

Are You Feeling Over-Policed???

Increasingly, Vancouver relies on policing and incarceration to take care of social issues such as homelessness, addiction and poverty. With the City of Vancouver's drug strategy putting more cops on the streets of the Downtown Eastside, the recent sweep of "Honduran" drug dealers, and the disproportionate numbers of people of colour and First Nations people in our jails, we can no longer ignore the links between criminal injustice to race and class.

The Racism Free Neighbourhood Network and the Urban Youth Alliance would like to bring communities together to voice their concerns and solutions about racial and class inequities within the criminal justice system. Using mediums such as art, theatre, print, workshops, radio and video we want to address:

- police harassment and brutality
- our rights within the justice system
- legal aid / access to services
- international struggles for prisoner's rights
- immigration and refugee policy
- race and class bias in the media
- racism and drug issues
- "youth gangs"
- women in prison
- mental health and disability
- hate crimes
- gentrification, community policing and private security
- alternatives to the criminal justice system

We are looking for individuals and organizations who are interested in helping support and plan events. We would like to invite you to a meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. at 213 Dunlevy Ave. Food, childcare and busfare are available.

If you have a story or just want to join in and raise your concerns we'd like that too. Please feel free to contact us.

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