

# Anti-Poverty Committee News #10

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## No One is Illegal



### Refugees Deported, APC Members Arrested

After Kobra and her son Hassan were arrested at a routine interview with Immigration Canada, supporters in Vancouver held five protests to try and stop their deportation to Iran. They had come to Canada as political refugees five years ago because their lives were at risk. Canada now considers Iran a safe country and is deporting many Iranian refugees back without due process.

As a last attempt to stop the deportation and to publicize what Immigration Canada is doing, supporters held a demonstration on Tuesday, January 21st at the Vancouver International Airport at the same time as Kobra and Hassan were scheduled to fly back to Iran.

As they were waiting on the plane Kobra and Hassan became upset and the pilot asked them to be taken off. Immigration commissioners escorted Kobra through the airport lobby where the demonstration was happening. When members of the Iranian community saw Kobra they became upset. "Nobody imagined we would see Kobra before she was shipped to Iran. We went there to support Kobra and Hassan, as their deportation could mean the end of their lives," a supporter said.

Supporters surrounded Kobra and she escaped the commissioners. "I'm not made of stone. I couldn't just ignore women screaming and crying. I responded in a way anyone with a heart would have", said a supporter. "We were there to unconditionally support her. If she had sat down on the floor and linked arms, we would have sat down and linked arms. But she ran, so we ran with her. Kobra took the option to run. This reflects the terror of what she is up against by going back to Iran where the state has executed over 100,000 people."

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## APC One Year Later

A year ago, at a public town hall meeting against the BC Liberals, some folks came together to discuss poverty under the current government. The Anti-Poverty Committee was soon formed and immediately began work to organize a demonstration in front of Premier Gordon Campbell's Vancouver home. Over 500 people mobilized to oppose Campbell on his doorstep, signalling a desire to step up the fight against the Liberals and their brutal attacks on the lives of poor and working people in this province.

That demonstration was one of the many successes the APC has had over the past year. Our direct action casework has many times secured people's welfare, fought cruel landlords, and won against corporate attempts to endanger people's lives. On several occasions we have prevented Campbell from making public appearances such as last summer at the Art Gallery and this past fall at Britannia Community Centre.

We played a strong supportive role in the Woodward's Squat and at militant demonstrations and actions

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**stop the deportations!**

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Kobra escaped, but the police rounded up five protesters. The RCMP let two people go after questioning but they arrested APC members - Calvin, Justin and Randy. Justin and Randy spent over two days in jail awaiting \$1700 bail because they are homeless.

After Kobra contacted her lawyer and she turned herself in the next day. Kobra and her son had another hearing and their supporters were hoping they would get another chance to plea their case, but on Friday Immigration Canada suddenly announced that they had deported them back to Iran. As of Monday, January 27th, we have heard Kobra and Hassan are safe with their family in Iran but we do not know their fate.

This is just the beginning of the fight to stop deportations. Hundreds of Iranians and people from other communities are at risk of being sent back to unsafe countries. Canadians with citizenship have a duty to fight for those who are vulnerable.

On Monday, January 27st, the arrested APC members appeared in Provincial Court in Richmond and were charged with assaulting a police officer and assisting an escape from lawful custody. Other charges may be pending. Their next court appearance is Monday, February 10 at 9:30 AM at the Richmond Provincial Court (6900 Minoru Blvd.). Please come out to support those fighting racist deportations. We are also in great need of financial support to pay legal costs. You can write a cheque to the Anti-Poverty Committee and mark on it "Legal Defense." For more information check out the website [www.stopdeportationnow.com](http://www.stopdeportationnow.com) or join the No One is Illegal Coalition, call the APC office for meeting times.

## Against the War and Deportations!

While we send troops and weapons of mass destruction around the world, our borders at home in North America have become forticized walls to repel or detain people fleeing from regimes of terror. America's anti-terror bill and mass detentions, like those in Los Angeles where they held captive some 700 men and boys, are a blueprint for what will be done here. It is because of acts like that, as well as constant harassment and surveillance,

that so many have fled America in hopes of sanctuary in Canada. From January to October of this past year, 191 people filled refugee claims citing persecution in the US. The number has risen considerably since, mostly along the BC border.



*APC at the November 17th, 2002 rally against the War in Iraq*

In Canada, most refugees and immigrants face a two-tier system of victimization. The first act of victimization is exploitation. Since the beginning of the colonization of Canada, the market has relied upon immigrant labour for the construction and maintenance of capitalism. Workers of colour are forced financially to fill the jobs that the predominant white working class will not do. Now, because of mass layoffs in most job sectors, highly skilled immigrants are given the same jobs as white workers with less pay.

The second act of victimization comes from the constant threat of deportation. The status of immigrants and refugees is held in uneven balance by immigration officials who can, under a number of pretexts, have them deported. Right now, in Vancouver and across Canada, 2500 Iranians and many members of other ethnic communities are facing deportation. Canadian immigration laws have always been based on racism but now with the hysteria following September 11th the Immigration Act itself has become a tool of terror.

Those of us who fight against this war of terror and struggle for human rights must stand together against deportation, detentions and the imperialism of the Immigration Act. When communities are under attack by the government we must assist in defending them. APC believes direct action cannot be confined in general themes but in order to be effective must become a weapon of self defence in the day-to-day lives of those organizing to fight back.



*Demo against deportations to Iran on Dec 9/02. Photo courtesy of stopdeportationsnow.com.*

- David Cunningham

# APC One Year Later

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called by other unions and organizations. We continue to mobilize through education and action, hosting several forums, most recently around the devastating government attacks on people with disabilities. And with this edition, we celebrate our tenth newsletter.

Trying to build a radical, grassroots, anti-poverty organization in the midst of the Campbell cuts has been a struggle. While there is no shortage of energy to fight, it has been a struggle to build a strong organization internally, at the same time as building a strong movement externally. We have faced many attacks by the police, courts, corporate media and even Campbell himself, over the last year. However, the APC remains and the attacks have just forced us to grow stronger in our continued fight.

Recently, there was an internal struggle in the organization that resulted in a small number of members splitting from the group. We want to wish them success in their future organizing. It is an important time to recognize our common struggle and build the unity that is required to defeat Campbell, the BC Liberals and ultimately capitalism, imperialism and war.

While the BC Liberal government has been our main target, it has always been in the context of a broader struggle against poverty and oppression, both locally and internationally. The Anti-Poverty Committee will continue to work towards being an open, democratic, broad-based group of poor and working people. We will continue to build and work in coalition with other progressive movements for education, mobilization, unity and action.

Over the past few months the APC has been engaged in self-critical strategy evaluations. We are looking back on our past and planning for the future. As an organization we've learned a lot in the past year. We don't profess to have all the answers, but remain dedicated to our basis of unity

(see the back page) and to building a diverse and participatory movement of poor and working people, women, people of colour, First Nations, queers, immigrants, refugees, disabled, elders, youth, and all struggling for freedom and justice.



*August 2002 at the Welfare on Demand demo.*



*Supporters at APC's Picnic at the Premier's on April 1st, 2002.*

## The War at Home

Most immigrants these days especially from the Middle East, feel vulnerable and alone. This is not only because they see the US/British, Canada war machines approaching the Gulf to destroy Iraq, but also because they are confronting another war - here at "home!"

Since Canada is not a safe home for its true owners, the aboriginal people of this land, and since we have a liberal fascist government waging war against its poor citizens by cutting social programs, destroying childcare and health care systems, raising tuition and justifying the six dollar wage; immigrants can not expect to be safe or protected. Immigrants will never belong to a society that preaches equality and multiculturalism while they are targeted for their colour, culture, accent, descent, language, religion or class.

Most immigrants come to Canada because of wars and poverty. They flee wars such as the one that our government is supporting: the war on Iraq. Such wars lead to the fleeing of more immigrants out of their countries to a place like Canada, who will then target them again.

Same oppressor, same oppressed!

Except for the few immigrants who own mansions and like to be called "Canadians" before they get their citizenship and later vote for Campbell, most immigrants live under the poverty line, and have no political representation. Therefore, it's time for those who claim the status of "revolutionaries" to act in defense of immigrant rights.

And last, maybe Campbell should know that most immigrants DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!

*- a Palestinian Immigrant*



## Upcoming Disability Actions

### Next Meeting for the Coalition to Stop the Cuts to Disability

2:00 pm, Thursday, February 6th  
Carnegie Community Centre  
Main and Hastings

### Stop The Barbaric Government Reassessments of the Disabled!

**February 11th, March and Rally**

Location and time to be announced  
We will not let them cut us off just so they can cut 30% of their budget in order to save money for the Olympics!

We need volunteers and vehicles for folks with disabilities who may not be able to walk the whole way.

For more information contact:

Kym 604-253-0613 or  
APC 604-682-2726.

### Weekly Pamphletting to Stop The Reassessments

Every Wednesday starting  
February 5th

Meet at Robson and Burrard from  
11:30am to 1:30pm

This is a sister/brother action to the  
Victoria weekly pamphletting.

We NEED volunteers!

Contact Shane at APC at 604-682-2726 or Kym from VSW at 604-253-0613.

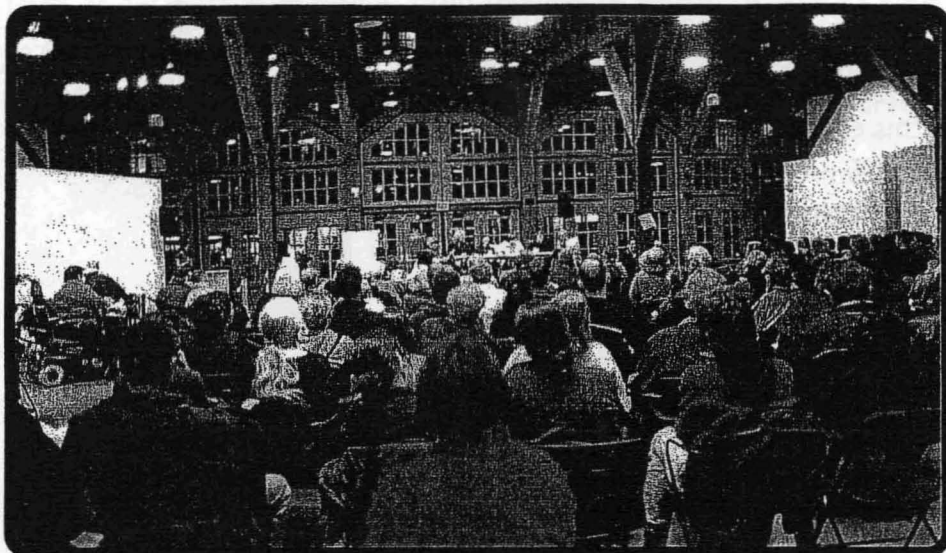
### Stop the Olympic Bid, Stop the Reassessment!

Beginning of March, the week that the IOC folks are here we hope to organise an action making the connections between the cuts and the Olympics. This will happen at the end of the week or we may join one of many actions that will be occurring.

Anyone interested in partaking can contact: Kym at

kymhothead@telus.net or phone 253-0613 and leave a message.

## Surviving & Resisting the Disability Cuts



*The popular disability forum organized by VSW and APC on November 20th, 2002 at the Roundhouse Community Centre.*

On November 20th 2002, the Vancouver Status of Women (VSW) and the Anti-Poverty Committee organized a forum around the Liberal's cuts to Disability Benefits. We held the meeting at the Roundhouse where 170 people gathered to hear a panel of a doctor, advocates and lawyers dealing with poverty issues, give their take on how the cuts are affecting the disabled community. Robin Loxton, an advocate of the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, was also there to advise people on the confusing reassessment process. At that time, the deadline for handing in the reapplication form of 23 pages was January 15th, 2003 and people were in panic.

On Saturday January 11th, APC, VSW, thirty members of the disabled community, and their allies attended a follow up strategy meeting at the Ravensong Community Health Center. We strategized around what tactics we would use in our fight back against the cuts and the Liberal government. We formed two working committees: one to plan actions and mobilizations and another to do outreach/media work and build coalitions. We discussed how to co-ordinate actions between Vancouver and Victoria beginning with weekly leafleting/panhandling at rotating locations to inform and educate the general public. We also discussed how to link our issue with resisting the Olympic bid by networking with other groups that are opposing the Olympics. There is no rational justifications for COPE and the Liberals to spend six billion dollars celebrating athletic mediocrity.

The government has backed down slightly, for now, by extending the deadline to March 15th and exempting 5,000 people dealing with mental health issues from being reassessed. The rules have also changed slightly for People with Persistent Multiple Barriers, but this is not yet enough. People are literally dying over the cuts to disability and regular welfare benefits. As many as thirty people have already committed suicide over the indignity and uncertainty of this reassessment process.

- PPBM

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## Direct Action Casework Victory!

On November 15th, APC came to the aid of a disabled woman, "Eva", whose hydro had been cut off. She had been without power for two days and the cold, damp conditions were putting her in discomfort and pain and making her disabilities worse.

We sent BC Hydro a letter that morning saying we meant business: if they didn't turn her power back on by 2 pm we would deal with them personally.

At 2:30 pm eight APC members, a journalist, and Eva stood in the BC Hydro office refusing to leave. Two APC members took the elevator to the top floor to pay the Junior Vice President a visit. Everyone at BC Hydro insisted that their office was not responsible for bill payments and that we were protesting at the wrong place.

In the end, Junior Vice President Shawn Thomas negotiated a reasonable payment plan with Eva because two APC members that went into Thomas's office refused to leave until he did so. Eva's hydro was turned back on that same night and she would pay \$20 a month towards the \$1000 debt she had from 1996.

Mobilizing poor people to win back their rights is an important aspect of community activism. Poor people who have to fight back alone are often left to sit in the dark and cold. A **flying squad**\* creates such an atmosphere of disruption that it is not worth it for companies or government officials to stick with their oppressive agendas.

With a flying squad we can demand welfare cheques. We can demand that the Ministry of Children and Families not take a poor person's kid. We can demand the things we need with strength & dignity. Direct action casework empowers people to build a culture of resistance. This culture is a living and vibrant part of the movement that the Anti-Poverty Committee is trying to build.

- Joey Only

## Poverty is Violence Against Women

Women in BC are having their lives severely threatened right now, on many levels by the brutal and harmful cutbacks of the BC Liberal government. They are victims of state violence. The BC Liberals are violating women's fundamental rights on at least eight or more articles of the *UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women*. For example one article says that: "The state shall promote the protection of women against any form of violence and ensure that the victimization of women does not occur because of laws insensitive to gender consideration, enforcement practices and/or other interventions." The BC Liberals have willingly violating this article, amongst many others in regards to women's fundamental rights by enforcing with laws and harmful cutback policies one of the worse forms of violence: **poverty**.

It is also recognized, by this same declaration, that in situations of poverty, women have the least access to food, health care, education, training and employment opportunities. We can also add to that list access to childcare support, legal aid and housing. BC poorest citizens are women. In fact, BC women are one of the poorest group of citizens in Canada and especially aboriginal women, single mothers and immigrants. It is estimated that about 25% of all the women in BC and almost 50% of BC single mothers earn less than the low-income cutoff ratio.\* A large majority of women work minimum wage, including at the 6¢ training wage, in non-unionised work environments and with no or little benefits and security jobs. 64% of minimum wage earners in BC are women and most of them are single mothers or immigrants. Single-parents families in BC are headed by women in 83% of the cases. More than half of these families live below the poverty level and rely most of the time on social assistance to survive. In general, women have to rely on social assistance to survive about twice as much as men. This number increases for single-mothers.

Poverty brings higher risks of facing abusive or violent situations, homelessness, sexual exploitation, child apprehension and death. Women are one of the **primary target of the state** right now and there is still worse to come. We are being forced in a threatfull poverty crisis and it is more than urgent to address the issue and **FIGHT BACK!**

\* BC coalition of women's centres. - Benerice



### \* Definition of a Flying Squad \*

A small group of people who are ready to do direct action in an emergency or as a last resort. For example: the ministry is kicking a single mom off welfare and APC has exhausted all other avenues, we would call a flying squad to go to the welfare office and demand that she get her cheque. This has proven to be very effective. If you would like to be part of a flying squad call the APC office at 604-682-2726.



## HEU Action Update

A year after the BC Liberal's ripped up their contract and opened the door to privatization, thousands of Hospital Employee Union members, at the risk getting fired, walked off the job and into the streets.

In Vancouver, early on Tuesday, January 28th morning HEU members, with help from the community and an APC flying squad, set up roving pickets at various hospitals. Essential services were maintained but the British Columbia Nurses Union told their workers to not pick up the slack for the striking HEU members.

Before the picket could be declared illegal, workers and supporters boarded buses and headed to a march and rally downtown. More than 4000 people marched through the streets calling for a stop to the privatization of hospital services.

In Victoria the police arrested six people at an occupation of the Vancouver Island Health Authority offices while hundreds of people rallied outside.

The HEU says the jobs of 5000 people, mostly women and people of colour are at risk. The Liberal government is awarding contracts to foreign companies that pay their workers half the wage. The Tuesday day of action was just part of an escalating fight back led by the Hospital Employees Union.

For more information and upcoming actions check out [www.heu.org](http://www.heu.org)



## HEU Resistance

### Not Alberta Bound: The Chilliwack Laundry Blockade

Laundry was one of the first hospital services to be privatized by the Fraser Health Authority (FHA). In November 2002, the FHA contracted laundry services to K-BRO - a U.S. owned, Alberta-based company - for ten years even though they do not have a factory in the Lower Mainland and the laundry has to be trucked 2000 km to Alberta and back just to be washed. Previously, the laundry was washed in-house at the Chilliwack hospital. Just under fifty unionized workers lost their jobs when the FHA contracted the service out to make the work more "efficient and cost-effective." Workers at the K-BRO factory in Alberta make about \$6 per hour.

Even the conservative community of Chilliwack was upset at the absurdity of trucking laundry over 2000 km to be washed. Worker and community outrage at the deal prompted the call for a blockade of the K-BRO sorting plant in Chilliwack. The sorting plant is located in the Legacy industrial plant owned by the Rogers family.

On November 21, about 120 members of the Hospital Employees Union (HEU), BCGEU and other unions, as well as community supporters, and an APC flying squad blocked (with hay bales) the trailer full of dirty laundry bound for Alberta. About 40 people spent the night at the blockade.

On November 22nd, the Chilliwack courthouse was closed so K-BRO made an application for an injunction at the Vancouver courthouse. In just over an hour, the company received both an injunction and an enforcement order.

At about 3 pm, the injunction was served and Fred Muzin (HEU president), Chris Allnutt (secretary/business manager) and Mary LaPlante (financial secretary) were arrested for criminal contempt. The remaining protestors stayed at the site until a planned rally and then dispersed.

During the blockade, we were able to document a number of unsafe practices. Clean and dirty laundry were stacked together and carried in the same truck. This creates an infection control hazard and increases the spread of bacteria and viruses. As well, the Chilliwack newspapers discovered that K-BRO had not applied for a business permit for the site.

Since the blockade, other unsafe practices have been noted. Very recently, the hospitals ran out of birthing clothes and K-BRO advised their workers to wash them in regular domestic washers in the long-term care centre. Washing in domestic machines does not clean to the standard needed for birthing rooms. Some hospital workers have been asked to put in loads of laundry in their spare time because they are constantly running out of clean supplies.

The FHA laundry privatization goes to show that contracting out isn't about saving money, it is about making profit for multinationals. Privatization puts patients at risk and is not any cheaper. The money that used to go into decent wages goes into profits in the hands of multi-national corporations.

- a HEU activist

# The Take Down of the Woodward's Squat

After 92 days of struggle to defend the Woodward's Squat against the threat of police, engineers, social workers, the legal system and poverty pimps, the tent city ended quietly. By the end people were demoralized and hungry because the Woodward's Social Housing Coalition had taken control of the squat money and distribution of food. There was no option but to leave.

The city decided not to enforce the injunction and instead paid the Portland Hotel Society \$10,000 to take down the squat, clean the sidewalks, and put up a fence on December 14th. Fifty members of VANDU (Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users) were hired for \$50 each to help out but only a few participated in the eviction. Many people lost their stuff in the dumpsters because they were gone from the squat for the day.

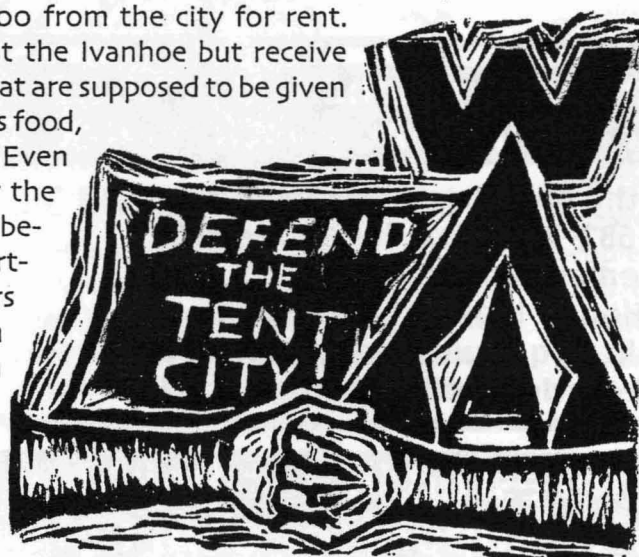
The city also paid the Portland \$93,000 to manage fifty squatters for four months in the Dominion Hotel, above the Lamplighter bar, at Water and Abbott streets. Nassar Nahabat, the owner or leaser of the Dominion and Ivanhoe Hotels, received \$80,000 from the city for rent. Twelve people from the squat are at the Ivanhoe but receive none of the Portland Hotel services that are supposed to be given to the people at the Dominion, such as food, counselling, and medical attention. Even though the city has already paid for the rent, squatters at the Dominion are being forced to pay \$325 rent to the Portland. Twenty-five or more squatters did not get any rooms and are still on the street. Some people are living in Crab Park and Stanley Park.

Residents at the Dominion have been subject to constant police harassment including unlawful entry of rooms. The Portland Hotel Society has evicted at least four squatters and the kitchen, which was promised to the squatters, is now being renovated for a commercial restaurant instead. Lack of a common meeting and eating area has made it almost impossible for the resident's council to organize. Squatters in the building feel isolated from the community and look forward to leaving for longer-term housing.

The Woodward's Legal Defense Committee kicks into full gear this month. The Committee is going ahead with civil claims against the police and city for brutality and destruction of property on September 21st and 22nd when the police, with the help of the city engineering staff, evicted the squatters from Woodward's and the sidewalk.

- a Woodward's squatter

For the history and updates of the Woodward's squat visit: [www.woodsquat.net](http://www.woodsquat.net). For updates on legal defense and to give support contact the committee at 604-682-3269 ext. 9909 or [woodwards-legal-defense@lists.resist.ca](mailto:woodwards-legal-defense@lists.resist.ca).



## Other News

### The LMCSJ is Back!

The Lower Mainland Coalition for Social Justice held its first general meeting of the year on January 12th at the Maritime Labor Centre. About 30 groups from all over the Lower Mainland assisted at this meeting - the first one since the coalition was partly dissolved last year. About 100 people gathered, from unions, anti-poverty groups as well as individuals, to discuss the new direction and campaigns of the coalition.

People brought up different proposals in regards to opposing the Olympics, the fight against the cuts to the disability benefits and the fight against the privatization of health care. We formed several working groups to work on these different issues as well as a structure working group and the new coordinating committee.

The coalition will be having its next general meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26th from 2 to 4pm in the auditorium of the BCGEU office\*. These meetings are open to everyone who is concerned about social justice issues and who want to fight and defeat the BC Liberal government and their brutal policies.

- Benerice

\* The BCGEU office is located at 3030 E. Broadway between Renfrew and Rupert sky-train station.

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# What is APC?

The Anti-Poverty Committee is an organization of poor and working people who fight for poor people, their rights, and an end to poverty by any means necessary. The poor face constant attacks under the capitalist system and these attacks have only intensified under the BC Liberal government.

The BC Liberal's brutal policies — the cuts to welfare, the six dollar training wage, the privatization of public services, the cuts to social programs, the restriction of democratic and human rights — all are designed to transfer wealth from poor and working people to the rich and powerful.

APC is committed to fighting these brutal policies through direct action, mass mobilization, and casework. The APC opposes racism, sexism, homophobia and all other forms of oppression. We are an independent organization that is open to anyone who agrees with our basis of unity. We are committed to working in solidarity with the struggles of other progressive movements — locally, nationally, and internationally — to end poverty and injustice.

## Problems with welfare, landlord or boss? Maybe you need Direct Action Casework

Contact the Anti-Poverty Committee  
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42 Blood Alley Sq., Vancouver, BC V6B 1C7  
b/w Water & Cordova, off Carrall in the DTES

## Are you interested in becoming a member or supporter of APC?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email APC at [apc@resist](mailto:apc@resist) or mail to the above address.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Put my name on the calling & email list for demos & actions | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to do casework   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Put my name on the APC discuss email list                   | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be part of a flying squad   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can support APC's work financially                        | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to work on a campaign: <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Defense <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in attending meetings                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare/Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Olympics  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help poster/leafletting                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help in the office                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other skills you can share: _____   |

## APC Events

### APC Structure Meeting

Sunday, February 9

Time and location to be announced

This meeting will discuss proposals on how to re-structure the APC to make it more democratic and accountable to its members.

All APC members are invited to discuss APC strategy and tactics for the coming year. Currently a member is someone who has been to one APC meeting and done an APC related task in the last three months.

## Get Involved...

### General Meetings

every other Tuesday, 6pm

February 11th & 25th

Childcare and coffee provided usually at 327 Carrall Street (please call to confirm)

### Welfare Campaign Meetings

Every Monday, 5:00 PM

APC Office, 42 Blood Alley Square

### Women's Campaign Meetings

Every Saturday, 2:00 PM at the APC Office

### Newsletter Meeting

Monday, February 17th, 6:00 pm

Submission date - February 25th

SOMETIMES IT IS NECESSARY TO CHANGE CAMPAIGN MEETING TIMES SO PLEASE PHONE THE APC OFFICE TO CONFIRM!

## Financial Support Needed!!

Can you help financially support the work of the Anti-Poverty Committee? We especially need money for are legal defense fund. We can accept cheques made out to "Anti-Poverty Committee" or direct deposit through any VanCity Credit Union.

**house the homeless! feed the hungry! care for the sick! 8**