

# January 21, 2004

## Refuse to Retreat. Community Invitation.

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The Anti - Poverty Committee is organizing a Refuse to Retreat Conference from February 21 - 22, 2004.

The conference will include workshops on

Labor Struggles  
Building Alliances  
Against Imperialism  
Indigenous Sovereignty  
Women's Liberation  
Refugee/Immigrants Fight Back  
Welfare Rights

Under the BC Liberals, the attack on all unemployed poor and working poor has intensified. The Liberals latest wave of assault is the 2- Year welfare time limit. Over the last few months many individuals and groups have been working together in solidarity to build a coalition and a community resistance to fight this government, and to organize to rescind this oppressive welfare legislation.

The weekend will focus around emphasizing each others active forms of fight back, community organizing, education and outreach. The conference will center on alliance building, creating solidarity and building strength between individuals and groups, with the long term goal of strengthening the common front of resistance.

We invite community groups and individuals interested in holding a workshop and or participating in a workshop/forum to contact The Anti-Poverty Committee. We also ask for you to endorse the Refuse to retreat Conference, by signing your name to the attached endorsement letter.

### How You Can Be Involved:

1. Organize a workshop/discussion group under the above categories.
2. Donate money to cover child care, bus tickets, and meals.
3. Volunteer to poster and circulate leaflets.
4. Organize an event for children, and or volunteer to participate in organizing child care.
5. Volunteer at the conference.
6. Come to the conference and set up an information table.
7. Show support by endorsing the conference the name of your group.

The deadline for Submissions is February 13, 2004  
For more information, and to volunteer: Please Contact Megan Oleson.