THINK GLOBAL
UNAC–VANCOUVER NETWORKING BREAKFAST
with keynote speaker Andrea Reimer, City of Vancouver Councillor
March 20, 2015 | 8 – 11 am
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL | Don Wright | Regional Activism Coordinator | dwright@amnesty.ca

Amnesty International's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments. In pursuit of this vision, Amnesty International's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of these rights.

Don Wright is a regional coordinator based at the Vancouver office of Amnesty International. He supports member and group activism, speaks at schools and community events, and works with a variety of organizations to present public events focused on human rights. Don has a master's degree in Adult Education, lives in the West End, and writes a travel blog in his spare time.

BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION | Josh Paterson | Executive Director | josh@bccla.org

The BC Civil Liberties Association's purpose is to promote, defend, sustain, and extend civil liberties and human rights. The BCCLA was established in 1962 and is the oldest and most active civil liberties group in Canada. Our mandate is to preserve, defend, maintain and extend civil liberties and human rights in Canada. We achieve our mandate through our Advocacy in Action, Public Policy, Community Education, and Justice programs. The BCCLA is an autonomous, non-partisan charitable society. We are funded by the Law Foundation of B.C. and by citizens who believe in what we do.

The BCCLA works to protect people in Canada from human rights violations, civil liberties restrictions, and discrimination. Josh's legal career has always focused on human rights issues. He got his start as the Director of the Freedom of Expression, Equality and Dignity Project at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association in Toronto. After moving to Vancouver, he worked in labour law, and then as the Aboriginal and Natural Resources Lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law, where he led that organization's highly effective legal work protecting the rights of people in northern BC.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives is an independent, non-partisan research institute concerned with issues of social, economic and environmental justice. The BC Office works with a team of over fifty staff and volunteer researchers to investigate the key challenges facing our province — the high rate of poverty, economic insecurity, the extreme concentration of wealth and threats to our environment and climate. But we don't stop there: we propose real, workable solutions, and we focus on public engagement so that our findings are shared as widely as possible.

Iglika Ivanova is a Senior Economist and Public Interest Researcher with the BC Office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. She works with and champions the voices of British Columbians in economic and social policy debates. She is particularly interested in the potential for public policy to shape more just and sustainable economic futures for all of us.
CITY OF VANCOUVER
Andrea Reimer | Councillor | andrea.reimer@vancouver.ca

Inspired by Mayor Gregor Robertson’s leadership to join Vision Vancouver, Councillor Andrea Reimer was first elected to Vancouver City Council in 2008, and re-elected in 2011 and 2014. She had previously served as a School Board member with the Green Party from 2002–2005.

In her original campaign for City Council, Councillor Reimer made commitments in three key areas: 1.) Greenest city on Earth, 2.) City of compassion and opportunity, 3.) City of strong communities

As the lead councillor on the City's award-winning Greenest City Action Plan, Councillor Reimer led efforts to make Vancouver a global leader in environmental action, validated by Vancouver being named the fourth greenest city on Earth in 2014. In 2013, she was awarded the Queen's Jubilee medal in recognition of her leadership role on this initiative.

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social housing but a long-term solution. We give families, our Partner Families, a hand up not a hand out towards their dreams of homeownership and a safe community. Partner Families must complete 500 hours of sweat equity (volunteer time) towards the building of their home and pay a monthly mortgage set at no more than 30% of their indexed annual income. Upon moving out of a Habitat home, Partner Families are given all the equity they have put into their home as cash to invest in the traditional mortgage system; the home remains in the Habitat Greater Vancouver inventory and is then offered to a new family. Habitat’s social enterprise, ReStore, sells donated new and used home décor and building supplies at discounted prices. All revenue from our four ReStore locations covers our affiliate’s operational costs and helps build homes locally.

Since October 2012, Tim Clark has led Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver as CEO. Tim Clark is a seasoned executive with over 20 years of experience growing organizations across multiple disciplines, including business and financial planning, operations and project management. Her career path has been distinguished by achievements in non-profit governance, property development and management, municipal and environmental approval process and environmental sustainability principals—along with grant and fund development execution. Tim brings a wealth of housing, real estate and development management experience to her role at Habitat Greater Vancouver. She has steered $10,000 to $12 million dollar construction projects from approval process and acquisition through to final occupancy—and has worked as COO and VP for a Metro Vancouver development company which managed assets in excess of $150 million.

Senator Mobina Jaffer

Senator Mobina Jaffer was born in Uganda and educated in both England and Canada. Senator Jaffer’s record of achievement is extensive. She has been noted for her work in the areas of equality and justice for visible minorities and women.

Senator Jaffer currently sits as Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights. She works tirelessly to improve equality both in Canada and abroad. Most notably, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to UN Resolution 1325 that seeks to stress the importance of women's involvement in peacemaking processes. Due to her relentless commitment to this mandate, she was successful in integrating women in the Darfur peace process.

MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES/DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Medécins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from healthcare. MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. MSF's actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality. Thousands of health professionals, logistical and administrative staff work on programmes in some 70 countries worldwide.

Sandy Stepien is a project manager and accountant who joined Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders after a successful career spanning the financial, management and software development fields. Sandy spent 12 months with MSF in Zimbabwe from 2011 to 2012 and 6 months in South Sudan as Financial Coordinator. She returned from her last mission in Juba, South Sudan in December 2014.

Jennifer Breakspear is committed to making a difference and this commitment has guided her throughout her life. Jennifer is proud to be the Executive Director of Options for Sexual Health, the largest sexual and reproductive health care provider in Canada, where she leads an innovative health care organization in the delivery of sexual health care and education. Jennifer contributes her time and talents to

Options for Sexual Health

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OPT’s mission is to provide comprehensive education, accurate information, support for sexual expression and reproductive choice, and confidential clinical services that help British Columbians enjoy healthy sexuality throughout life.
organizations making a difference locally and around the world. Some of these include: Amnesty International, Canadian Red Cross, Zee Zee Theatre, and Vantage Point. Jennifer is pursuing her Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation through the Canadian Society of Association Executives. In her spare time Jennifer is active in dragon boating as a paddler, steersperson and race official.

OXFAM
Mary Ellen MacCallum | Board Member | memaccallum@yahoo.com

Oxfam Canada is an affiliate of the International Oxfam Confederation. Together we are 17 organizations networked together in 94 countries, as part of a global movement for change. We work directly with communities, and we seek to influence those in power to ensure that people living in poverty can improve their lives and livelihoods and have a say in decisions that affect them. We believe that together, people can create a fair world, free of poverty and injustice. A fair world that respects the basic rights of all human beings to: earn a decent living, enjoy basic education and health care, get help in life-threatening disasters, speak out for their rights, be treated as equals.

Mary Ellen has been a volunteer member of Oxfam Canada’s board since 2013. She brings to the position a lifetime as an Oxfam supporter: beginning with campus club during her university years, then engaging neighbors in awareness raising and fundraising when she lived in northern Ontario, and now drawing on her links to the local Oxfam Committee to inform board decisions. She spent 20+ years working internationally on development projects with an environmental focus, and has seen first hand the importance of women in defining and achieving local environmental protection goals.

PEACEGEEEKS
Renee Black | Founder and Executive Director | renee@peacegeeks.org

PeaceGeeks is a Vancouver-based non-profit organization that provides customized one-on-one technological and capacity building support to grassroots human rights organizations in the Global South. With our help, these organizations are able to more effectively leverage technology to collect human rights data and share it with a global audience of changemakers that can assist them in creating peace and accountability in their communities. Our ability to undertake these projects comes from a network of over 200 volunteer professionals with experience in fields such as web development, online security, communications, and digital activism.

Renee is the founder and Executive Director of PeaceGeeks. Renee’s previous experience include over eight years as a Business Analyst and Project Manager, focusing mainly on software development and database marketing solutions, including with xWave and Introwest. In 2009, Renee completed a Masters of International Affairs, and worked on the Women, Peace & Security framework with the United Nations and with the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders. Her experience with these organizations played a pivotal role in the inspiration to launch PeaceGeeks.

PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY
Katrina Pacey | Executive Director | katrina@pivotlegal.org

Pivot Legal Society is a social change organization that uses the law to fight legislation, policies, and practices that undermine human rights, intensify poverty, and drive people to the margins of society. Pivot selects legal actions that can achieve the greatest systemic change for the communities in which we work. The Pivot model was forged in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside in the face of a health and human rights crisis. We work with and take direction from community residents most affected by social exclusion and poverty. At this time, Pivot has four major campaigns: police accountability, sex workers’ rights, drug policy reform, and housing for all.

Katrina Pacey is a lawyer and the Executive Director of Pivot Legal Society. For the last decade, Katrina has guided Pivot’s litigation and campaign strategy, and has been the lead lawyer on Pivot’s campaign for sex workers’ rights.

QMUNITY
BC’S QUEER RESOURCE CENTRE
QMUNITY | Tara Parker | Executive Director tara.parker@qmunity.ca

QMUNITY is BC’s queer resource centre – the hub for the lesbian, gay, trans*, bi and queer community program, training and advocacy. We envision a world where all queer people are included and free from discrimination. Our team of skilled professionals deliver many vital social services and programs including: Gab Youth (for queer, questioning and ally youth 25 years of age and under), Generations (for the aging and older members of our community), Education/Outreach, Volunteer Services, Anti-Violence resources, Coming Out and Social Support Groups, Free Counselling, Meeting Spaces and our ‘Out on the Shelves’ Library.

Dara Parker is a community planner with a focus on inclusion and over 15 years’ experience working in social profits and local government. She began her career working in international development and has travelled to 48 countries, spanning five continents. Her CIDA-funded youth engagement work in Lesotho (Southern Africa) inspired her to return to pursue a Masters in Planning at the University of British Columbia, with a focus on how to build inclusive cities. Dara’s notable achievements include: working for Kids Help Phone, the United Nations Association in Canada, the City of Burnaby, and Cuso International. For the last three years Dara has consulted with UN-Habitat on their inaugural Youth Advisory Board, helping mainstream youth participation throughout the organization. Dara volunteers as Co-President of the United Nations Association in Canada Vancouver Board, promoting public engagement on global issues.

RCMP
Ghalib Bhayani, Inspector | Shaleena Jeraj, Strategic Management and Project Management (BC/Yukon) | ghalib.bhayani@rcmp-grc.gc.ca | shaleena.jeraj@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police’s mandate is multi-faceted; it includes preventing and investigating crime; maintaining peace and order; enforcing laws; contributing to national security; ensuring the safety of state officials, visiting dignitaries and foreign missions; and providing vital operational support services to other police and law enforcement agencies within Canada and around the world. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police offers a career like no other. If you want to make a difference in your community and your country, explore what we have to offer and discover a career that is nowhere near ordinary! The RCMP hires police officers, civilian members and public service employees.

Inspector Ghalib Bhayani is the Community Services Officer for Surrey RCMP. He oversees a variety of policing units dedicated to community engagement and crime reduction. Ghalib has over 23 years of diverse policing experience. He has worked for the UN as a Regional Security Chief in Sudan and has trained hundreds of police officers for the German and Canadian Governments in Kenya, Sudan, Malawi and Zambia with a focus on human rights.

Shaleena has over 20 years of experience working in law enforcement. She started her career with the Canada Border Services Agency (formerly Canada Customs) and has worked in numerous areas including border security, training, policy development, investigations and corporate management. Currently, Shaleena manages the RCMP’s Strategic Management and Project Management Unit for British Columbia and the Yukon.

SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH BC (SCY) | Anique Ross | Child and Youth Friendly Communities Manager | anique@scyofbc.org

The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) is a provincial advocacy organization dedicated to improving the well-being of children and youth. Since 1974, the Society has focused on providing a strong voice representing children and youth. We provide supports to adult duty bearers to improve the well-being of children and youth in British Columbia. Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as a foundation, SCY has a track record of creating and delivering programs that have motivated change in research, legislation, policy, and practice in Canada.

Anique Ross is SCY’s Child and Youth Friendly Communities Manager. Anique works with community groups and municipalities to help create policies, practices, services and environments that fulfill children’s rights and ensure that children are able to reach their full potential. For more information on Child and Youth Friendly Communities, please visit www.childfriendlycommunities.ca.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA VANCOUVER BRANCH | George Somerwill | Director-at-Large | unavancouverture@gmail.com

UNA-Vancouver focuses on public engagement in Metro Vancouver, raising awareness on topics such as peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. Each year, UNA-Vancouver recognizes outstanding local people who are making a contribution in the field of international service and understanding through a variety of local awards.

George Somerwill started his career in the media and communications world, working for the BBC World Service for Africa in the early seventies. In 1976, he joined the CBC, eventually serving as executive
producer of a top daily current affairs radio programme, and spending three years as a producer in the CBC’s Paris office. He also worked with the Oil-For-Food Programme, UNICEF, the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), the UN Missions in Sudan (UNMIS), and ended his career in the UN with the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).

**World Vision**

Susanne Milner | Regional Volunteer Coordinator | susanne_milner@worldvision.ca

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. As followers of Jesus, we are motivated by God's love for all people regardless of race, religion, gender or ethnicity. World Vision Canada is Canada’s leading Child Sponsorship and humanitarian aid organization focused on providing sustainable community development to assist children and families across the globe.

Susanne has been involved with humanitarian organizations in the Vancouver area for the last 5 years working to connect those with a passion to help vulnerable people and advocate for social justice with meaningful volunteer roles in their local communities. With World Vision, she supports over 500 Special Event volunteers and third-party fundraisers who work tirelessly in their communities to bring awareness to international development issues. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and Asian Studies from the University of BC and a Public Relations certificate from BCIT.

**YWCA Metro Vancouver**

Chantelle Krish | Manager, Advocacy & Public Relations | ckrish@ywcvavan.org

With the vision of Achieving Women's Equality, YWCA Metro Vancouver is a registered charity providing a range of integrated services for women and their families, and those seeking to improve the quality of their lives. From early learning and care to housing, health and fitness, employment services and leadership, YWCA Metro Vancouver touches lives in our communities.

With a passion for social justice and communications, Chantelle understands the important connection between public opinion and public policy. Her experience in communications and advocacy in the private and non-profit sector has enabled her to successfully connect with multiple stakeholders and raise awareness on issues affecting some of the most vulnerable populations across Canada. In addition to being a media spokesperson for the YWCA Metro Vancouver on issues affecting women and families across Canada, she has developed campaigns highlighting the high prevalence of violence against women in society and has been successful in affecting policies to support marginalized women and their families leaving abusive relationships.

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**Raffle Prizes**

Don’t forget to buy your raffle tickets!

- 1 ticket for $2
- 3 tickets for $5
- An arm’s length for $10

1. **Strongbody Apparel** — Men’s Pulse Sport T-shirt, size medium, made locally in Vancouver ($92 value)

2. **Steve Nash Fitness Clubs** — 1 Personal Training Session + 1 Month Membership + 1 T-shirt ($300 value)

3. **Delhi2Dublin Discography** — 3 CD set + D2D underwear by American Apparel, women’s small ($60 value)

4. **Scandinave Spa Whistler** — 2 Day Passes ($130 value)

5. **Semperviva Yoga (Vancouver)** — 2 Three Month Unlimited Passes ($650 value)

6. **White Caps** — 2 tickets to Amway Canadian Championship Match on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at BC Place (approximate value $110)

7. **Rockwater Resort, Sunshine Coast, BC** — one night stay for 2 in Tent House Suite (approximate value $400)

8. **Coffee date with Senator Jaffer** (Senator and Chair of Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights)

9. **Coffee date with George Somerwill** (Former United Nations staff member and journalist with BBC and CBC)

10. **Coffee date with Patsy George** (Social Worker and Women’s Rights Activist, recipient of the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia)

11. **Coffee date with Gordon Longmuir** (Former Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia)
Networking Tips

Feeling tongue-tied? Here are some questions that you might consider asking representatives that you meet today:

1. What got you started in the non-profit social change sector?
2. What kind of education/skills do you look for when hiring?
3. What are some of your biggest challenges?
4. What advice would you give me if I wanted to be successful in your line of work?
5. What significant changes have you seen take place in your area of expertise through the years?
6. What do you see as the coming trends in your area of expertise?
7. What would make someone the ideal employee for your organization?
The Vancouver Branch
Of the
United Nations Association in Canada

Presents
Ben West

A Conversation on Climate, Energy and Us: Implications of being the Gateway to the Pacific

Where?  
Fairleigh Dickinson University
842 Cambie Street, Vancouver

When?  
Wednesday April 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting
Reports and Election of Officers

7:15 p.m.  
Speech followed by Question and Answers with Ben West

Light refreshments will be provided

About Ben West
Ben West is a campaigner, author, runner, juggler, Twitter addict, #StreetArt fan and wannabe comedian. He is constantly looking for creative ways to organize opposition to bad projects that destabilize the climate. Recently his focus has been working with First Nations and others on the front lines trying to stop pipelines across B.C. and tankers in the Salish Sea. He wants your help bringing appropriate alternative projects to your community that create better jobs we can all be proud of.

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