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The Newsletter for the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre

OCTOBER 2001

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Welcome to our
OPEN

HARVEST DINNER
OCTOBER 4th

Seatings: 12, 1, and 2pm



HOUSE!



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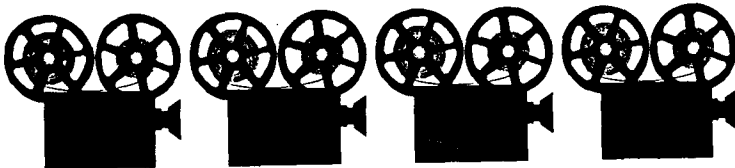
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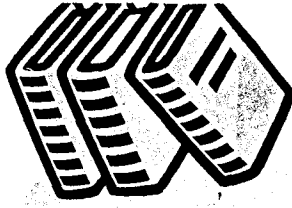
What's been happening in the Centre?

Women's Video Project

The video workshop that was begun by Jackie Levitin in July 2001, from a grant by the SSHRC-funded Health and Home Research project at SFU, is now completed. The results are two videos each approximate running time ten minutes long. There was much fun and creative work that went into the workshop. Jackie Levitin is the Producer of both videos and the creator of the workshop. The video workshop began with ideas on the video, the story the women wanted to tell. Next was the choice of people in the completed video and a script. The workshop was two days a week with mentors Jackie Levitin, Audrey Huntley, and Jennifer Baum. Included was also instruction on the use of boom microphone, digital camera, and video editing on a Mac computer. The editing instruction was given at AMES: Access to Media Education Society on Galiano thanks to a grant from I.A.T.S.E. film technicians' union local 891 and a contribution from AMES. A wonderful time was had by all. We, the workshop members, would like to thank: Jen England of the Downtown Eastside Women's Center and the Center Director and Board Members for allowing Jackie and her video workshop group the use of the Center. The video workshop group members were: Joan Morelli, Areadne Sassafrass, Helen Gordon, Qloyyda Zshine, Delaney Azrael, Sheryll Adolph, and Margaret Small.

By Margaret Small and Jackie Levitin





Library Project

On August 27th, a group of six women from the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, who had been participating in the eight-week Library Group, accompanied Janice Cramer (Librarian/Facilitator of Library Group) and Program Coordinator, Jennifer England to begin the acquisition process for the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Library. This took place over a picnic and a few hours at the National Book Service. This is the first phase of establishing a small, library for members and volunteers of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre. The Women's Centre received funding from the Jewish Family Services Agency (200\$ for materials used in the library group), Jewish community group, and lawyer Carol Konkin (500\$). The total allowable expenses did not exceed 2,000\$.

On August 27th, the Women's Centre spent \$1, 769.25 on books at the National Book Service. In total 80 books were bought. Each woman participating, including the Program Coordinator, was able to spend approximately 250\$ on a selection of books of her choice. These books were encouraged to be appropriate for women using the Women's Centre, of varying literacy levels. A total list all acquisitions are with the Programmer.

Library Plans and Goals- General Timeline

1. Accessing resources for the reading room downstairs, and establishing guidelines for accessibility, safety, borrowing/lending policies, database, securing computer for downstairs open space which can house database, having volunteers 'staff' the reading room etc. (Fall, 2001). Most of this work will be done through the Library Evening Group, which will take place on **TBA** nights (as of October).
2. Building 'Wish List' of books women at the Centre are interested in reading, so for future monies donated through the Centre, we can actively purchase books and resources in a timely and meaningful way. (Ongoing process)
3. Establish appropriate programming around the library. Build into Learning Group evenings. Make available for other evening groups to access. ESL training, single mothers and children reading groups, journal activity, poetry readings, connecting with various literary/activist local authors to do once a month book readings, First Nations oral storytelling, International Writers Festival (October). (Ongoing process)
4. Begin Video Documentary Library- Visual Literacy. Quality political, social documentary films.



Sisters Resist: A Women's Week of October 15th

Hey Sisters in the DTES, the Breaking the Silence Campaign is very excited to present this schedule for Sisters Resist Week.

Thanks to all the hard work of many women and agencies in the DTES, we are going to have a whole lot of interesting talks, workshops & creative projects.

Childcare, snacks and bus tickets are available throughout the week. We will be setting up a space during the week in the Sunrise Cafeteria, at Columbia & E. Hastings.

We invite all the women who live or work in the Downtown Eastside to check out some or all of these activities.

Please note: we are still working things out, and we will have a final schedule next week.

Monday, Oct. 15th

8:30 - 9:30am
Opening & Breakfast
at DEWC
(hosted by DEWC)

10:00am – noon
1:00pm – 3:00pm
**First Nations Women
Against Violence**
*for women of Aboriginal
ancestry*
at DEWC basement

10am – noon
1:00 – 3:00pm
**Workshops/Films on First
Nations Women & Violence**
open to all women
location tba

6:00 - 8:00pm
**Activity for Women at
WISH**
for women in the sex trade
(Carnegie Learning Centre)

2:00 – 9:00pm
Cultural Sharing
open to the community
at Carnegie
(hosted by Carnegie Seniors
Program)

Tuesday, Oct. 16th

10:00am – noon
Bridge Housing Opening
(hosted by Bridge)

Noon – 2:00pm
**Workshop on Housing &
Homelessness**
at Powell Place
(hosted by Powell Place)

2:00 – 4:00pm
**Rights of Women as
Tenants**
at Pendera
(hosted by DERA)

4:30 – 6:30pm
**“Hands-on-Banner”
Making**
at Crabtree
bannock, soup & crafts
for women and children
(hosted by Crabtree Corner)

**For more info, call
Breaking the Silence
682-3269, box 8319**

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Education, Mobilization & Action to 19th

Wednesday Oct. 17th

10am – noon

**Poverty as Violence
Against Women Panel
Discussion**
at Carnegie Theatre

Noon – 1pm

March Against Poverty
to Oppenheimer Park

1:00 - 2:00pm

Light Lunch
at Oppenheimer Park

3:00 - 6:00pm

**How We Hurt Each Other;
How We Can Work
Together**
Location tba
(co-hosted by ASIA)

5:00 - 8:00pm

Popular Education Group
at DEWC
(hosted by VSW)

**Keep an eye out for
the updated schedule,
coming out next week**

Thursday, Oct. 18th

10:00am – Noon

**Pathways to Self: Creating
a Self-Care Journal**
at DAMS
(hosted by DAMS)

Noon – 2:00pm

**Sexual Assault Against
Women**
location tba
(hosted by WAVAW)

2:00 - 4:00pm

Older Women's Tea
for older women
at Seniors Centre
(hosted by NHP)

time tba

Young Women & HIV
for young women
at YouthCo.
(hosted by YouthCo.)

5:00 - 9:00pm

**Women Surviving
Together Group**
dinner & discussion about
strategies for safety
at DEWC
(hosted by DEWC)

Friday, Oct. 19th

Women's Fair
at the DEWC

all day

**Information tables
Creative Activities**

10:00am – Noon

**Report Back from the
Week's Activities**

12:30 - 1:30pm
Lunch

2:00 - 4:00pm

**Guest speakers
Unveiling the Creative
Projects**

4:00 - 6:00pm

**Encouraging & Affirming
Each Other**

6:00 - 7:00pm
Dinner

7:00 - 9:00pm
Music Jam

VIGIL FOR PEACE

in the Downtown Eastside

every Wednesday morning

8:45am to 9:15am

at the Totem Pole
in Oppenheimer Park

bring candles, flowers, songs or words to share if you
like, or just bring yourself

The crashing of the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 has affected our lives in one way or another. And because the U.S. government has called for war, and the Canadian government has given its support to the U.S., our daily lives and our future may be in even greater danger.

We've heard all this talk of "war" from government people, but nothing about "peace." We've witnessed racist comments and attacks directed at Muslim & Sikh people, and people of Arab and South Asian heritage. We've heard calls for the "closing of borders," once again targeting immigrants, refugees and people of colour.

Given what happened on September 11th, what has happened since, and what may happen today, tomorrow or the next day, it is easy for any one of us to feel alone, scared, angry or full of despair. This weekly Vigil for Peace is a chance for women, men and children in the DTES to come together and share our thoughts, prayers and hopes for a safe, healthy and vibrant community, and for a world that shares all its wealth equally.

**WE MUST STAND STRONG TOGETHER
FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM & EQUALITY**

This weekly Vigil for Peace has been called by Breaking the Silence, a campaign to end violence against women in the Downtown Eastside. For more info, call (604) 682-3269, box 8319.

The people of Afghanistan have nothing to do with Osama and his accomplices
Statement of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)
September 14, 2001

On September 11, 2001 the world was stunned with the horrific terrorist attacks on the United States. RAWA stands with the rest of the world in expressing our sorrow and condemnation for this barbaric act of violence and terror. RAWA had already warned that the United States should not support the most treacherous, most criminal, most anti-democracy and anti-women Islamic fundamentalist parties because after both the Jehadi and the Taliban have committed every possible type of heinous crimes against our people, they would feel no shame in committing such crimes against the American people whom they consider "infidel". In order to gain and maintain their power, these barbaric criminals are ready to turn easily to any criminal force.

But unfortunately we must say that it was the government of the United States who supported Pakistani dictator Gen. Zia-ul Haq in creating thousands of religious schools from which the germs of Taliban emerged. In the similar way, as is clear to all, Osama Bin Laden has been the blue-eyed boy of CIA. But what is more painful is that American politicians have not drawn a lesson from their pro-fundamentalist policies in our country and are still supporting this or that fundamentalist band or leader. In our opinion any kind of support to the fundamentalist Taliban and Jehadies is actually trampling democratic, women's rights and human rights values.

If it is established that the suspects of the terrorist attacks are outside the US, our constant claim that fundamentalist terrorists would devour their creators, is proved once more. The US government should consider the root cause of this terrible event, which has not been the first and will not be the last one too. The US should stop supporting Afghan terrorists and their supporters once and for all.

Now that the Taliban and Osama are the prime suspects by the US officials after the criminal attacks, will the US subject Afghanistan to a military attack similar to the one in 1998 and kill thousands of innocent Afghans for the crimes committed by the Taliban and Osama? Does the US think that through such attacks, with thousands of deprived, poor and innocent people of Afghanistan as its victims, will be able to wipe out the root-cause of terrorism, or will it spread terrorism even to a larger scale?

From our point of view a vast and indiscriminate military attacks on a country that has been facing permanent disasters for more than two decades will not be a matter of pride. We don't think such an attack would be the expression of the will of the American people.

The US government and people should know that there is a vast difference between the poor and devastated people of Afghanistan and the terrorist Jehadi and Taliban criminals. While we once again announce our solidarity and deep sorrow with the people of the US, we also believe that attacking Afghanistan and killing its most ruined and destitute people will not in any way decrease the grief of the American people. We sincerely hope that the great American people could DIFFERENTIATE between the people of Afghanistan and a handful of fundamentalist terrorists. Our hearts go out to the people of the US.

Down with terrorism!

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE

302 Columbia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 4J1

Front Desk: 681 - 8480 Women's Line: 681-7458

**LUNCH SERVED
DAILY AT 12:30-1:45pm**

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REGULAR PROGRAMMING

Library Group – Day to be announced (either Mon/Thurs at 5pm)- keep posted for details. Works on developing Centre library and works on literacy through crafts, and fun activities!
Battered Women Support Services (BWSS) takes place on Tuesday nights from 5 - 8:30. This group offers support for women affected by violence in their lives.

End Legislated Poverty-Organizers Training (ELP) will take place on Monday nights. Learn to facilitate and organize anti-poverty activists, rallies, and develop political strategies around various poverty issues.

The **Street Nurse** is here every Wednesday from 10:30 – 12:00 to give you information on all kinds of health issues.
Popular Education Group - Wednesday from 5:00 - 8:00, Share the skills that you have to make changes in your life. Meet with like-minded women to organize events.

The **Alcohol and Drug Harm Reduction Support Group** is back with Kathleen and Donna from DAMS! Wednesdays at 5:00-8pm.

Women's Voice – Every Thursday, 1:30. Let us know what you think about the Centre. Your opinions and ideas are needed!

Women Surviving Together – Every Thursday, 5 pm. Healing Circle and support group for women. Facilitated by elder Reta Blind and Stopping the Violence Counselor, Carol Martin. **Still Movement**, a six-week closed healing course, is currently on hold. Stay tuned for new updates.

Creative Writing Group – Every Tuesday, 6 pm. Metis performer & playwright, Marie Clements, offers her talents to women interested in creative writing. She will meet women at the Centre at 5:50 pm and walk over to Firehall Arts Centre (280 East Cordova) for the group.

ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOPS: Materials provided.

Beading with Leona – Every Monday, 1:30 pm. Learn how to bead, expand your skills or just share ideas.

Crochet with Anna- Every Wednesday, 2:00pm. Learn how to crochet with wool, finer yarn to make beautiful things!

Fabric Arts with Freeda - Every Friday morning, 10:30am. Learn to do your own sewing and alterations, or knit etc.

Dreamcatchers with Beverly every Saturday at 1:30pm. Expand your skills and share stories with other women.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1:30 Beading	2 5:00 Writing Group 5:00 BWSS	3 1-4pm Street Nurse 2:00 Crochet 5:00 Popular Education 5:00 Alcohol and Drug Group	4 HARVEST DINNER All women and children welcome! 12-3pm No evening group	5 10:30 Sewing etc. 1:30 Raffle GST day	6 1:30 Dreamcatchers 2:00 Video
7	8 Thanksgiving Day 1:30 Beading	9 5:00 Writing Group 5:00 BWSS	10 1-4pm Street Nurse 2:00 Crochet 5:00 Popular Education 5:00 Alcohol and Drug Group	11 1:30 Women's Voice 2:00 Outing 5:00 Healing Circle	12 10:30 Sewing etc. 1:30 Raffle	13 1:30 Dreamcatchers 2:00 Video
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Welcome to our official Open House!



Tuesday, October 16th



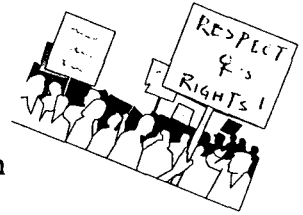
Friends, family, sisters, brothers,
musicians, and children! You are
cordially invited to the Open House of
the new Downtown Eastside Women's
Centre!

Ribbon to be cut at 10:00am
Food, speeches, and tours to follow!

This event is coordinated with the open
houses of the two organizations above
us: Atira Transition House, and Bridge
Housing for Women.

Please note that while these three organizations are housed
within the same building, they remain separate, with
different purposes, goals, and staff.

UPDATE ON EVENING GROUPS



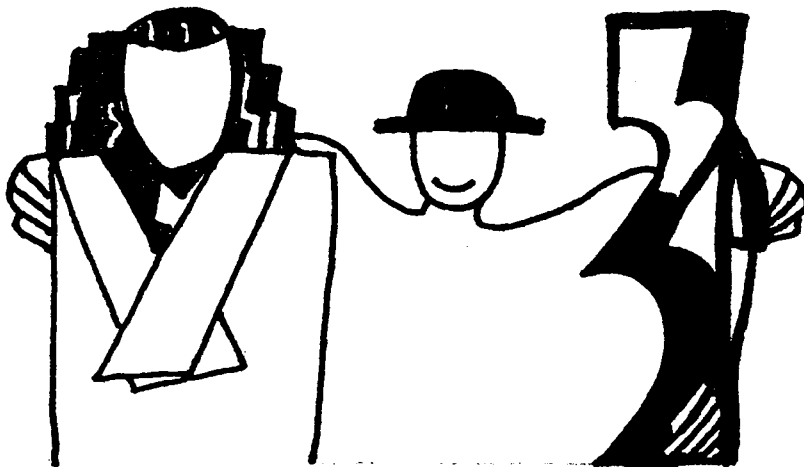
Organizing Training Group – begins Monday October 15 at 5:00 pm

The Organizer's Training Group at the Downtown East Women Center. This is the fourth time around for this group and so far feedback has been positive. The activities of the group has included developing a petition postcard –18,000 were signed and mailed to the federal government; lobbying provincial politicians; and organizing for the International Day to End Poverty.

The purpose of this group is to develop your organizing skills by doing political actions or to take on issues where you want to see changes. For example, you may think that Welfare rates should be increased. In the group you could learn more about organizing demonstrations, letter writing campaigns, lobbying government officials, etc. in order to pressure them into raising welfare rates.

If you are interested in this group or want more information talk to Alice Kendall.

Again, as this is “project based” it will be a closed group. Women must attend the first or second week. If not you cannot attend the group. However, it will come back again so keep a look out in the calendar.



Cartoon by Chrissie D.

A gift to
the Women's Centre.

Thank you!

On September 12th, the Women's Centre showed a documentary on Leonard Peltier's life in honour of his birthday. It was titled "The Incident at Oglala". Some of you may have missed the video, so we decided to tell you a little more about him

Who is Leonard Peltier?

(the following excerpts are taken from the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee website)

Leonard Peltier, a citizen of the Anishinabe and Lakota Nations, is a father, a grandfather, an artist, a writer, and an Indigenous rights activist. He has spent the last twenty-five years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Amnesty International considers him a "political prisoner" who should be "immediately and unconditionally released."

To the international community, the case of Leonard Peltier is a stain on America's Human Rights record. Nelson Mandela, Rigoberta Menchu, the U.N. High Commissioner on Human Rights, the Dalai Lama, the European Parliament, the Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, and Rev. Jesse Jackson are only a few who have called for his freedom. To many Indigenous Peoples, Leonard Peltier is a symbol of the long history of abuse and repression they have endured. The National Congress of American Indians and the Assembly of First Nations, representing the majority of First Nations in the U.S. and Canada, have repeatedly called for Leonard Peltier's freedom.

Leonard Peltier is 56 years old and was born on the Anishinabe (Chippewa) Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. He came from a large family of 13 brothers and sisters. He grew up in poverty, and survived many traumatic experiences resulting from U.S. government policies aimed to assimilate Native Peoples.

At the age of eight he was taken from his family and sent to a residential boarding school for Native people run by the US Government. There, the students were forbidden to speak their languages and they suffered both physical and psychological abuses.

As a teenager Leonard Peltier returned to live with his father at the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. It was one of three reservations, which the United States Government chose as the testing ground for its new termination policy. The policy forced Native families off their reservations and into the cities. The resulting protests and demonstrations by tribal members introduced Leonard Peltier to Native resistance through activism and organizing.

As he grew older, he began traveling with his father as a migrant farm worker. While following the harvests, they stayed at different reservations. During this time, he came to learn that policies of relocation, poverty, and racism were endemic issues affecting tribes across the U.S.

In 1965, Leonard Peltier moved to Seattle, Washington, where he worked for several years as part owner of an auto body shop which he used to employ Native people and to provide low-cost automobile repairs for those who needed it. During the same period, he was also active in the founding of a Native halfway house for ex-prisoners. His community volunteer work included Native Land Claim issues, alcohol counseling, and participation in protests concerning the preservation of Native land within the city of Seattle.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's Leonard Peltier began traveling to different Native communities. He spent a lot of time in Washington and Wisconsin and was working as a welder, carpenter, and

community counselor for Native people. In the course of his work he became involved with the American Indian Movement (AIM) and eventually joined the Denver Colorado chapter. In Denver, he worked as a community counselor confronting unemployment, alcohol problems and poor housing. He became strongly involved in the spiritual and traditional programs of AIM.

Leonard Peltier's participation in the American Indian Movement led to his involvement in the 1972 Trail of Broken Treaties which took him to Washington D.C., in the occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs building.

Eventually his AIM involvement would bring him to assist the Oglala Lakota People of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota in the mid 1970's. On Pine Ridge he participated in the planning of community activities, religious ceremonies, programs for self-sufficiency, and improved living conditions. He also helped to organize security for the traditional people who were being targeted for violence by the pro-assimilation tribal chairman and his vigilantes. It was here that the tragic shoot-out of June 26, 1975 occurred, leading to his wrongful conviction.

Despite the harsh conditions of imprisonment, Leonard Peltier has continued to lead an active life. From behind bars, he has helped to establish scholarships for Native students and special programs for Indigenous youth. He has served on the advisory board of the Rosenberg Fund for Children, and has sponsored children in Central America. He has donated to battered women's shelters, organized the annual Christmas drive for the people of Pine Ridge Reservation, and promoted prisoner art programs.

He has also established himself as a talented artist, using oils to paint portraits of his people, portraying their cultures and histories. He has written poetry and prose from prison, and recently completed a moving biography titled Prison Writings: My Life is My Sundance (St. Martin's Press, NY, 1999).

Leonard Peltier credits his ability to endure his circumstances to his spiritual practices and the love and support from his family and supporters.

Write to Leonard Peltier:

USPL
Leonard Peltier #89637-132
PO Box 1000
Leavenworth, KS 66048

For more information on the case of Leonard Peltier contact:

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee
PO Box 583, Lawrence, KS 66044, USA
Tel: 785-842-5775/ Fax 785-842-5796

Hey! Look for upcoming events with Joint Effort, an all women prison abolitionist group involved in solidarity work with women prisoners at the Burnaby Correctional Centre for Women (BCCW).



The Women's Centre is not able to give bus tickets for

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

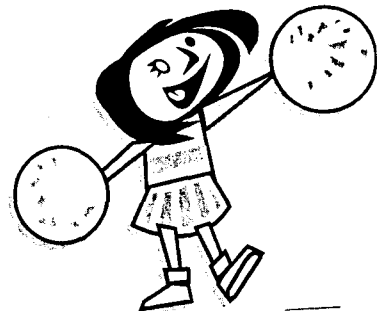
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MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

We are sorry that we cannot give bus tickets out for appointments, but we encourage you to see your Financial Aid Worker, or any administrative desk at any Welfare Office- **as they will give out bus tickets for medical appointments.** If you know you have an appointment on the weekend, make sure you pick up your bus tickets ahead of time, so you will be able to make your appointment.

Childcare for Evening Groups

If you are planning on attending an evening group and need childcare, make sure you call the Centre 24 hours in advance to let our administrator know. We understand that there have been some difficulties and confusion surrounding childcare during some of the evening groups. To alleviate this, we ask that you direct your requests to the ADMINISTRATOR'S office ONLY. The reason for this, is that sometimes you may leave a message with a staff member who is not in the Centre, and then they are unable to get your childcare request to the administrator in time. You can always leave a message with the administrator on her phone, and she will be sure to get it! Please call (604) 681-8480 ext. 227



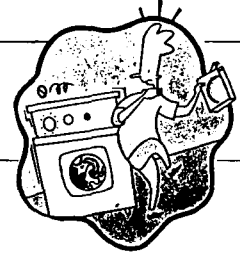
WOMEN CENTRE QUERIES

When can I do my laundry!?

Both volunteers and Women's Centre members are able to use our laundry facilities. To make it easier on the lil' ol machines and the staff, we have separate laundry days for volunteers and members.

VOLUNTEERS: Monday, Thursday, Sunday

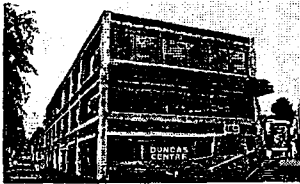
MEMBERS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday



Note there is no laundry on Saturdays.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

INDIAN HOMEMAKERS' ASSOCIATION of BC has moved!!



Our new address is

**206 - 2019 Dundas Street
Vancouver, BC V5L 1J5**

On the corner of
Dundas & Wall Street
(beside Kiwassa Employment Centre)

The telephone and fax number
remains the same.

This is the location of the

Aboriginal Mother Centre

to be opening in October 2001

(please see attachment for more info and stay tuned for new programs & opportunities for Aboriginal women & their families)

MOMS: We need your help!! Please call for more information.

For further info call 604-240-3135

Any individuals or organizations willing to donate items such as furniture for our community living room, daycare, kitchen, offices, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Other items that would be useful are renovation items such as paint supplies and other equipment.

People who are willing and able to donate their time and skills toward this move and renovations will also be appreciated, so call the number above!

Thank you in advance for your patience during this busy time 😊

The aspirations of the Aboriginal Mother Centre are:

- to increase the health, well-being, self-esteem, and skills of Aboriginal parents and their families;

- to create employment and facilitate the development of entrepreneurs and micro-enterprises through community capacity building and partnerships;

- to create internship opportunities for those who face employment barriers.

The participating parents run the Mother Centre on a voluntary basis, learning decision-making by consensus and leadership development in a non-hierarchical setting. This is a place where women can organize without being clientised.

Indian Homemakers' Association of BC will continue to provide their services including family counsellors, Traditional Parenting Skills programs and other services.

Potential plans for the Mother Centre include:

- a child minding centre, a daycare, an elders' area, and space for arts and crafts, workshops and meetings;

- an Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing facility for Aboriginal women and their children;

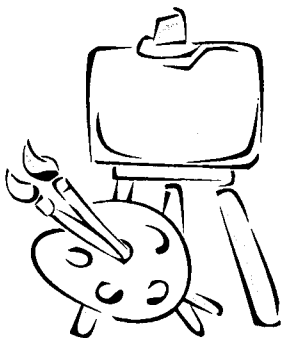
- Emergency Supervised Visitation units where women can have longer-term accessed visits with their children who are in the care of Social Services or at risk of being put into care;

- an Employment Readiness Training and Entrepreneurship program and related services;

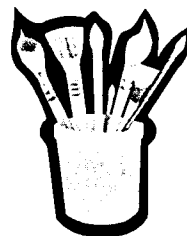
- a Community Learning Centre with on-line distributed learning ABE, adult literacy programs; college and university programs;

- Business space opportunities including: co-operatives; grocery/health store, courier service, laundromat, hairdressing salon, Aboriginal arts and craft store, and West Coast design; machine knitted blanket factory.

These are just a few of the many opportunities for the AMC! Call the number below to see how you can become involved!



MURAL SURVEY



Hey women! Remember the painted mural on the back wall of the old women's Centre? Well some women have inquired as to whether it will again grace our walls in this new space! After putting out a brief survey at the front desk in September, it seemed that there were some mixed feelings about having the mural back on the wall. Some women suggested that a NEW mural should be designed to celebrate a new beginning. Others wanted both the old mural, and a new mural! So here it is again- another chance to have your opinion heard. Please let us know what you want to decorate, celebrate, and infuse the new space with home-y-ness, love, and joy! This is YOUR space, and the Women's Centre is committed to making it as beautiful as its members. You can either let Jennifer, the Program Coordinator know, or fill out this brief survey below, cut it out, and submit it to her! You can drop it off at the front desk for your convenience. Look forward to hearing from you!



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- Yes, I would like to see the old mural up in the new Centre!
 - Mmm, the old mural didn't do much for me, but I would like to see a new mural in the Centre.
 - I like the Women's Centre space just as it is- I like the photographs and art!