

# International Women's Day 2005

*Unite Today For Justice Tomorrow*



## What is IWD?

Adopted by the United Nations, this international day provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to assess the challenges facing women in contemporary society, to consider future steps to enhance the status of women and, of course, to celebrate the gains made in these areas.

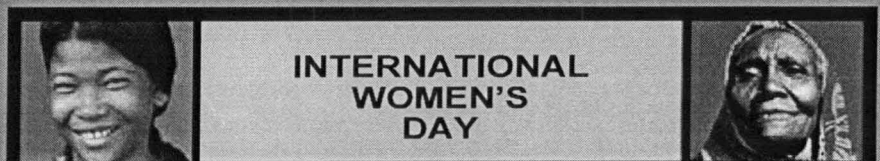
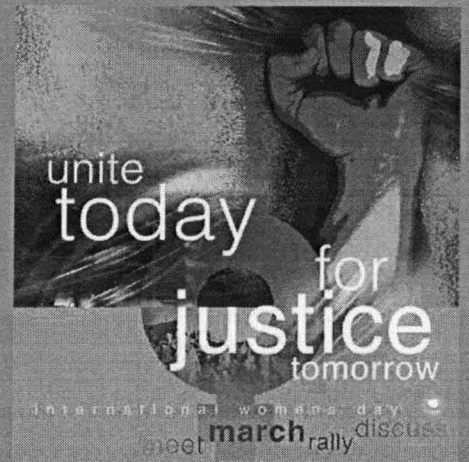
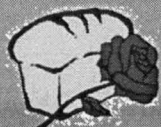
## Schedule of Events

**Friday Evening March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre  
302 Columbia Street in Vancouver

6:30 Doors open, refreshments and networking.

7:30 Speeches:

- Debbie Palmer on Bountiful and child abuse.
- Rose Henry -The Missing Women, Violence Against Aboriginal Women in the Downtown Eastside.
- Entertainment & Bread and Roses.



**Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Downtown Eastside Women's Centre**  
**302 Columbia Street in Vancouver**

**9:00 to 10:30** Pancake Breakfast at the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre.  
**11:00** March starts with the Aboriginal Elders leading the march.  
 The march will go from the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre to the Vancouver Public Library for the rally.  
**12:00** Rally at the south side of the library.

Lunch - Special IWD Buffet with vegetarian choices available for \$8 at the Fox and Fiddle Restaurant on the NE corner of Library Square.  
 There are also snack shops inside Library Square.

**International Women's Day Forum**  
**Vancouver Public Library**  
**350 West Georgia, Vancouver**

**Session One - 1:00 - 2:00**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Wosk Boardroom *	Women Elders in Action (WE -ACT) How taxation and pension policies short changed women
Peter Kaye Room	Universal Child Care: Rita Chudnovsky & Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of B.C.
Alma Van Dusen Room	Choice: Ann Thomson will discuss her book <i>Winning Choice on Abortion The story of B.C. and Canada</i> with Joyce Arthur of Pro-CAN & Tamara Gorin of Vancouver Rape Relief
Alice Mackay Room	Poverty: The New Era -The Deepening of Women's Poverty, Vancouver Status of Women

**Session Two - 2:00 - 2:45**

Wosk Boardroom*	The Damage of Residential Schools: Bernie Williams
Peter Kaye Room	Immigration and the Live-In Care Givers Program: West Coast Domestic Workers, Grace Balbutin
Alma Van Dusen Room	International Campaign to End Sharia Law: Mina Behroozi
Alice Mackay Room	Bountiful - Ending the Abuse: Debbie Palmer

**Session Three - 2:45 - 3:30**

Wosk Boardroom*	Canadian Women's World March 2005 Coalition: Lynda Gerty
Peter Kaye Room	Refugee Issues, Racial Profiling: No One is Illegal, Harsha Walia
Alma Van Dusen Room	Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan: Jan Cameron-Bakker
Alice Mackay Room	Devaluation of Women's Work: Hospital Employee's Union, Karen Dean

**Session Four - 3:30 - 4:15**

Wosk Boardroom*	Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO): Shannon Bundock
Peter Kaye Room	Direct Services and Access to Core Funding for French Speaking Women in Crisis in B.C.: Reseau Femmes - Micheline Barrette with Saida Ouchaou & Danielle Cornmier
Alma Van Dusen Room	Anti Violence Workshop: Vancouver Rape Relief, Erin Sandberg & Carmen Daly

\*Wosk Boardroom - on the seventh level inside the Library