



# '16 Days' Calendar

November 25 - December 10, 2009



*The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an annual global campaign, which takes place from November 25 - December 10 to raise awareness and dialogue around violence against women. It has seen tens of thousands of activists from every region of the world take part in a united movement for women's rights since its beginning in 1991. The '16 Days' Campaign provides an opportunity for activists to work together in solidarity and draw upon this period of heightened international attention to gain support for their local efforts.*

*This year's theme is "**Commit, Act, Demand: We CAN End Violence Against Women!**"*

## 'We Can' Press Conference for 16 Days of Activism

When: November 25, Wednesday

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am (registration starts at 10 am)

Where: Peter Kaye Room, Vancouver Public Library, 350 West Georgia, Vancouver

'We Can' is pleased to be hosting a press conference to launch the '16 Days' 2009 and to highlight the efforts in addressing the violence against women in British Columbia and around the world.

Panel speakers include Vancouver City Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Tamara Vrooman (CEO of Vancity Credit Union), and representatives from various partner business and community agencies.

See the full list of speakers on our website – [www.wecanbc.ca](http://www.wecanbc.ca)

## Transforming Our Future

When: November 27 and 28, Friday and Saturday

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Kwantlen Polytechnic University (12666- 72nd Ave, Surrey BC)

Cost: \$50 (subsidies available upon request); includes course materials and refreshments

West Coast LEAF, in partnership with the Justice Education Society and the We Can Campaign, is pleased to offer a two-day practical public legal education course designed for activists, advocates, and community service providers to learn about the Canadian justice system, human rights law, equality rights, and how to develop legal strategies to address the impact of systemic discrimination.

This workshop is aimed to empower community service providers by providing tools for identifying systemic discrimination, assessing legal avenues for change, and developing strategies meaningful to their communities. Over the two days participants will examine sources of equality law in Canada, and critically examine concepts of equality and systemic discrimination.

Registration is limited. Please register by November 20, 2009. For more information and to register, contact Deanna Ogle at [education@westcoastleaf.org](mailto:education@westcoastleaf.org) or at 604- 684-8772 ext. 114

## **Commit-Act-Demand: 16 Days Presentation**

When: Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: The Gathering Place, 1100-2253 Leigh Square Place, Port Coquitlam, BC

The Tri-City Women's Resource Society invites you to a presentation by professional empowerment speaker and author of award winning book Welcome Home to Yourself, Suzanne Kyra.

Please RSVP by Nov. 24th at [info@tcwrs.com](mailto:info@tcwrs.com) or contact Sandra at 604-941-6311.

## **Change Makers Leadership Institute**

When: December 3, Thursday

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Justice Education Society (260 - 800 Hornby St, Vancouver, BC)

Cost: Free. Refreshments will be provided.

We Can and Justice Education Society of BC are offering Change Makers Leadership Institute for all Change Makers who want to deepen their knowledge about the issue of gender-based violence, and to build their leadership skills for advancing change.

Space is limited. Deadline to register is December 1st. For more information and to register contact us at [admin@wecanbc.ca](mailto:admin@wecanbc.ca)

## **Displays by Options Surrey Community Services**

Stopping the Violence Programs at Options Surrey Communities Services will be hosting a number of displays during 16 Days.

December 3: at BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre - SHY auditorium, Vancouver (11:00 am - 3:00 pm) and at Delta Opposes Violence Everywhere (DOVE) advocacy group at a North Delta Secondary High School geared towards teens and focusing on violence in relationships.

December 4: at Scotsdale Mall in Surrey providing pamphlets, brochures and information; Comfort Bear Draws.

For more information contact Deara Dirk at [Deara.Dirk@options.bc.ca](mailto:Deara.Dirk@options.bc.ca)

## **Women of Courage and S.U.C.C.E.S.S.**

When: Friday, December 4

Time: 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Employment Services Office (118-5021 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC)

Officiating Speakers:

Hon. Kathy Corrigan, MLA Burnaby-Deer Lake

Hon. Raj Chouhan, MLA Burnaby-Edmonds

Hon. Richard Lee, MLA Burnaby-North

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Hon. Peter Julian, MP Burnaby-New Westminster  
 Hon. Libby Davies, MP Vancouver East

The SUCCESS Bridging Employment Program for Women is a 26 week long program for women who have experienced violence and/or abuse, and are making positive changes in their lives. This program consists of the Aboriginal Approach and Community Approach. This program began in January 2009, and we will begin an annual graduation celebration for these participants who completed the program, and incorporate this celebration into the 16 Days of Activism of the 'We Can' Campaign, drawing awareness to ending violence against women.

For more information contact Jenny Morgan at [jenny.morgan@success.bc.ca](mailto:jenny.morgan@success.bc.ca)

## **20th Anniversary: Memorial for the Montréal Massacre of Women**

When: December 5, Saturday

Time: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Where: Vancouver Public Library, 350 West Georgia, Vancouver

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter invites you to the annual memorial for the Montreal Massacre, a free public conference. All are welcome. Please join us for this inspiring and educational event to remember the women who Marc Lepine murdered, to resist misogyny, and to celebrate our freedom.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, please contact 604.872.8212 or visit [www.rapereliefshelter.bc.ca](http://www.rapereliefshelter.bc.ca). Event program is also available at [http://wecanbc.ca/documents/MM09\\_brchr\\_WEB.pdf](http://wecanbc.ca/documents/MM09_brchr_WEB.pdf)

## **The Shoe Memorial: Canada's National Day of Mourning**

When: December 6, Sunday

Time: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, ceremony at noon

Where: Robson Street stairs, Vancouver Art Gallery

On December 6th the Shoe Memorial will return to the Vancouver Art Gallery steps with its list of victims and the shoes that mark their deaths.

For more information, to donate shoes or to volunteer contact Pat Kelln at [pkelln@telus.net](mailto:pkelln@telus.net).

## **ROSE Remembrance Ceremony**

When: December 6, Sunday

Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Marker of Change, in Thornton Park (Main Street and Terminal Avenue, Vancouver, BC)

On December 6, 1989, fourteen women were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique of the University of Montreal. In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the massacre, the organizing committee of ROSE will hold a public event on December 6, 2009, at Marker of Change, Vancouver, BC. This will be an artist-led creative process and public event. Artists include Haruko Okano, Margaret Dragu and the Solidarity Notes choir.

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For detailed information please visit

<http://www.rememberoursisterseverywhere.com/events/december-6th-2009-20th>.

## **Criminal Justice Responses to Violence Against Women: Linking Local and International Efforts**

When: December 9, Wednesday

Time: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Where: Room 400 UBC Robson Square, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver BC

Presented by the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, this half-day interactive discussion forum will provide the opportunity to exchange information about recent efforts, both internationally and locally, to combat violence against women and girls. This forum will address the current efforts to review and update the 1997 UN Model Strategies and Practical Measures to Eliminate Violence Against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as well as the good practices recently developed in British Columbia to ensure an effective criminal justice response to violence against women.

The event is free but seating is limited, so please register for this event by calling 604-822-9875 or emailing [icclr@law.ubc.ca](mailto:icclr@law.ubc.ca).

## **'We Can' Candlelight Vigil**

Date: Thursday, December 10

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: Burnaby Civic Square by Metrotown Library (6100 Willingdon Ave)

Join us for the third annual We Can Candlelight Vigil on December 10th, the International Human Rights Day. We will be gathering to commemorate all the women who have suffered abuse.

Blessing: Marjorie Dumont – Wet'suwet'en/Gitksan

Welcome: Derek Corrigan – Mayor of Burnaby

Keynote speaker: Fazeela Jiwa – Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter

Campaign endorsement: Patrice Pratt – Board Chair of Vancity Credit Union

Master of ceremonies: Shashi Assanand – Vancouver and Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Services Society

For more information contact Lali Pawa at 604-760-5727, email [admin@wecanbc.ca](mailto:admin@wecanbc.ca)

## **Call for Volunteers**

The '16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence' is an exciting time of action and activism, and it would not be possible without the help of volunteers. Volunteer roles range from event set-up/take down to operating information tables to engaging with the public on the issue of violence against women.

If you are interested in volunteering with one of the many events taking place during the '16 Days' please contact us at [admin@wecanbc.ca](mailto:admin@wecanbc.ca).

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