

Our next Action Team meeting is an important one, as we hope to have a strategy session to plan out our year ahead. We also hope to have an expert on marketing and communication as our guest speaker. Hope you can all make it!

Next Action Team meeting:

Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Room 2205, SFU Woodward's Building at 149 West Hastings

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities From the Coalition

- Omar and Nyssa will be going to the New West District Labour Council's Labour Day Picnic on Monday in Surrey
 - Arlette and Tanyss are going to go to the UBC Learning Exchange's drop-in on Friday September 15th from 1-5 pm
 - The Community Action Network has an info session on the afternoon of September 16th at the Carnegie Theatre, 401 Main St. We could use help from:
 - Two volunteer 'parent helpers' to set up the child minding corner with toys etc, and assist those who come with kids.
 - One other general helper to assist with set up, take down, catering etc
- If you can help out please contact Program Coordinator Viveca at: vivecawork@gmail.com**
- Tara is going to the Volunteering and Beyond event on Thursday, September 21st from 5:30-7:30PM at North Surrey Secondary School (15945 96 Avenue, Surrey). **Would anybody like to join her? Email me at info@bcpovertyreduction.ca**
 - On October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we partner with Dignity for All, a national campaign, to hand out *Chew on This!* lunchbags that contain "food and food for thought" (normally an apple and materials about the need for a national anti-poverty plan). **If you would like to help out, please email me at info@bcpovertyreduction.ca**
 - It was suggested that we look at East-West Market on Main Street for the apples because you can get big bags for \$5

Outreach Opportunities suggested by the Action Team

- The Walk for Reconciliation September 24th <http://reconciliationcanada.ca/walk-for-reconciliation-2017/>
 - The Action Team can try to get a table and could also walk together as a team
- The Wild Salmon Caravan <https://wildsalmoncaravan.wordpress.com/wsc-travel-it-2017/>
 - There's a parade from Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre to Trout Lake on October 7. If the Action Team members want to connect with other cities, they could join the caravan.
- **If you're interested in either of these, email me at info@bcpovertyreduction.ca**

Outreach Materials

- Now that all parties have voiced support for a poverty reduction plan, our outreach materials are going to need some updating. A subcommittee will meet at 815 W Hastings St, at 6 pm on September 19th to make these updates. So far this subcommittee will be made up of Tanyss,

Saguna, Nichole (maybe) and Fiona. **If you would like to help out, please email me at info@bcpovertyreduction.ca**

- It would be good to focus the outreach materials on the cost of living
- One problem with the “Price of Wrong” wheel is the “YAY!” people say when they spin the “Top 20% income in BC”. More thinking needs to be done around that.
- One possible outreach material for the Labour Day picnic is to take our election poster where we laid out the party’s different stances and add another row for our policy recommendations.

Podcast

- The latest episode has been released: an episode on Health. You can listen to it on:
 - Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/talkingpoverty>
 - Stitcher: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/poverty-free-action-team/poverty-talks?refid=stpr>
 - iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/talking-poverty/id1177921525?mt=2&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>
 - TuneIn: <https://tunein.com/radio/Talking-Poverty-p937912/>
- We will discuss more about marketing the podcast after our September strategy meeting. Maybe we should put up posters advertising the podcast?
- Elle will email update the podcast subcommittee about the next episode. **If you would like to become involved in the podcast subcommittee, email me at info@bcpovertyreduction.ca**
- Another episode idea in the notes below.

Other Areas of engagement

- The Action Team might want to take more action at the municipal and federal level. Perhaps getting involved in trying to influence the October 2018 municipal elections.
- One way to do that might be through a podcast episode about what municipalities have done, positive and negative, to affect poverty issues. We could talk to people about what municipalities are doing in:
 - Surrey
 - Kelowna
 - Prince George
 - Burnaby
 - Vancouver
 - Williams Lake (where apparently there is a good plan on paper, but no action)
 - Etc.

Other News From The Action Team

- Greyhound has applied to cancel major bus routes in the North:
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/greyhound-bus-canada-transit-northern-routes-health-bc-1.4270314>