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Guest Organizations



bwss.org

GUEST:

Angela Marie MacDougall
Executive Director

BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

A determined group of women started Battered Women's Support Services (BWSS) in 1979. Over the years, BWSS has grown into a strong & dynamic organization. BWSS provides education, advocacy and support services to assist all battered women in its aim to work towards the elimination of violence and to work from a feminist perspective that promotes equality for all women.

Angela Marie works to end violence against girls and women. For the last 26 years, her work as an advocate, front-line worker, activist, and trainer has brought an authentic voice of change to service and program delivery and community development. Current passions include integrating new media and using social media platforms for social change. Born and raised in Coast Salish Territory, she calls Vancouver home.

BC CIVIL LIBERTIES SOCIETY

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.



bccla.org

GUEST:

Josh Paterson
Executive Director

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.

BC POVERTY REDUCTION COALITION

The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition is a broad-based network of over 400 organizations throughout BC that have come together to call on



bcpovertyreduction.ca

GUEST:

Mehak Sharma

the provincial government to introduce a bold and comprehensive poverty reduction plan that would include legislated targets and timelines to significantly reduce poverty and homelessness. We seek to improve the health and well-being of all British Columbians.

Mehak Sharma has been with the BC Poverty Reduction Action Committee for three years. Along with other volunteers, the committee advocates for systemic changes within local government, raise awareness, and deconstructs myths about poverty locally. Past projects include the #RethinkGiving campaign & advent calendar as well as the Poverty Mythbusters Campaign.

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES (CCPA)



policyalternatives.ca

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.

GUEST:

Igljika Ivanova

Igljika Ivanova is a Senior Economist and Public Interest Researcher with the BC Office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. She researches and writes on some of the key challenges facing our province, including poverty and economic insecurity, income inequality, low wage work, fiscal policy, and the relationship between taxation, government spending on programs and services, and quality of life. Igljika is a frequent media commentator on social and economic policy issues, and a blogger on PolicyNote.ca. She is particularly interested in the potential for public policy to shape more just and sustainable economic futures for all of us.

COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY (CLAS)



clasbc.net

CLAS works towards positive social change by providing free legal assistance and advancing the law to address the critical needs of those who are disadvantaged or face discrimination, thereby fostering dignity, equality and justice for everyone in the community. CLAS provides free legal information, advice, and representation in the areas of housing, income security, workers' rights, mental health and human rights, and is one of the largest and most longstanding not-for-profit, non-governmental legal organizations in the country.

GUEST:
Aleem Bharna
Executive Director

Aleem Bharna is the Executive Director and a human rights lawyer at the Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS), a not-for-profit legal organization that has been advancing social justice in BC since 1971. Aleem has been a presenter on human rights, social justice and access to justice issues and recently acted as counsel on one of the longest and most significant human rights cases in BC. Part of Aleem's passion for human rights comes from his previous work abroad. As a newly called lawyer in the mid-nineties, Aleem worked as a Human Rights Officer for the U.N. High Commission of Human Rights where he assisted in reporting on the administration of justice and ongoing human rights violations in Rwanda.

CANADIAN PARKS AND WILDERNESS SOCIETY - BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER (CPAWS)



cpawsbc.org

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) is a national non-profit organization that has protected over 400,000 square kilometres of threatened areas across Canada since 1963. Our vision is to protect at least 50% of Canada's wilderness, keeping our great parks, oceans, and ecosystems wild places that can nurse nature through climate change and shelter biodiversity for generations to come. The British Columbia chapter was founded in 1979 and is one of 13 CPAWS chapters across Canada, seeking specific wilderness conservation from provincial, federal, and First Nations governments.

GUEST:
Bruce Passmore
Executive Director

Bruce has a B.Sc. in Wildlife Biology and has worked as a biologist for many years, primarily studying bears, wolves and other charismatic mega-fauna. He also has a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies, focused on human security in international conflict settings. Throughout his ever-changing career he has worked in too many jobs, including as a post-secondary educator, actor, Paralympic ski racing coach, crisis line support worker, international election monitor, and a bunch of other totally unrelated fun jobs. From 2010 to 2014 he worked with youth affected by violence at LOVE, primarily so he could say, "I work for LOVE."

ENDING VIOLENCE ASSOCIATION OF BC (EVA BC)

The Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) is a province-wide, non-profit, community-based, victim-serving organization that has existed for over 20 years and is funded primarily by the Province of BC to serve as a resource for over 240 community-based services supporting survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, child abuse and criminal harassment. EVA BC works to provide support



endingviolence.org

and training to community-based victim assistance programs; develop resources and tools to prevent and effectively respond to violence; educate the public on the needs of victims of violence; and partner with key organizations in related fields to ensure and cross-sectoral collaboration.

Kate Rossiter, PhD, is Research and Projects Manager at the Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC). She is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University, where she was Associate Director of the FREDa Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children. Kate has been working as a researcher and educator in the areas of violence against women, mental health, and justice for the past 10 years. She supervises practicum students interested in anti-violence research and analysis, and coordinates EVA BC's Safe Choices LGBT2SQ Support and Education Program.

GUEST:

Kate Rossiter, Research & Projects Manager



greatclimaterace.org

THE GREAT CLIMATE RACE

Climate change affects all of us and we all have to do something about it. That can be a daunting task and it's hard to know where to start. That's why we organized the Great Climate Race, a walking/running event series that enables participants to crowdfund for local renewable energy projects. These family-friendly walking/running events are for people of all ages and athletic abilities and from every walk of life. Look forward to a unique experience filled with costumes, theatrics, art, technology displays, fun and surprises! Join us October 30th 2016 at Stanley Park in Vancouver for the second annual Great Climate Race.

Ben has been an outspoken environmental campaigner and an influential social commentator for over a decade. He has hosted some of the biggest public events on environmental issues in the province in recent years (including the inaugural Great Climate Race in 2015). Recently his focus has been working on creative climate solutions in partnership with First Nations and community groups around the Salish Sea.

GUEST:

Ben West
Co-Founder

OPEN MEDIA

OpenMedia.ca is an award-winning network of people and organizations working to safeguard the possibilities of the open Internet. We work toward informed and participatory digital policy. The three pillars that guide OpenMedia's work are free expression, access, and privacy.



openmedia.org

GUEST:

Soledad Vega
Community Engagement
Specialist

Soledad is the Community Engagement Specialist at OpenMedia. Originally from Argentina, she holds a degree in Sociology from University of El Salvador in Buenos Aires, and a journalism diploma from Centennial College in Toronto, Canada. Soledad has worked as a freelance journalist and a communications professional both in Latin America and in North America. At OpenMedia, she is responsible for maintaining and growing a large community of highly engaged supporters and volunteers by running programs that deepen their level of engagement through ongoing goal setting, training, and consulting.



optionsforsexualhealth.org

OPTIONS FOR SEXUAL HEALTH (OPT)

At Options for Sexual Health we care about the healthy sexuality of everyone (all ages, all genders, and all orientations) in British Columbia. We are Canada's largest non-profit provider of sexual health services through our clinics, education programs, and the 1-800-SEX-SENSE information and referral line. We offer sexual and reproductive health care, information, and education from a feminist, pro-choice, sex positive perspective. We are committed to providing confidential, nonjudgmental, comprehensive, and unbiased services.

GUEST:

Ashleigh Turner
Communications
Manager

Ashleigh has worked for Options for Sexual Health (OPT) for 8 years. She started out as a volunteer in 2007, and became a staff member in 2008. She is passionate about the work Options for Sexual Health does throughout the province of BC. In her Communications Manager role Ashleigh is responsible for media, social media, outreach events, marketing and promotion, as well as managing the volunteer program and acting as staff liaison for the Board of Directors.



outinschools.com

OUT IN SCHOOLS

Out in Schools brings fresh and relevant films into classrooms to facilitate dialogue about the reality of LGBTQ youth experience. Youth learn the impacts of homophobia, transphobia and other forms of discrimination. They walk out of a presentation with a fresh perspective and commitment to step up to stop bullying.

GUEST:

David Ng
Program Facilitator

After falling in love with feminism at 14, he has since co-founded and worked on numerous campaigns and projects including youth sexual health initiatives, feminist anti-violence campaigns, anti-racist projects, and other forms of fun, radical, anti-oppression work.



peacegeeks.org

GUEST:

Renee Black
Executive Director

PEACE GEEKS

We see a world where everyone can leverage technology to make peace and human rights a lived reality. We collaborate with grassroots organizers supporting the most vulnerable populations, and which often have the most difficulty accessing and leveraging technology. We develop custom tools and training programs to advance our partners' mandates, we raise the visibility of critical issues and we help them to attract the resources they need to create sustainable change in their communities.

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 In-trawest. 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.



qmunity.ca

GUEST:

Dara Parker
Executive Director

QMUNITY

Qmunity is BC's queer resource centre – the hub for the lesbian, gay, trans, bi and queer community program, training and advocacy. It envisions a world where all queer people are included and free from discrimination.

Dara is the Executive Director of QMUNITY, where she has oversight of finance, resource development, human resources, communications, and strategic planning across BC. Dara is a community planner with a background in diversity and inclusion, with more than 15 years' experience working in social-profits and local government. Dara began her career working in international development and has travelled to over 50 countries, spanning five continents.

RCMP

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 the RCMP's Strategic Management and Project Management Unit for British Columbia and the Yukon; foreign missions; and providing vital operational support services to other police and law enforcement agencies



rcmp-grc.gc.ca

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.

Shaleena Jeraj, 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 operations, 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.

Sergeant Paul Hayes has 15 years of service with the RCMP. After training in Depot, Saskatchewan, he was posted to Richmond Detachment where for 5 years he was a first responder for all 911 calls. In 2005, he was selected to be one of the first three police officers in RCMP history to be named a Tactical Flight Officer and conducted enforcement from the air from a helicopter platform. In 2009, Sgt. Hayes was promoted to supervisor for first responders. In 2015, received his most recent promotion and was posted to Surrey Detachment where he has worked with various sections including Media, Operational Review and now Community Services as the Diversity and Engagement NCO.

GUESTS:

Shaleena Jeraj &
Sgt. Paul Hayes

SARAH MCLACHLAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Sarah McLachlan School of Music provides after-school music education at no cost to under-served and at risk populations living in Vancouver. Students aged 1 to 5, grades 4 through 12, and age 55+ receive high quality music instruction in both contemporary and classical traditions with no previous experience required. Each year we provide music education to hundreds of students through both our onsite and offsite programs that run from September through to July.

Rob Appleton joined the team at the SoM in November 2013 with a mission to bring stability to the operations and to develop and implement a strategic plan with the Board of Directors. Rob enjoys listening to and experiencing music of all types and is delighted to be part of bringing this excitement into the lives of all those involved in the programs at SoM. He holds a Masters in Business Administration from UBC a Bachelor in Science from the University of Alberta.

GUEST:

Rob Appleton
Executive Director



sarahschoolofmusic.com

Rob has worked with Canuck Place Children's Hospice, the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada and most recently was the Executive Director of H.R. MacMillan Space Centre.

SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF BC

Since 1974, the Society for Children and Youth of BC has focused on providing a strong voice representing children and youth. We provide support 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.



scyofbc.org

GUEST:

Anique Ross
Youth Friendly
Communities Manager

Anique Ross is the Child and Youth Friendly Communities Manager at the Society for Children and Youth of BC. She joined the organization in 2013 to head up the Child and Youth Friendly Communities Project working with community stakeholders and municipalities to make cities better places for our youngest citizens to grow up in. Anique has worked in the non-profit sector both in Canada and abroad working on projects related to child rights, education, the right to play, youth empowerment, and capacity building. She holds a Bachelors of Education, a Post-Graduate Diploma in International Project Management, and a Masters of Education and International Development.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA - VANCOUVER

The United Nations Association in Canada – Vancouver Branch focuses on public engagement in Metro Vancouver, raising awareness on topics such as peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. Please note that UNAC-Vancouver does not offer paid positions or internships; however, we will be represented by a former UN employee(s) with extensive international experience.



unavancouver.org

GUEST:

George Somerwill
UNA-Vancouver
Vice-President

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).



westcoastleaf.org

GUEST:

Alana Prochuk,
Manager of Public Legal
Education

WEST COAST LEAF

West Coast LEAF (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund) is the only organization in BC that uses the law to further women's equality. We work to end discrimination against women using equality rights litigation, law reform, and public legal education.

Alana Prochuk is the Manager of Public Legal Education at West Coast LEAF. She brings experience in community outreach and adult education, including at WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre, where she worked with Vancouver Community College to develop a campus action plan on gender-based violence, and at the BC Centre for Elder Advocacy & Support, where she developed an elder abuse peer education program based on consultation with diverse older adults. Alana holds a teaching degree and an MA in Cultural Studies. She loves dancing and is currently a member of the All Bodies Dance Project.

WISH

The mission of WISH is to improve the health, safety and well-being of women who are involved in Vancouver's street-based sex trade. WISH puts its mission into action by operating an overnight drop-in centre where women can address their basic needs. Other services women can access include peer programming, overnight street outreach by the Mobile Access Project (MAP) Van, aboriginal cultural activities and culturally-safe programming.



wish-vancouver.net

GUEST:

Karen Berry
Board Member Chair

Karen Berry has worked in the social services field for almost 3 decades providing support to children, youth and their families in a number of different capacities. She has a strong belief in viewing work with marginalized populations through a Trauma Informed lens and has extensive experience working with people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder as well as mental health issues. She is part of the Strategic Priorities Branch within the Ministry of Children and Families and is a subject matter expert on foster care and developing resources for children and youth. Karen believes that many of the women that access services in the Downtown Eastside have child welfare exposure and that developing comprehensive programming supports and services is all part of the continuum of care needed to help women achieve their fullest potential with safety, compassion and attention to their cultural needs and diversity.

WORLD VISION CANADA

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communi-



worldvision.ca

GUEST:

Susanne Milner, Regional
Volunteer Coordinator –
Western Canada

ties 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 6 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 600 Special Event volunteers as well as 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.

GUEST:

Brianna Locke

Brianna Locke has been working for World Vision Canada for three years with the Youth and Student Engagement department. Spending most of her time in the classroom, Brianna is committed to connecting with young people and teaching the importance of global citizenship. Brianna supports hundreds of young people in British Columbia and the Yukon in understanding their vital role in community and international development, and above all, what it means to be an active member of the human race by standing up and speaking out. She is a graduate from Lakehead University and the University of Toronto and has recently moved to Vancouver with her record collection and an enthusiastic attitude for rain and mountains.

Guest Speaker

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 sat as Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights for 8 years. 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.

Special Thank You

UNA-Vancouver would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to Larissa Petrillo and the students of Kwantlen Polytechnic University's NGO and Non-Profit Studies Program for all of their hard work and dedication to making the 2016 Think Global, Link Local possible.

To learn more about this program visit:
<http://www.kpu.ca/arts/ngo>

Networking Passport

The networking passport is meant to help facilitate your event experience. Each organization and/or table captain has a fact included in the passport. It is your job to figure out which fact goes with which organization and/or table captain. When you find a match the table captain will give you a sticker for that box. For boxes that are not connected to an organization/captain (e.g. take a selfie at the photobooth) an event volunteer will provide you with a sticker. You must collect a MINIMUM of 3 STICKERS on your passport to be entered for the door prize (10 passes to Trapped Vancouver).

PASSPORT DRAW

\$200 prize value

10 passes to Trapped Vancouver, escape room game
+ \$50 Keg gift certificate

Prizes

RAFFLE PRIZES

Ad Busters Gift Pack

Miraj Hammam Spa Gift Certificate

2 tickets to a 2016 Amway Canadian Championship Match or CONCACAF match at BC Place

2 Passes to Scandinave Spa, Whistler

Delhi 2 Dublin Prize Package

2 Karma, 3 Pack for the FloatHouse, Gastown

This Changes Everything, autographed Naomi Klein book

RCMP swag

Coffee date with Patsy George, UNA-Vancouver Honorary Director, Secretary for Stephen Lewis Foundation, Board of Directors for CrossRoads International

Coffee date with Rosio Godomar, former staff member for the United Nations World Food Programme as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization

Coffee Date with George Somerwill, UNA-Vancouver Vice-President, former United Nations staff member and journalist with the BBC and CBC

TICKETS:

\$2 for 1 ticket

\$5 for 3 tickets

\$10 for arms length

UNA-Vancouver 2016 Annual General Meeting presents:

Who wins in Rio?

A look at the social implications of sporting mega-events

Date: Monday, April 4th, 2016

Time: 7pm-8:30pm (panel discussion to follow AGM)

Location: Fairleigh Dickinson University, 842 Cambie Street (Please take transit if possible as parking is limited). FREE admission.

Amanda De Lisio (Twitter: @a_delisio) is a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto from the Department of Exercise Sciences and the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies. Her work concerns human nature, social life, and urbanization within the framework of mega-events. Her fieldwork has informed her writing on sport, sex, and urban development.



Nicolien van Luijk (Twitter: @beantreesturtle) recently completed her PhD exploring the question of who benefits from the burgeoning partnership between the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations.



Bob Mackin (Twitter: @bobmackin) is a multimedia journalist and author who has covered several Olympic games, the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro and the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

