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## **R.E.A.L. Women of Canada Campaign to Disband Status of Women Canada:**

### **Conservative Women's Organization Threatening Women's Centres and other Equality-Seeking Groups**

R.E.A.L Women, a socially conservative organization founded as a backlash to feminism, is aggressively campaigning to eliminate Status of Women Canada, a federal agency that promotes women's equality and advancement. Status of Women is one of the few remaining funders of grassroots women's initiatives across Canada, especially after the last decade of extensive cutbacks in provinces like British Columbia and Ontario. In fact, Status of Women has provided funding for a current research project of the North Shore Women's Centre that is examining the impacts of Provincial Government funding cuts and policy changes on women of the North Shore.

Status of Women Canada seeks to advance gender equality and the full participation of all women in the economic, social, cultural and political life of the country, and funds organizations which share this mandate. R.E.A.L. Women does not meet Status of Women's criteria of equality-seeking work and has therefore made accusations of discrimination against the agency.

Although R.E.A.L. (Realistic Equal Active for Life) Women has long fought for the disbanding of Status of Women, its arguments are now finding a more sympathetic audience in the recently elected Conservative Government. If R.E.A.L. Women are able to find enough backing to disband Status of Women Canada, they threaten to turn back the clock on the advancements Canadians have made in women's and human rights. Stephen Harper himself acknowledged during the last election that Canada "still has more to do to meet its international obligations to women's equality". This cannot occur without a fully funded Status of Women programme.

Without the support of Status of Women Canada, services and support provided to women by feminist organizations as well as crucial research, lobbying, community development and public education work will undoubtedly be placed in great jeopardy, if not eliminated completely in many communities. It is essential that all Canadians voice their support for Status of Women Canada, demanding a guarantee that this essential federal agency is protected.

**To find out what you can do to help, or to purchase a F.A.K.E.  
t-shirt in response to R.E.A.L. Women's assault on women's  
equality, please see page 3.**

## WORLD PEACE FORUM WOMEN'S WORKING GROUP STATEMENT

We the participants in the World Peace Forum Women's Program, held in Vancouver, B.C. Canada, June 23 to June 28, 2006 have gathered and exchanged stories from many countries. We have come to the conclusion that poverty, violation of human rights, inequality, environmental destruction, militarization and violence are increasing as the plans for a globalized, privatized world moves forward.

We have examined the economic and social effects of militarization, war and violence on the peoples of the world and are resolved to get at the root causes of war and expose the impact of war on women and their families round the world. Having shared our own experiences of militarism, and having learned from the experiences of all the women gathered here, we have come to the resolve that war is a crime against humanity.

We women understand the contribution we must make to break the silence and debunk the fallacious arguments that peace and security can be achieved through the strength of militarization and violence.

We women are resolved to organize, energize, mobilize and act to stop this dangerous direction our governments are pursuing. We are prepared to continue to work with others to create a greater international women's movement in the struggles against colonialism, racism, sexism and environmental destruction. We will link with grassroots women, trade union women, homemakers, mothers, etc. in solidarity to ensure all violence ends against all women, children and others. We call on local governments to follow the lead of Mayors for Peace and Peace Messenger Cities in promoting non-violent, peaceful and sustainable cities.

Concepts of war and militarism are deeply gendered and represent significant barriers to effectively achieving peace and disarmament. Women are aware that something terribly important is being left out. Ideas, concerns interests, information, feelings and meanings are not reflected in the discourse dominated by its association with masculinity.

Women must be equally represented in economic and political structures and at the table in conflict resolution, this representation must reflect the diversity in our communities. We will work to have our governing bodies implement United Nations Resolution 1325.

We join women from the 2006 World Urban Forum, in calling for a new, independent, high level, and well resourced women-specific agency both at the operational and policy-making spheres be included in United Nations. And we will work to convince the Reform Panel to include this in their recommendations for reform of the UN.

The present annual spending, of well over one trillion dollars for war, must be stopped. That money must be used to fund human and planetary needs. We call for an immediate start by reducing military budgets by 50% to allow us to immediately address urgent life affirming needs. We can end poverty, provide free education, health care and reduce environmental damage among other needs. Debts of the poorest countries must be abolished.

The trade in arms and their production must stop. We will publicize the names of manufacturers and sellers of weapons, big and small, and expose them as human rights abusers. Call for the dismantling of foreign military bases, and demilitarize civilian life.

Call for education on war and peace. Implement training for genuine peace keeping.

We will work to end impunity. We will expose and bring to justice those who break the law by using sexualized violence against women, torture, the killing of civilians and the destruction of essential infrastructure. We will expose the war crimes and violations of international law committed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and elsewhere.

Women refuse to be manipulated into providing support for military and/or violent intervention.

We will expose the misinformation and lies that are propagated through the corporate media and work to develop media that expresses the voices of women.

We recognize that all of our actions have an impact and that a mindshift is required to think of ourselves as stewards of the land on which we live. Living in harmony with the natural world and with one another is our goal. Preservation, honouring and rejuvenating of the rural culture is a key consideration.

We desire to create alternative political structures that are more responsive to the diversity of both our urban and rural areas to empower civil society. We urge a boycott of all companies, involved in nuclear weapons, and weapons of mass destruction industries.

We will infuse systems thinking, women's role in decision-making processes and awareness of sustainable development principles into all training programs for peacekeeping.

We support cities and communities working together to end war and build a peaceful, just and sustainable world.

We call on the peoples of the world to support women's equality in building a peaceful, just and sustainable world.

## Remember

by Joy Harjo

Remember the sky that you were born under,  
know each of the star's stories.

Remember the moon, know who she is. I met her  
in a bar once in Iowa City.

Remember the sun's birth at dawn, that is the  
strongest point of time. Remember sundown  
and the giving away to night.

Remember your birth, how your mother struggled  
to give you form and breath. You are evidence of  
her life, and her mother's, and hers.

Remember your father. He is your life, also.

Remember the earth whose skin you are:  
red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth  
brown earth, we are earth.

Remember the plants, the trees, animal life who all have  
their tribes, their families, their histories too. Talk to them,  
Listen to them. They are alive poems.

Remember the wind. Remember her voice. She knows the  
origin of this universe. I heard her singing Kiowa war  
dance songs at the corner of Fourth and Central once.  
Remember that you are all people and that all people  
are you.

Remember that you are this universe and that this  
universe is you.

Remember that all is in motion, is growing, is you.  
Remember that language comes from this.

Remember the dance that language is, that life is.  
Remember.

-from Cries of the Spirit, Edited by Marilyn Sewell



**For more information on the R.E.A.L. Women campaign to disband Status of Women Canada and a sample letter to the Prime Minister regarding increased funding to Women's Equality-Seeking Groups please see:**

Disabled Women's Network  
<http://dawn.thot.net/sow.html>

**To find your local MP's contact info at this link:**  
[www.parl.gc.ca/information/about/people/house/mpscur.asp?Language=E](http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/about/people/house/mpscur.asp?Language=E)

**To contact Stephen Harper, Prime Minister:**

- \* Email: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)
- \* Address: Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street Ottawa K1A 0A2
- \* Fax: 613-941-6900

**To contact Bev Oda, Minister Responsible for Status of Women Canada:**

- \* Email: [Oda.B@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Oda.B@parl.gc.ca)
- \* Address: House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6
- \* Fax: 613.992.2794

## BC Coalition of Women's Centres Merchandise

F.A.K.E.

Feminist Activists for Knowledge and Equality

The Real Women's Movement

available in White or Brown short-sleeved T-Shirt, \$25

*Sweatshop free. Made in Canada. Union printed. Available in S, M, L, XL  
Cash, cheque or visa [www.northshorewomen.ca/bccwcmmerchandise.htm](http://www.northshorewomen.ca/bccwcmmerchandise.htm)*



**To order, please call 604.984.6009 or drop by the North Shore Women's Centre at 131 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

## New North Shore Women's Centre Website

Thanks to Melissa Garcia and Katrina Gayday, interns with the Community Access Program, the North Shore Women's Centre website has a new look. Be sure to check it out!

[www.northshorewomen.ca](http://www.northshorewomen.ca)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual North Shore Women's Centre Garage Sale, BBQ and Craft Fair Fundraiser

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.-3:00 pm**

at the North Shore Women's Centre  
131 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, North Vancouver  
(1/2 block off Lonsdale, in back lane)

*Hotdogs and Hamburgers!*

*Women's Craft Fair! Face Painting! Tarot Reading!*

*Furniture, Books, Electronics, Children's Toys, Household  
Items, Office Supplies and more!*

Come early for the best buys! Rain or Shine. No earlybirds.

For further info or to donate please call 604.984.6009

*All proceeds to the North Shore Women's Centre*

### North Shore Women's Centre Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Coming Out Group



**Nine week group starts: September 11, 2006**

**Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

at the North Shore Women's Centre

*Join other North Shore women in sharing and exploring  
experiences and issues. As well, find out about upcoming  
events, learn about available resources, and get involved in  
community issues in this 9 week session!*

Trans-inclusive & open to women questioning their sexuality

For more information and to register, please contact  
604.984.6009 or [info@northshorewomen.ca](mailto:info@northshorewomen.ca)

## North Shore Women's Centre Merchandise

'Claim Your Voice' available in:

Raspberry or Olive short sleeved T-shirts, \$25

Navy Blue long-sleeved Hoodies, \$30



'Woman' available in:

Brown or Lavender short sleeved T-shirt, \$25

Navy Blue long-sleeved Hoodies, \$30



'I Love My Vagina' available in:

Aquamarine or Black Hotshorts, \$15

*All items American Apparel. Sweatshop free. Sizes and  
colours vary according to availability. Cash, cheque or  
visa only please.*

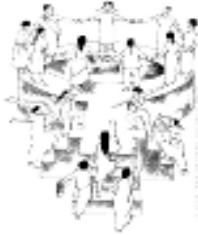
To see photos and the designs, please go to  
[www.northshorewomen.ca/merchandise.html](http://www.northshorewomen.ca/merchandise.html)

To order, please call 604.984.6009 or drop by the  
North Shore Women's Centre at 131 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

North Shore Women's Centre  
**Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday, September 28th, 2006  
John Braithwaite Community Centre**

145 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, North Vancouver



**Doors: 6:45 pm**

**Meeting: 7:30pm**

Refreshments will be provided, plus great door prizes and opportunities to get involved and have your voice heard!

**Presentations include:** Year in Review and 2006 'Courage of Her Convictions' Award

To RSVP: 604.984.6009 or [info@northshorewomen.ca](mailto:info@northshorewomen.ca) North Shore Women's Centre members are encouraged to attend. All women are welcome.

**Please renew your memberships now!!!**

**The North Shore Women's  
Centre Women's Legal Clinic**

The North Shore Women's Centre Women's Legal Clinic offers free legal advice to women who cannot afford the services of a lawyer.

**Family law advice** is available for issues including separation and divorce, domestic violence, financial abuse, custody and access, child support and maintenance, and so on.

**Criminal law advice** has recently been added and is now available for women who have been charged with a crime, or who have been the victim of crime.



**Dates of Clinics vary, but usually occur on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, between 9:30 am and 5:00 pm. Please call 604.984.6009 to book an appointment.**

# Women's Health in Women's Hands



**Workshop Series**

## **BodyMindSpirit Medicine**

**Boosting Your Immunity Through Energy Healing Techniques**

**Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**at the North Shore Women's Centre**

Facilitated by Christine Buckham, CIEHT

**Please contact 604.984.6009 or [info@northshorewomen.ca](mailto:info@northshorewomen.ca) to register or for more information**

**Upcoming: BodyMindSpirit Medicine Part 2: Energetic Boundaries, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Workplace Health, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Please contact the Centre for more information**

**Thank you to our recent facilitators**

Sarah McMillan and Lisa Marie Whitaker, Anna Kemble, Patti Donahee and Holly Townsend, Dr. Anne Marie Evers

# appreciations

Many thanks to all the dedicated volunteers and board members who donate their time and energy to the Centre.

Thank you also to all of our members who support the North Shore Women's Centre and to those individuals who have graciously made recent financial or in-kind contributions, including: Whole Foods, Safeway Westview, Save-On Foods Park and Tillford, Leslie Smith, Donna Stewart, Margaret Ramsay, Yvonne Perreault, Margaret Morgan, Shirley Freund, Lisa Stuiblé, Lee Grills, Pat Heal and Menka Sull, Bernadette Bryan, Shirley Freund, Lisa Stuiblé, and Jo Hinchliffe.

**And thank you to all of our anonymous and garage sale donors. Our apologies to anyone we have missed.**

## 1000 Flowers of Hope

**... for women today, for women tomorrow**  
*The North Shore Women's Centre and Amnesty International Are Working Together to End Violence Against Women*

Violence against women is a pervasive and complex issue that affects everyone and creates challenges in both our local and global communities. This is why the North Shore Women's Centre and Amnesty International are working together on a significant new project called "The Hope Garden."

The Hope Garden will be a beautiful and symbolic spring bulb garden, in which 1,000 flowers-in full bloom-will represent our collective hope that together we can end the violence experienced by one in three women in our communities and around the world. The Hope Garden will raise awareness and funds for local and international anti-violence work, and will include public events during planting and blooming times: Fall 2006 and Spring 2007, respectively.

Bulbs will soon be on sale to plant in the hope garden or in personal gardens across the North Shore. Please check <http://northshorewomen.ca/fundraising.html> for updates.

**Would you like to learn more, volunteer, or donate?**

Phone:(604) 842-3251

Email: [hope@gardener.com](mailto:hope@gardener.com)



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Please check the appropriate box:

- City of North Vancouver       District of North Vancouver  
 District of West Vancouver       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$20    \$35    \$50    \$75    \$100

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be contacted about making a monthly donation through pre-authorized payments.

I would **not** like my donation acknowledged in the North Shore Women's Centre Newsletter *the Nellie*.

Membership offers: Opportunities to be a part of a diverse network of women, a subscription to the *Nellie E-News* and our print newsletter *the Nellie*, library borrowing privileges and voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting. Please make your cheque payable to the North Shore Women's Centre and return it with this form. The NSWC is a non-profit registered charity. Income tax receipts will be issued for donations.

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