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International Women's Day Organizing Committee  
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## **Celebrate International Women's Day! United Today – For Justice Tomorrow**

Vancouver – This year's International Women's Day events include a women's gathering, march, rally, and forum to be held Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, 2005. This year's theme is: ***United Today - For Justice Tomorrow!***

International Women's Day, March 8<sup>th</sup>, is celebrated around the world to acknowledge women's struggles against injustice. Here in Canada, we have a long history of organizing for women's rights and justice for all.

### Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Evening Gathering

- 7:30 to 9 p.m. Women are invited to the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, 302 Columbia Street, for speakers and entertainment. Rose Henry will speak about violence against women in the Downtown Eastside, and Debbie Palmer will speak about the polygamous community of Bountiful.

### Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast, March, Rally & Women's Forum

- 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Women and allies are invited to gather at the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, 302 Columbia Street for a pancake breakfast.
- 11 a.m. The march leaves the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre.
- 12:00 p.m. Women will rally on the south plaza of the Vancouver Public Library, 1-4 p.m. The women's forum will take place at the library. Come and mark the day with local activists in an interactive forum on issues including childcare as a universal right; and women fighting the cuts to women's services and programs in British Columbia. As well, Debbie Palmer will speak about child abuse and polygamy in Bountiful;

**Please join us in celebrating International Women's Day!**

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