One of our [Hot Pink Paper Policy Asks](#) called upon our city councillors to advocate to TransLink and the Province to work towards free or reduced fare transit for people on low incomes in Metro Vancouver, but this is a great chance to advocate to the provincial government directly!

[More Info](#)

**Kirsten Bernas**

- A Coordinator of the National Social Housing and Human Rights Campaign
- Director of policy advocacy at West Central Women's Resource Centre, Winnipeg
- Chair of the Provincial Working Group of Manitoba's Right to Housing Coalition



**Social Housing and Human Rights MOBILIZING FOR CHANGE**

SATURDAY APRIL 27th

- 11am - BC
- 12noon - AB/SK
- 1 pm - MB
- 2 pm - ON/QC
- 3 pm - Maritimes



**REGISTER HERE**

THE NCWC EDUCATION FUND

**Social Housing and Human Rights: Mobilizing for Change**

The National Council of Women of Canada is hosting a webinar featuring, Kirsten Bernas, a Coordinator of the National Social Housing and Human Rights Campaign. Join this webinar on **Saturday, April 27th at 11:00 AM (PDT)** for insights on best practices to mobilize for change in the social housing space.

[Register](#)

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**Read, Watch, & Learn**

- Explore this [abortion access tracker](#) created by LEAF and Action Canada.
- Help fundraise for Gaza by [bidding on one of these items for auction](#) by Parents for Palestine!
- Explore [Holding & Untangling: National Survey report](#) about the access of supervised consumption and overdose prevention services from women

and gender expansive people across Canada.

- Read Women in Urbanism's blog post [Celebrating 18 Exceptional Women in Urbanism](#)
- Watch Xwélmexw Hakw'eles: [“Remembering Ourselves” — Transformation and Other Indigenous Governing Principles](#)



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