



Vancouver Women's Health Collective
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RE: A Political Action by the Vancouver Women's Health Collective and other women's groups. Thursday July 23 1992, At 8:30 PM.

A POLITICAL ACTION by the Vancouver Women's Health Collective and supporting women's groups, will take place to protest the block to funding for women's health, by the Ministry of Health. This action will be a visual and vocal demonstration to be held during Elizabeth Cull's address at the Ministers Forum on Health Reform called "Meeting the Challenge: Action for a Healthy Society" at the Delta Pacific Resort in Richmond. The demonstration will take place. outside the doors of the forum at 8:30 PM.

The Vancouver Women's Health Collective will not accept the Ministry of Health's refusal to provide funding. We are angry at this dismissal and at the contradictions that Elizabeth Cull and her Ministry are representing. While this forum professes to be "a challenge to call for action for a healthy society" the government is not available to take any real action, by way of support through funding.

Elizabeth Cull, the Minister of Health, acknowledges that "clearly the Vancouver Women's Health Collective has made a significant contribution to the health of women and the development of health policy within British Columbia". The NDP government through the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Women's Equality, has made sweeping claims to provide funding for women's issues. So where is it!?

What the Ministry of Health fails to understand is that women's health is more than reproductive technologies and birth control. Our issues cannot be reduced to breasts and uterus as the government would like it. Our voices will be heard.

Women's health issues are falling through the bureaucratic cracks and women are suffering as a result.

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