

## Poverty Reduction Coalition Update

Nyssa, Fiona, and Joanna are going to be our reps for the next three meetings at least. Nyssa and Fiona will attend the meeting on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fiona attended the last three PRC meetings and gave us a small update on what happened there:

- Due to all the political activity, the BCPRC is meeting once a month instead of once every two months.
- We had presentations from Sarah Blackstock and Trish Hennessy about the Ontario experience of having a government that says it wants to implement a poverty reduction plan. We also had a presentation from the BCGEU about their housing campaign (<https://www.affordablebc.ca/our-plan>)
- There are a lot of discussions about how to influence the upcoming Poverty Reduction Plan including through these consultations: <http://bcpovertyreduction.ca/take-action/povertyreductionconsultation/>

## New Survey Idea

The above consultations are going to miss a lot of people. Most people living in poverty will probably not even know that they are happening. Trish and Omar were wondering if we provided the team with a survey and some resources, if the Action Team would be interested in going out and conducting the survey. It's still a vague idea about we were interested in judging interest.

- There was general interest in taking this on as a project
- One suggestion was to have a web-based version of the survey, so that it could be administered on smartphones
- There was a suggestion of sharing it with Neighbourhood Houses
- Next steps: an initial version of the questionnaire; brainstorm places to go; mapping out where to go and when;

## Poverty Mythbusters

- Omar to check in with Debra and see her interest level in continuing the project. If she's not interested, we're okay suspending the project as we have a lot on our plate. Omar to also let her know if she ever wants to restart the project in the future, we'd definitely be interested then. Her drafts look great to us; Omar to also check in about if we can use what she's already done.

## Podcast

- Elle has done a great job laying the groundwork, and emailed saying she can't work on it until probably mid-February. We agreed that this is a creative volunteer project without a strict timeline, so it's worth waiting for Elle to continue to take the lead on this.

## KDocs

- We have been invited to exhibit during the KDocs 2018 film festival, specifically before and after the screening of **Vancouver: No Fixed Address**. Their keynote speaker for this film is Jean Swanson, and their panel includes Jean, the film's director, as well as Judy Graves, Lenee Son,

and Nathan Edelson. They'd be happy to include 2 exhibit volunteers on the complimentary ticket list for this film.

- It will be on Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm – 8:15 pm at the Vancity Theatre downtown.
- Omar had misread the email, so did not give a firm time and date, so nobody was able to firmly commit.
- If you would like to exhibit at the film, please email [info@bcpovertyreduction.ca](mailto:info@bcpovertyreduction.ca)

### **Potential Future Guest Speakers**

The Action Team made some suggestions about guest speakers they'd like to see:

- Iglia Ivanova or somebody else from the CCPA to share some analysis of the budget (February meeting)
- Speakers with differing perspectives on Basic Income
- Somebody to speak about the BCGEU's housing campaign
- Somebody who can speak about if the Ministry of Poverty Reduction and the Ministry of Mental Health and addictions are working together.

### **Museum Exhibits of Interest**

Tanyss shared two museum exhibits that you might be interested in visiting:

Gallery Gachet's "MAD CITY: Legacies of MPA": <http://gachet.org/exhibitions/mad-city-legacies-of-mpa/>

Museum of Vancouver's City on Edge: A Century of Vancouver

Activism: <http://www.museumofvancouver.ca/exhibitions/exhibit/city-edge-century-vancouver-activism>

The last Thursdays of the month are "Entry by Donation" at the Museum of Vancouver