

Guest Speaker – Jessica Hannon, Executive Director of Megaphone

Jessica gave a presentation about why she works for Megaphone, how their model works, as well as their report on homeless deaths [Still Dying on the Streets](#). She also brought [Hope in Shadows](#) calendars and an issue of Megaphone magazine that we will have a draw for at our next meeting.

Welfare Food Challenge

Cynnimon, Krista and Jessica shared their experience doing the Welfare Food Challenge. To learn more about the challenge go to <https://welfarefoodchallenge.org/>

Tabling at HEU Convention

The Hospital Employees' Union is having their convention from Sunday October 30th to Friday November 4th. I'm attaching the agenda. We will have a table there with materials. If there's a time you would like to come to the convention and pull out some of our interactive games, please let Trish know at trish@bcpovertyreduction.ca

New Reps at the Poverty Reduction Coalition meetings

The next meeting is: Tuesday, November 29, from 10am-12:15pm at the BCTF pffoce, 550 West 5th Avenue.

Our current reps are at the last meeting of their three-meeting term: Cynnimon unfortunately cannot make the November meeting. Tara is out of town and we don't know if she can make the new date.

New reps: Doug can make the meeting and Jennifer said that she would check.

Poor Peoples' Radio

Bill Hopwood from [Raise the Rates](#) was the guest speaker at our last meeting. Every year, on CBC's Food Bank day, Raise the Rates asks the CBC if they can speak on the radio about the root causes of poverty. Every year, the CBC says no, so they set up a live event outside that they call "Poor Peoples' Radio." Last month, Doug suggested that we help Raise the Rates livestream Poor Peoples' Radio, so that they can get a wider audience. This month, when we polled the Action Team, there were many people were excited about making it happen. Omar will email Bill to let him know that the Action Team wants to do this.

Living Wage-Poverty Reduction Summit

The Living Wage for Families Campaign and the Poverty Reduction Coalition are organising a Living Wage-Poverty Reduction Summit on Tuesday November 15 and Wednesday November 16 at the Radisson Hotel (8181 Cambie Road). We are looking for volunteers to help with logistical pieces (like helping with the registration table). If you volunteer, you can of course sit on the sessions when you're off-duty (the agenda is attached). If you're interested in volunteering, email Trish at trish@bcpovertyreduction.ca

Facilitation and Outreach Training

There was a ton of interest in having another facilitation training, both for those who did it last time as well as those who haven't done it yet. Omar and Trish will work on organizing one.

There didn't seem to be as much interest in the shorter Outreach Training that prepares people for tabling and talking about poverty in the community. If you would like to go over our materials with us, email Omar_Chu@Vancity.com

Maple Ridge School

If you're done the facilitation training and you're interested in doing this, please email Trish at trish@bcpovertyreduction.ca

"I am teaching a 5/6 Social Studies class (I am a primary teacher and this is the highest grade I've taught). I teach at a small independent school for students with learning disabilities like dyslexia. We are beginning our discussion on world poverty and I came across the BC Poverty Reduction coalition website. I was hoping you would be able to do a presentation for my class. There are 11 students in the grade 5/6 class. Please let me know if this is a possibility.

Thanks so much!

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Rethink Giving

There seemed to be a general consensus to support a new fundraising initiative that the Poverty Reduction Coalition is launching with other advocacy organizations called "Giving Change." Omar is going to forward the Lesson Plan from 2014 #RethinkGiving to our Teachers' mailing list.

Podcast

Cynnimon and Doug recorded the first episode. The podcast subcommittee will meet soon (Omar set up a poll to decide date and time here: <http://doodle.com/poll/5fmruem96ew6i9t4>) to finalise episode 1 and start episode 2. If you would like to be part of the podcast subcommittee, email Omar at Omar_Chu@vancity.com and fill out that poll.

Jennifer has started working at a new workspace in Railtown that just put in a recording studio and a photography studio. If we need to use it, her boss/producer would likely let us use it. Jennifer also runs a Facebook Group that can share work we do on Food Systems and Food Justice.

It was suggested that we create a Google Doc to brainstorm names for the podcast and another Doc for brainstorming potential guests. I've created them below, and included discussions about potential guests from previous meetings and this meeting in here. Please add to them:

Podcast Names: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14hRhPxEebHIX0tR4o0Qro-4Al8QYVDoXR2KxvQ0WZfs/edit?usp=sharing>

Potential Guests:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PazwPWWER1UfNIhMUAo4KfH57wWDVqgCe3-31uytsJc/edit?usp=sharing>

Poverty Mythbusters

You can see our previous work here: <http://povertymythbusters.ca/> If you would like to build on this project, email Omar at Omar_Chu@vancity.com and we can put together a committee. There's potential to connect with the Richmond Poverty Response Committee as their Chairperson, De Whalen, is excited about the project.