



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



Happy New Gregorian Year!

We hope you rested with loved ones and are easing yourself slowly into the swing of things. Before we took our own break for the winter holidays, we held our online AGM that began with a special keynote from **Dr. Joy Masuhara** that reflected on a decade of advocacy at WTC. We will miss Joy's leadership as the Board Co-Chair, her enormous contributions including the Women Friendly Cities Challenge, and her presence as a role model for us!

During our AGM, we also announced our **WTC Transformers for 2024: Mahtab Laghaei, Diana Kamau, Danielle Johnston, Serena Mohammed, and Natasha Smith**. From staff members, partners, volunteers, as well as board members, we recognize Transformers and their impact on WTC. Expect to see Transformer Spotlights on our social media over the next few weeks on how they went above and beyond to shape our organization.

WTC TRANSFORMERS



MAHTAB LAGHAEI
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DIANA KAMAU
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DANIELLE JOHNSTON
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SERENA MOHAMMED
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NATASHA SMITH
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Is your organization looking for a way to honour **International Women's Day** in 2025? We've developed an interactive workshop that dives into the history and significance of IWD while exploring how we can all accelerate action on gender equity.

BC municipalities and organizations have taken this workshop, and we have space for **3 more IWD workshops** in March!

Send an email to monique@womentransformingcities.org for pricing and details on how we can adapt this workshop to your own needs.

In solidarity,
Women Transforming Cities

Monthly Highlights



In November and December, we:

- Launched our [2-Year Progress Report](#) for the [Hot Pink Paper Campaign](#)
- Spoke to media at [CBC](#) and [CTV News](#) about why gas doesn't belong in buildings in Vancouver
- Joined For Our Kids and Dogwood BC at a climate rally field trip at City hall
- Spoke at a City Council meeting on the gas motion
- Delivered workshops to community partners including Adler University, MOSAIC, and Kickstand
- Kicked off a 4-workshop cohort with Marpole Neighbourhood House to build civic and community organizing skills
- Celebrated another year of advocacy at our annual AGM

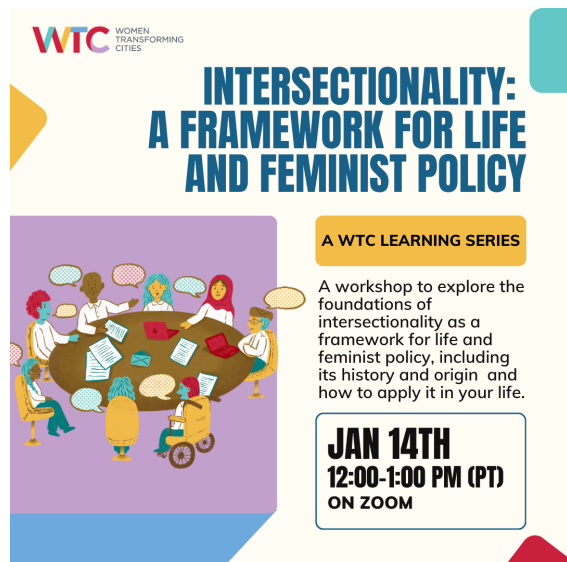
Updates from WTC

Intersectionality: A Framework for Life and Feminist Policy

Join us **January 14th at 12 PM** (on Zoom) to explore the foundations of intersectionality. We will dive deep into the meaning, history, and origins of intersectionality, and how policymakers, decision-makers, and community members can embed it into our lives.

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.



Purchase your Ticket

Drop-In Watch Council Session

Register for our first [Watch Council Drop-In Session](#) of the year on **January 20th at 12 PM** to understand, track, and influence local governments' decisions! WTC members can attend a bi-weekly session (on Mondays!) to:

- understand the role local government can play in issues you care about
- navigate local government processes, like signing up to speak to council
- understand a specific agenda item or political decision and what it may mean for your community
- learn tips on how to write or speak to your councillors

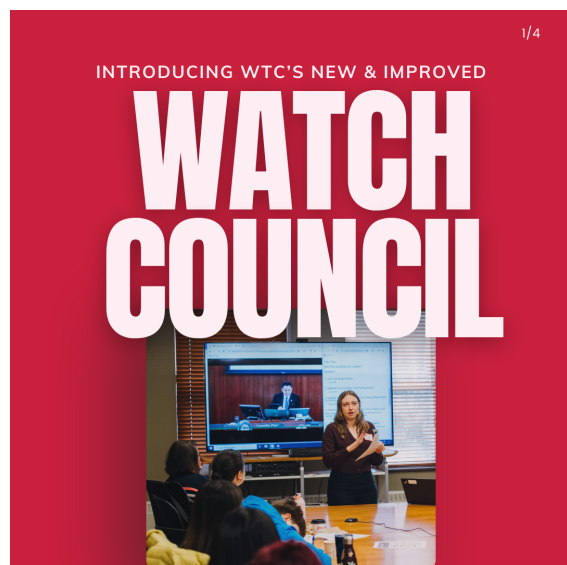
[Register for Drop-In Session](#)



Watch Council Is Better Than Ever

Since 2020, we have run the [Watch Council](#) program. The goal has always been to support people in getting involved in their local governments' decision-making. In case you missed it, we launched the new and improved Watch Council in October! Drop-in sessions, field trips, Slack channel, Member Learning Series, Watch Council Alerts, and Civic Engagement Resources are all ways to participate in this program.

Watch Council is for all WTC members. If you are a WTC member who'd like to join Watch Council, [fill out this form](#) to indicate your interest.



[Learn More](#)

2-Year Progress Report for the Hot Pink Paper Campaign

The [2-Year Progress Report](#) for the [Hot Pink Paper Campaign](#) (HPPC) is out! We hold Vancouver City Council accountable to their HPPC commitments by tracking how they vote on decisions that impact equity-deserving communities on key topics like affordable housing, climate action, public washrooms, and more.

This report unpacks whether Mayor Sim and Vancouver City Council are moving forward or backward on their equity commitments halfway through their term, and how you can take action to hold City Council accountable.

[Read More](#)

The Hot Pink Paper Campaign: Two-Year Progress Report

Halfway through the term, are Mayor Sim and Vancouver City Council moving forward or backward on their equity commitments?



Self-Care for Community Organizers

Join us **February 12th at 12 PM** (on Zoom) to explore strategies that centre your well-being while staying rooted in collective action. Through group discussions, journaling prompts, and guided somatic practices, you'll learn how to maintain the resilience needed for long-term movement-building.

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SELF-CARE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS

A WTC LEARNING SERIES

A workshop to explore holistic strategies that centre your well-being while staying rooted in collective action. Practice the resilience needed for sustainable movement-building.

FEB 12TH
12:00-1:00 PM (PT)
ON ZOOM



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RSVP Here

Women's Memorial March

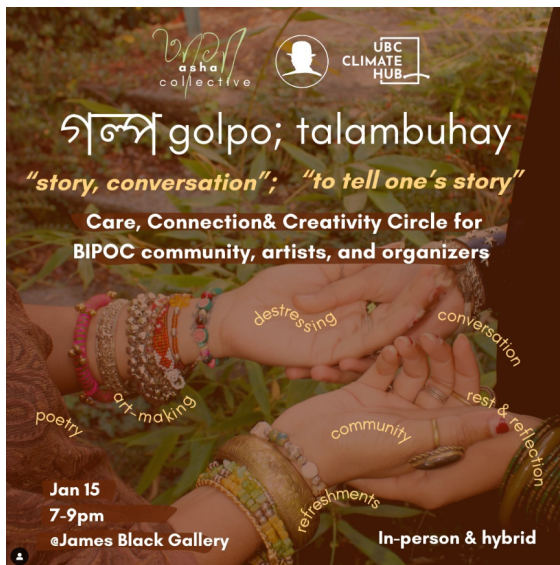
We invite you to participate in the 2025 Women's Memorial March alongside WTC staff and members on **February 14th from 12 PM to 5 PM**. The March, organized primarily by Indigenous women, is an important act of remembrance and solidarity.

If you'd like to walk/roll with us, register below, so we can share more information and coordinate on the day of.



Walk with Us

Upcoming Events



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Join [The James Black Gallery](#), [ASHA Collective](#), and [UBC Climate Hub](#) on **January 15th from 7 to 9 PM** for an in-person and hybrid BIPOC care, connection, and creativity circle.

BIPOC community members, organizers, workers, creative and/or students interested in anti-imperialist solidarities, organizing, research, art, and more are invited to join this free event.

Online Registration



Souq Meets Mercado: Call for Vendors

Filipino BC is calling all MENA/SWANA, Filipino, East Asian, and Southeast Asian vendors to join Souq Meets Mercado—a free cultural marketplace celebrating the vibrant cultures, communities, and solidarity from Bilad al-Sham (the Levant) to Little Gaza, the Philippines. The marketplace is on **Sunday, February 16th** at **312 Main Street**.

Proceeds will support Gaza Soup Kitchen, Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA), Tres Marias, Funding the Gap: Support the Displaced in Lebanon (reefna), Molham Team, and Little Gaza Don Antonio.

The vendor deadline is January 19th at 11:59 PM.

Vendor Application



Equality Breakfast: in Conversation with Naomi Klein

West Coast LEAF is hosting the **Equality Breakfast** to celebrate International Women's Day with award-winning journalist and bestselling author, Naomi Klein. Located at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, the event happens **Friday, March 7th at 7 AM to 9 AM**.

The Equality Breakfast is West Coast LEAF's main fundraising event of the

year where they bring together community members, friends, advocates, and activists with a shared passion for gender justice.

Early Bird Tickets

Read, Watch, & Learn

- This Next City op-ed shares how [Indigenous-led environmental planning](#) can be a blueprint for urban equity, highlighting the Clan Mothers Healing Village development in Manitoba as an example.
- Read one of CultureAlly's most popular blogs in 2024 on [work affirmations](#) the next time you need a perspective change.
- [Download the 2024 BC Child Poverty Report Card](#) to understand the experiences of single mothers navigating the challenges of poverty, actionable recommendations for tax fairness, income supports, and more.



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