

resisting
the
university
an
alternative
orientation
booklet

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This booklet was created on the overlapping unceded, ancestral, and stolen lands of the x̱məθḵəy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. These lands are sovereign and unsundered. The creators of this booklet live, learn, and love on these lands known as “Vancouver, British Columbia.” Our university occupies the lands of the x̱məθḵəy̱əm. This booklet is authored by social justice-oriented and decolonizing groups at UBC and in our local community, and edited by the UBC Social Justice Centre. We recognize our complicity in the settler colonial project as a majority non-Indigenous group of students.

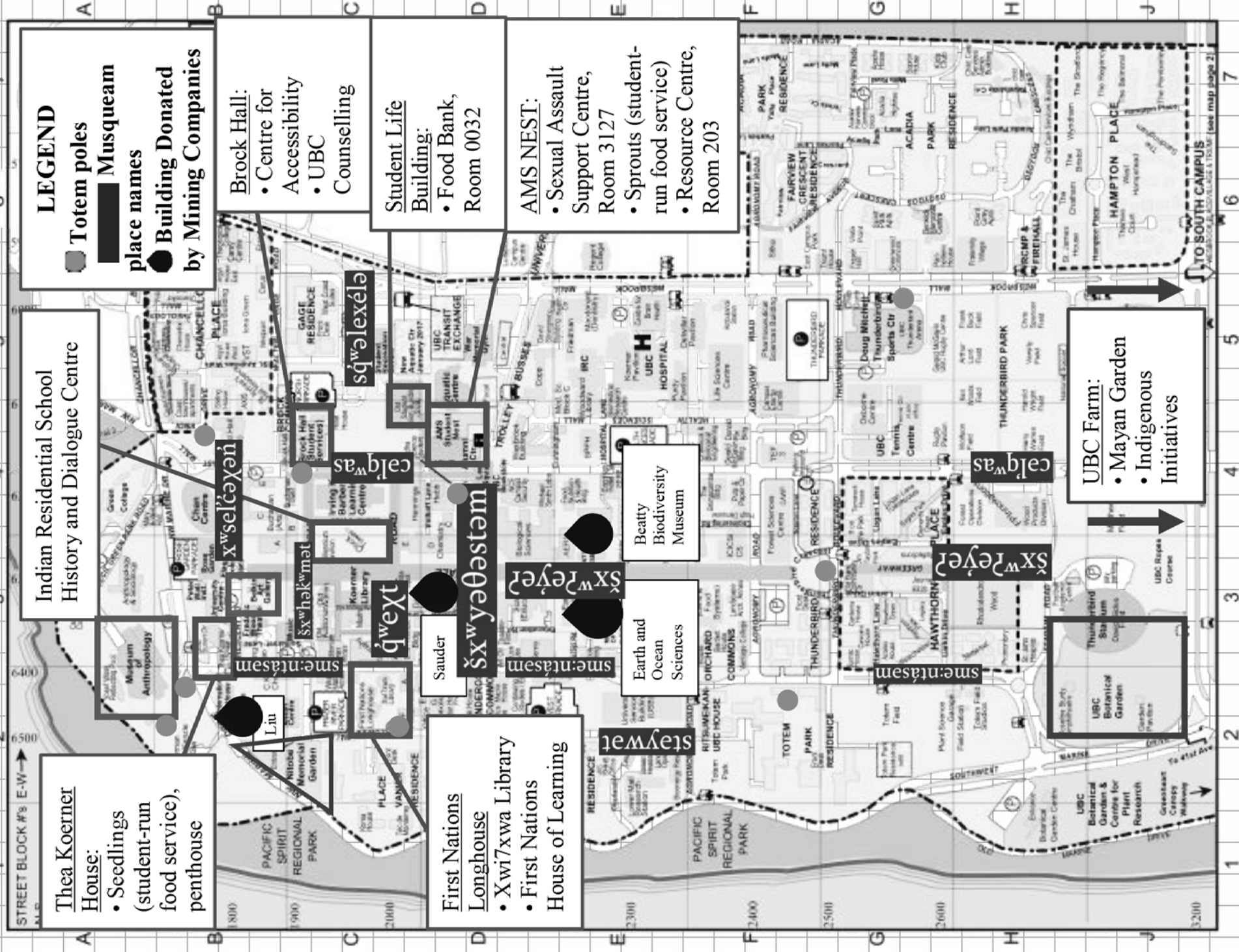
In this alternative orientation package, we aim to provide a map for the engagement of incoming and returning students and community members of UBC, especially since youth and students are commonly written off as apolitical and apathetic. Through this alternative orientation, we provide a platform for student movements and innovative groups to reach out to the UBC community. Everyone has a place and role in working towards a more just world. Where do you see yourself fit? What needs to change for our space to fit you?

UBC is a vibrant community of organizers and activists, and what follows is our attempt to showcase some of this. It is important to note that many projects and groups exist beyond what is presented in this booklet —there is so much to discover, it would be futile to claim exhaustiveness here.

As members of university community who experience a broad diversity of intersecting oppressions, it is important that our movements recognize the importance of building alliances and solidarities. This booklet is an embodiment of these movement-to-movement bridges. We need to work together where we can.

The university and the university community is complicit in many of the systems of oppressions and violences they create, which we are trying to bring to light and fight to dismantle through our collective organizing. In particular, Indigenous peoples are disproportionately and most often on the frontlines of these violences and resistances. We must reflect upon how our presence works to preserve a settler colonial status quo, and we must listen to our Indigenous comrades for ways we can act and organize as allies, for ways we can center Indigenous voices in the movement to decolonize the university, and for way we can be allies to Indigenous resurgence. We want to recognize that youth and student movements have not always been inclusive, and often continue to exclude most marginalized communities, especially Indigenous folks, people of colour, women, queer, trans and non-binary folks, folks with disabilities, others, and particularly where these identities overlap and intersect. We must continuously act to resist and reverse this trend.

UBC CAMPUS TOUR



MUSQUEAM NATION INTRODUCTION

xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam)

The xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) people have been here as long as there has been land to live upon. We have lived in the area of our present location for thousands of years, and our traditional territory occupies what is now Vancouver and surrounding areas. Some of our sɬəy̓əm (ancient histories) describe the landscape as it was over eight thousand years ago.

The name Musqueam relates back to the flowering plant, məθkʷəy̓ə, which grows in the Fraser River estuary. There is a sɬəy̓əm that has been passed on from generation to generation that explains how we became known as the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm – People of the məθkʷəy̓ə plant.

We are traditional Hən̓q̓əmin̓əm

speaking people. We have always moved throughout our traditional territory using the resources it provides for fishing, hunting, trapping and gathering. Today, we are a strong, growing community of over 1,300 members. We live on a small portion of our traditional territory, known as the Musqueam Indian Reserve, located south of Marine Drive near the mouth of the Fraser River. Despite the devastating impacts of residential schools, colonial laws banning our ceremonies, and other attempts to assimilate our people, we have remained strong and distinct. Our lands and waters continue to support our cultural and economic practices while serving as a source of knowledge and memory, encoded with our teachings and laws.

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UBC'S COLONIAL HISTORY



Ongoing histories of colonialism, neoliberalism, and imperial capitalism have influenced the role of institutions like universities. Universities are an example of an institution that has been shaped by these socio-political systems, but have also historically contributed to their dominance.

In being part of a university community, we invite you to reflect on how this space and the knowledge production that occurs within it manufacture hegemony and uphold systems of oppression – UBC is complicit in perpetuating imperial and colonial violence, both locally and globally.

Locally, these systems dispossess Indigenous nations, specifically the Musqueam peoples, for example through UBC's 1922 'Great Trek' that demanded Musqueam land for the UBC campus. They also act to determine which bodies and which ideas are present, visible, and welcomed in and amongst university spaces.

Globally, UBC's is part of a hegemonic system that contributes to widespread violence against marginalized communities. For example, as we will delve into later, the resource extraction industry has a palpable presence on the UBC campus --especially since the creation of CIRDI (Canadian International Resource and Development Institute, formerly Canadian International Institute for Extractive Industries and Development). This is an industry that fundamentally exists to perpetuate dispossession of Indigenous nations and destroy their sacred land and water.

As members of the UBC community we are also complicit in the violences that the University upholds (to varying degrees). We invite you to reflect on your positionality and your experiences on this campus, and we call you in to join the myriad spaces of resistance and decolonization, both on and off this campus.

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Trans Mountain Pipeline Struggle

The Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project is a proposed project that would twin the existing 65 year old Kinder Morgan pipeline, which runs from Edmonton (Treaty 6 Lands) to Vancouver (Coast Salish territories). The project would triple the pipeline's capacity to deliver bitumen to Vancouver, and result in a seven-fold increase in tanker traffic.

The project has been met with intense opposition from Indigenous nations, as well as municipalities, which resulted in Kinder Morgan suspending construction and threatening to stop the project. In response, on May 29th, the Prime Minister Trudeau's federal liberal government offered to purchase the existing 65-year-old infrastructure for \$4.5 billion dollars – more than 3 times what it would cost to provide clean drinking water to all First Nations reserves in Canada. The entire construction process of the expansion project is estimated to cost upwards of \$15 billion dollars of taxpayer money.

However, on August 30th, the Federal Court of Appeal delivered a huge blow to the pipeline project by ruling in favour of First Nations and quashing the federal government's approval of the pipeline expansion. The courts said that the government failed to adequately consult with Indigenous nations, thus violating Canadian law, as well as international law (United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, UNDRIP, and International Labour Organization, ILO, Convention 169) by not getting free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) from all Indigenous nations that would be impacted – the majority of which did not give their consent to the Trans Mountain pipeline. In addition, the court ruled that the government's initial approval of the project ignored the effects of increased tanker traffic, so the federal government must now redo the federal approval process and environmental evaluation before it can proceed with construction.

Despite the continued opposition from Indigenous nations, and the latest court decision, the federal government still plans to use tax dollars to complete the pipeline. Thus, Trudeau has shown a blatant disregard for Indigenous rights and sovereignty, and reconciliation with Indigenous nations, choosing instead to perpetuate Canada's neocolonial extractivist paradigm.

The project also demonstrates the Trudeau government's lack of commitment to achieving Canada's (inadequate) climate change targets, since it relies on the expansion of the tar sands (and the human rights violations that accompany it), and thus further entrenches our reliance on fossil fuels. This summer, Eastern Canada experienced record-breaking heat waves, and over 600 wildfires burned B.C., threatening communities and creating dangerous air quality conditions throughout much of the province. These wildfires and intense heat serve as warning signs of what is to come if we do not take meaningful action for climate justice.

In addition, the project is dangerous to the sacred land around us - a bitumen spill would be catastrophic to the ecosystems, and the increased tanker traffic further endangers populations that are already threatened such as the Southern Resident orcas and salmon.

Finally, the pipeline expansion project is fundamentally unsafe, as the Burnaby fire department has stated that they cannot put out a fire at the Trans Mountain tank farm if it is expanded. This tank farm is in close vicinity to Forest Grove Elementary School and SFU, both of which would have no protection should a fire start.

Despite the court win, the struggle continues, with resistance against the pipeline is taking place on multiple fronts, led consistently by Indigenous nations, elders and leaders: Tiny House Warriors are building houses in the way of the pipeline in Secwepemc territories (interior B.C.), and Protect the Inlet and the Kwekwecnewtxw Watch House are leading the way on Tsleil-Waututh territories (so-called Burnaby). On Burnaby Mountain, there have been around 300 arrests, with folks who are getting arrested now facing a minimum of 14 days in prison. A nation-wide student resistance is also being launched this fall.

Join the movement! Stand in solidarity with Indigenous nations! Resist Canada's neocolonial extractivism! Decolonize! No pipelines on stolen Native lands! Water is Life!



Get involved:

+ Protect the Inlet has organized the Kwekwecnewtxw Watch House, which is grounded in spirituality and Tsleil-Waututh protocol. Find out about direct action and support work at protecttheinlet.ca

+ Many student groups on campus are involved in anti-pipeline resistance + including: VegansOfUBC, CommonEnergy UBC, UBCC350, Indigenous Leadership Collective, Students for the Salish Sea, and the UBC Social Justice Centre



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housing crisis

Vancouver's housing market is in a state of crisis and the city ranks among the least affordable cities in the world. Housing prices are skyrocketing, rent is the highest in Canada, with one of the lowest vacancy rates (0.5%), and the homeless population has grown 30% since 2014 and is still climbing. Over 50% of Vancouver's population is living in rental housing and of these, 30% are living in inadequate housing, whether it's due to the condition, size, location or cost of the unit.

The impact of the housing crisis on UBC students are significant. For example, due to the high-price of Point Grey and other neighborhoods near campus, many students must forego proximity in favor of cheaper rent.

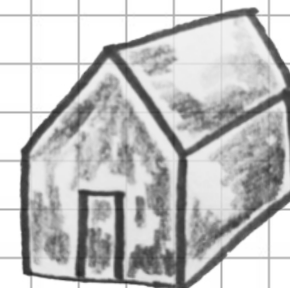
This means a longer commute (the average being 40 minutes) and consequently less time for socializing, studying, and other activities. The situation is not much better for students living on campus in private accommodations, since university residencies are exempt from the BC Residential Tenancy Act, leaving campus student renters unprotected by provincial policies that limit rent increases to 4% per year. Often referred to as 'University of Building Construction' for its constant development, UBC has failed to provide the basic necessity of affordable housing to its students. UBC should be responsible for housing their students at an affordable rate, but like most development corporations, UBC is looking to maximize profits through luxury market housing and commercial growth. The university added only 750 new student housing units this past year - not nearly enough to lodge the 6,000+ students that still remain on the campus housing waitlist.

It is worth noting that there is no physical housing shortage in the city; there are roughly 25,000 vacant homes and condominiums owned. The issue is that wealthy homeowners can afford to leave their properties unoccupied as mere property investment and speculation, thus limiting the supply of homes. While this is only one of several contributing factors to unaffordability, it is a clear example of how ill-conceived government policies benefit investors and upper-income consumers at the expense of average citizens who cannot afford such high price points. Current renters also face the threat of forced eviction under the guise of renovations or improvements, commonly known as "renovictions" since landlords are able to hike up rates between tenancies.

The issue of affordable housing goes hand in hand with displacement and gentrification. Gentrification is the social and economic transformation of low income neighborhoods to attract and appeal to the middle and upper-classes. This process results in higher property values, taxes and rent that the lower-income residents cannot afford, resulting in displacement that drives them out of their own neighborhoods. Gentrification disproportionately affects people in more desperate circumstances, such as seniors, those with addictions or disabilities, sex workers, the homeless, and the First Nations communities whose rights and titles to their unceded traditional territories are too often ignored. The effects of gentrification in Vancouver is perhaps most clearly visible in the neighborhood of the Downtown Eastside, commonly referred to as "Canada's poorest postal code." It is home to a massive

at-risk populace that is being pushed further to the margins of society as their community, both geographically and socially, becomes increasingly fragmented and exclusionary.

Vancouver's lack of housing affordability is a key issues in this October's municipal election, with mayoral and city council candidates across the board responding to the housing crisis. Left-wing parties such as the Vancouver Greens, OneCity and COPE are proposing more populist policies and greater wealth redistribution by introducing higher property taxes or a "mansion tax." On the other hand, right-wing parties such as VisionVancouver and NPA are advocating for pro-market policies to increase supply and reduce taxes.



Get involved:

+ The Vancouver Tenants Union and the Single Room Occupancy Collective are reshaping the city in organizing for renters rights, housing affordability and livability

+ Check out Carnegie Community Action Project and Our Homes Can't Wait's newest campaign: 58 days for 58 W Hastings <<http://www.carnegieaction.org/ourhomescantwait/>>



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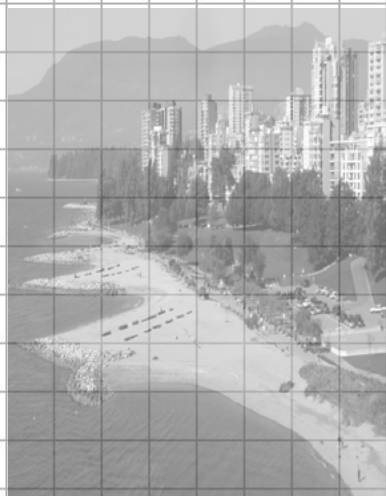
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upcoming elections

Make sure you cast your ballot!

Youth and students are typically underrepresented in elections, even though we are the ones that will inherit the world created by current administrations.

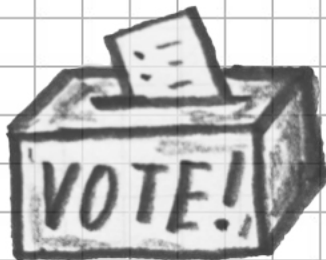
Vote to help shape your future!



Municipal Elections

In October, all municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Area are holding municipal elections. Election day is **Saturday October 20th 2018**, and advanced voting will take place **October 10-17**. This election will select: 1 mayor, 10 city councillors, 7 parks board commissioners, and 9 school board trustees. While local elections may seem insignificant compared to provincial or federal elections, they can dramatically shape the city that we live in by addressing problems we are dealing with, such as housing rights, affordability and sustainability.

Vancouver's local parties include: the Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE), OneCity, Vancouver Greens, Vision Vancouver, the Non-Partisan Association, Yes Vancouver, Coalition Vancouver, ProVancouver, as well as independent candidates.



Voting Eligibility

find out more on September 24th at 5 pm, location TBD

To be eligible to vote, you must:

- + Be 18 years or older on October 20th
- + Be a Canadian citizen
- + Be living in BC for 6 months (if you weren't here over the summer that's ok!)
- + Have lived in Vancouver for 30 days prior to October 20th

To register to vote:

- + Online <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/register-to-vote.aspx>
- + At a voting location: complete a registration form and present two pieces of identification, one of which includes a signature.
- + On election day, your student card combined with your swearing a Declaration of Elector Identity and Place of Residence at the voting place will be sufficient.

Do you live in UBC or on University Endowment Lands?



You can't vote for any of the races except for school board. You also can't vote on advanced voting days. Instead, go to either the AMS Nest or University Hill Secondary on election day.

Why can't you vote in any of the other races? University lands don't technically count as Vancouver, even though the same problems that face Vancouver will afflict students just as much as other city residents. Confused? Outraged? Join the SJC's campaign to bring democratization to campus.

get involved

Social Justice Centre has two ongoing campaigns, a non-partisan general get-out-the vote campaign, as well as a partisan campaign to support COPE (check out their platform at www.votecope2018.ca, with highlights that include a 4 year rent freeze, mansion tax, free transit, minimum wage of \$20.62, and reconciliation with substance).

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Proportional Representation Referendum

B.C. and Canada's current voting system is called First Past The Post (FPTP), where you vote for you candidate in your riding, and the one with the most votes is elected. However, there are some significant drawbacks to this voting system, as it leaves many 'wasted votes', and allows parties that have the minority of votes to have a majority government.

Both the BC NDP and the federal Liberals (current parties forming government) campaigned to increase democratization and end FPTP, but only the BC NDP have followed through, and they are doing so with a referendum on proportional representation. The referendum will occur by POSTAL BALLOT between October 22 and November 30.

The referendum will ask two questions:

1 Do you want to switch to proportional representation?

2 Rank three proportional representation systems:

a. Dual Member Proportional: Voting stays the same for rural regions, but other ridings double in size and elect 2 representatives. One elected representative wins if they have the most votes in that region (similar to FPTP), and the second is chosen so that the number of seats a party has is proportional to the votes the party got.

b. Mixed Member Proportional: Voters get two votes: one for their riding (like FPTP), and one for a regional candidate. The regional MLAs represent several ridings together, and are elected based on the proportion of votes a party receives.

c. Rural - Urban Proportional: Rural ridings use Mixed Member Proportional (see above), and urban/semi-urban ridings use the single transferable voting system to elect a team of MLAs in a multi-member district. Voters rank candidates on their ballot, and votes for losing candidates or surplus votes for winning candidates can be transferred to the next ranked candidate on the ballot.

Get involved

The UBC Sustainability Collective, UBCC350 and the UBC NDP are considering doing a get-out-the vote campaign in support of Proportional Representation.

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SASC closure: *WE SAVED THE SASC IN JUNE -- LETS KEEP IT SAFE FOR THE FUTURE*

Earlier this summer, on June 22nd, the AMS announced it would cut support services provided by the Sexual Assault Support Centre. This decision was then reversed five days later after a backlash from the student community that included 2184 signatures on an online petition. During that time survivors and their allies took to social media to share their thoughts on the closure.

Students and survivors expressed unfamiliarity in the UBC service SVPRO (Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office) that was intended to take on the role of support services from the SASC. Students expressed concern about whether SVPRO would have their best interests at heart, particularly in light of its close affiliation with the university.

Following this outcry, the AMS has apologized and repealed their decision. However, an apology is not enough. The five-day closure left emotional damage, and feelings of mistrust and betrayal among UBC community.

Is the SASC a part of your safe university environment? The SASC is still vulnerable to arbitrary, non-transparent closure your student government. Support the SASC's independence from the AMS, to prevent any future closure.

Survivor and student resistance is what saved the SASC this summer. Check out the Resource Group's open letter to the AMS on the Talon, and the promises the AMS has made since. This cannot happen again.



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Mining justice

75% of MINING CORPORATIONS
are HEADQUARTERED in CANADA

mining HAVEN
(especially Vancouver & Toronto)

TAHOE CREEK
GOLD CORP.

TECK BARRICK

MANY CORPORATIONS

Some VANCOUVER-BASED mining companies
Almaden Minerals, China Gold Intl, Compliance
Energy, Copper Mesa, Corriente Resources, Eldorado
Gold, First Majestic, First Quantum, Tatum Silver,
Goldcorp, Imperial, Mag Silver,
Metals, Newsum Resources, Oceana Gold, Pacific Rim,
Placer Dome, Radius Gold, South American Silver, Tahoe Resources
Taseko Mines, Turquoise Hill Resources / Ivanhoe

ONE MACHINE

MINING is the DEADLIEST
SECTOR for LAND DEFENDERS

often INDIGENOUS folks
MANY LAND DEFENDERS
are KILLED or HURT
for RESISTING
MINING.

UBC hosts CIRDI,
a HARPER-CREATED think tank
influenced by HUGE MINING
CORPORATIONS.
CIRDI supports RESOURCE-RICH
COUNTRIES make POLICY
BENEFICIAL TO CORPORATE
INTERESTS and often
ADVERSARIAL to
THOSE MOST AFFECTED.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TSN

BEAR CREEK MINING CORPORATION

TSN INTERNATIONAL

Attend & Contribute to Students for
Mining Justice's organizing.
protectingtheland.ca

free
conference
Oct 16th - 23rd
@ UBC School

MINING JUSTICE NOW
see stoptheinstitute.ca

education is a
right.

our education
should be
affordable &
accessible to all.

students demand
lower tuition & an
open university.



Resource Groups

The resource groups are a part of your student union (the AMS) yet we function autonomously from the elected government, as a check to their decisions (see what they tried to do to the SASC this past June) and to to empower and organize for students who face marginalization and oppression. We try to be critical of the university, our community, the AMS in working towards a more socially just learning environment locally, regionally and globally. The resource groups are a community that includes:

- + Women's Centre
- + Pride Collective
- + Neurodiverse Pathfinders
- + Student Environment Centre
- + Colour Connected Against Racism
- + Social Justice Centre

We are often working together as a collective, building connections and allyships across our diverse initiatives. Come find us at in our offices, or in the resource lounge, at the 2nd floor of the nest, in the northwest corner of the building (Room 2102). We also host the Free Store and the Free Library. The door is always open.

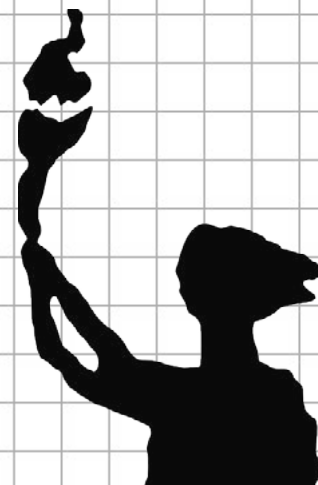


Social Justice Centre



The Social Justice Centre is a resource group that works toward progressive social change, inclusivity, and equity through a survivor-centric, harm reduction, radical, feminist, decolonial, anti-oppression framework. We operate through horizontal structures and consensus-based decision-making to engage students in and provide tools for activism, and promote discussions of social justice issues. We invite you to join our radical imaginings and work with us to enact alternative futures based on resistance, relationships, reciprocity, community, trust, love, allyship, and solidarity.

We meet weekly in the resource lounge to discuss our projects and organizing on and off campus. We welcome you to drop in to chat, learn, exchange, contribute and get involved. Check us out on Facebook (UBC Social Justice Centre) or shoot us an email (socialjusticecentre.ubc@gmail.com)



The Pride Collective



The Pride Collective is a non-hierarchical organization, we invite all members of the LGBTQIA2S+ (and their respectful ally friends) to hang out in the Pride Lounge whenever the nest is open. One need not be a UBC student to be a member of the Pride Collective. We work hard to keep our lounge a safe hangout/study space for all members of the LGBTQIA2S+

community. Specifically, we aim to make our space safe for Two Spirit, BIPOC, ace, intersex, and trans members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. We are committed to a decolonial, anti-oppressive, intersectional feminist, and collective philosophy. Our goal is to centre these values in all of the outreach work that we do.

We run weekly discussion groups where we socialise with friends, offer solidarity and support, share resources, and sometimes offer snacks. The discussion groups that we run include Trans and Gender Identities (TaGI), Ace Space, People Lover's Weekly (PLoW), and many others. An updated list of our discussion groups can be found on our website: <http://www.prideubc.com>, or on our facebook page @prideubc. If you identify as queer but don't feel like one of our discussion groups fits, feel free to pitch one to us -- as long as a discussion group upholds our values and you're willing to facilitate it, we're always open to one more. If you're new to Pride, and not sure where to start, our weekly social dinner "On the QT" is the place for you!

In order to keep all members of our community safe, we do firmly ask that anything shared within our discussion groups remain within the discussion groups. This includes sharing who attended, names and pronouns used during these meetings, etc.. Additionally, we ask that these meetings only be attended by those who identify with, or are questioning, the identities discussed during the meetings. Discussion groups are the only time when the door to the Pride Lounge will be closed.

The Women's Centre



The Women's Centre exists to support anybody of the UBC community and beyond who share intersecting histories of sexual and colonial violence, classism, ableism, racism, homophobia, transphobia (and so on). Specifically, we exist to support anybody that has faced gender-based oppression and has experienced, will experience,

or is experiencing womanhood. Its Coordinators recognize that patriarchy is only one (important) aspect of an interlocking system of power and oppression, that safe spaces are not guaranteed, and that continual efforts to maintain openness, respect, and honesty are crucial for anti-oppressive organizing and ways of relating to one another. The Centre strives to provide a space for community-building, discussion, sharing, and resistance. We offer couches, brochures (with information about resources), event posters, menstrual products, safer sex products, pregnancy tests, a library of feminist literature, microwave, food, and kettle. We also offer consciousness raising sessions, as well as various community events.

Neurodiverse Pathfinders



Neurodiverse Pathfinders is a Resource Group focusing on building a safe space for neurodiverse students, in the form of both our physical office space (open to members) and more metaphorically by fostering a community of people that support each other, encourage personal growth, and aid in navigating the issues faced by disabled students at UBC and in the world at large. On the latter front, we seek to advocate for neurodiverse and disabled students with the support of the other Resource Groups and the AMS.

You can find us in our office in the Resource Lounge, and at our website

<http://ndpathfinders.weebly.com>.



SASC

Established in 2002, the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) is committed to the education, support and empowerment of anyone affected by sexualized violence.

As an intersectional and anti-violence organization, no one is turned away regardless of their gender identity, the type of violence experienced or their legal status.

We provide crisis/short term emotional support, legal, medical, and campus-related advocacy and accompaniment, support in accessing accommodations and concessions.

The SASC offers various resources including:

Free education and outreach

Volunteer programs

Safer sex and menstrual products

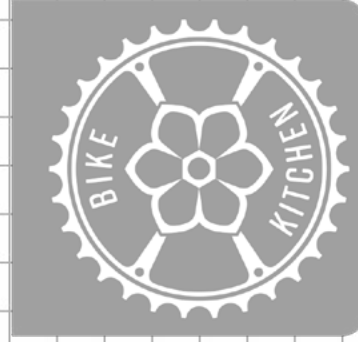
Community lending library

Healthier Masculinities program

Including a men's circle, volunteer program and events.

The work we do at the SASC is inextricably linked and indebted to the ongoing struggle against violence in all its forms - against patriarchy, colonialism and supremacy. The SASC believes and acknowledges that sexualized violence cannot be removed from these systems of oppression. This belief informs all that we do.

The SASC is located on the unceded, ancestral and traditional lands of the Musqueam Nation. We are on the 3rd floor of the AMS Student Nest, and our hours are 8 am-10 pm.



ATTEND A PROGRAM OR WORKSHOP

- >> Women & Queer Night takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6pm - 9pm.
- >> LGBTQ2I+ Night takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6pm - 9pm.
- >> We offer beginner, introductory and intermediate workshops throughout the year. All of our workshops are as low-cost as possible. Can't afford the workshop fee? We'll waive it.

VOLUNTEER

- >> Help us build bikes for folks who would benefit from access to transportation. Our Bici Libre program builds bikes for migrant farm workers in the Fraser Valley. Pedals for the People provides free bikes to low-income community members.
- >> Help us build and maintain bikes for our Purple + Yellow campus bike share. If you volunteer for 6 hours, you get a free Bike Kitchen membership. If you volunteer for another 6 hours, you get a key to the bike share. There are no usage fees for our bike share — it's completely free to use after you volunteer for 12 hours.

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First Nations Studies Students Association (FNSSA)



FNSSA is a student-run club on the unceded, ancestral and occupied territories of the Hənq̓əminəm speaking x̣ṃəθḳəỵəm (Musqueam) peoples, the People of the River Grass for First Nations and Indigenous Studies students, and for anyone interested or passionate about Indigenous issues and decolonization. Our goal is to provide an accessible, inclusive, and safe space for all students to come together to learn, discuss, socialize and organize decolonial events. Unlike other academic clubs on campus, FNSSA has an open-door policy, we don't require an application or resume to get involved. If you want to be a part of FNSSA, in whatever capacity, with whatever time commitment (or lack-there-of), we will find or create a spot for you. If you are interested in getting involved, send us an email at fnssa.ubc@gmail.com.

The Journal of First People's Writing (JFPW)



x̣ṇaʔəlməx̣ ṣx̣əxi:ls the Journal of First People's Writing (JFPW) is an open access, student-run, and peer-reviewed undergraduate journal created by students at the University of British Columbia. JFPW publishes academic and creative submissions by students from across Turtle Island, and is edited on the unceded, ancestral and occupied territories of the Hənq̓əminəm speaking x̣ṃəθḳəỵəm (Musqueam) peoples, the People of the River Grass. If you would like to make a submission for our 2019 edition, or you are interested in getting involved as an editor please email firstpeopleswriting@gmail.com, or visit www.firstpeopleswriting.com

Indigenous Leadership Collective



The Indigenous Leadership Collective is a group of ambitious Arts student who self-identify as Indigenous. The ILC was created because Indigenous Arts students felt like there was a lack of or it was difficult to find an Indigenous community within the faculty. The group is dedicated to foster all types of leadership skills, as every individual expresses these skills in their own way. In the past, the Indigenous Leadership Collective facilitated or participated in culturally relevant activities that nourish Indigenous thought, practices and spiritually. In addition, the ILC has become a community for Indigenous Arts students to mobilize against the invasive and harmful colonial projects that the Trudeau government has been perpetuating or attempting to forcefully assemble on our lands. For instance, members are able to collectively come together to attend protests against the pipeline as well as participate in the Women's March. As Indigenous students, it often difficult to focus on studying while our communities are fighting against gendered colonialism and capitalism and the ILC provides support for all of us to work through our emotions together and continue to engage with dialogue that is so important for the deconstruction of these projects and mindsets, while also keeping up academically. The group is also focussed on academic achievements and we often study together. Outside of UBC course work, we have also created an LSAT study group for the September and November LSAT test.

The ILC is a group that actively bridges other communities programs that are available to students or the Vancouver community and just ensures that students have peer support when they attend. For example, we attend volunteer and workshop sessions hosted by UBC Medicine Garden or attend Longhouse lunches together, create podcasts with CiTR, go to movie night ect. Throughout the summer session, a lot of programming has revolved around attending events together within the Vancouver area such as a medicine making workshop, celebrating aboriginal day at Trout and having picnics.

This year, the group has plans to continue being involved with activism on and off UBC campus. We are also carving out space for academia and making weekly study sessions. We hope to remain social and continue to attend fun events together! We are also organizing philanthropic opportunities for the members to participate in.

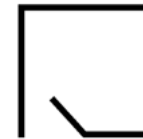
Vilma Almendra Indigenous Exchange Project

With the increasing rise of threats and even assassinations against land defenders, social justice advocates, and Indigenous leaders in different parts of the world, we are left with the question of what actions we can take to show support and solidarity for the people and movements that defend their territories and their undeniable right to a healthy environment, political representation, and recognition of basic human rights. The Vilma Almendra Indigenous Exchange project seeks to weave networks of support and solidarity through mutual learnings between Indigenous leaders from different origins facing similar challenges battling colonial, neoliberal, and extractivist agendas in their own territories.

Vilma Almendra is an Indigenous Nasa leader and activist from Colombia who has been invited to Coast Salish territory (Vancouver) to meet with 'The Butterflies in Spirit' - a theatre collective of Indigenous women related to missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada. Vilma's visit is intended to open up a conversation about transnational solidarity in the social, cultural, and territorial contexts of Indigenous peoples across the Americas. Vilma will stay in Vancouver from October 21--28 and will be giving a series of talks and discussions about Indigenous processes of resistance in Colombia and Latin America. Visit the Social Justice Centre facebook page for more information and details.



Hatch Art Gallery



The Hatch Art Gallery is UBC's only student run exhibition space. The Hatch Art Gallery aims to stimulate the exchange of art and ideas between artists, students, and the broader campus. More specifically, The Hatch curatorial strategy is one that includes, and prioritizes works and exhibitions that are critical and thought provoking. The upcoming exhibition schedule for 2018-2019 features shows that explore issues such as the struggle for rights and survival in occupied

Palestine, the representation of bodies from a diverse range of artists and topics, the hybrid identity of millennial immigrants, the role of visual art in addressing climate change, and showcases of queer art forms and spaces. Art has been intimately tied to power and is today readily commodified in capitalist and colonial societies. The dissemination of alternative, anti-oppressive art and ideas can provide opportunities for challenges of hegemonic power structures and belief systems.

The Hatch Gallery is located on the unceded, ancestral and traditional lands of the Musqueam Nation. We are on the 2nd floor of the AMS Student Nest. Our opening hours are from

September to May, Monday to Friday, 12pm to 5pm.

Ignite



Ignite Journal is an academic platform for undergraduate students interested in engaging with interdisciplinary critical scholarship, and students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. We acknowledge that theory is, and has always been, an integral aspect of anti-oppression work. In this edition of Ignite, we aim to break the perceived activism-academia binary by recognizing critical scholarship as a form of consciousness raising - and the ways in which that in itself is a form of activism.

Additionally, we will be accepting applications for the Editorial Board until September 30th and encourage students of all backgrounds to apply.

We are excited to be a part of the 2018 reignition!

THE TALON

The Talon is operated by a horizontally-structured and consensus-driven editorial collective of current students who produce and publish content on the occupied, unceded, traditional, and ancestral territories of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), sel'il'witulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x'məθk'əyəm (Musqueam) nations. The Talon was established in the summer of 2014 to fill the void of critical, independent student media within the University of British Columbia context. Though the various members of the editorial collective have different interests and experiences, we are all dedicated to anti-oppression organizing and passionate about social change and justice. We also firmly believe that there is no such thing as true 'journalistic objectivity' – any publications claiming to lack an ideology are tacitly endorsing the status quo. Through The Talon, we aim to stimulate discussion centered on social justice and offer an accessible, critical perspective on local and global issues affecting UBC students and the greater community.

As we strive to be an anti-oppressive and responsive organization, we welcome any feedback you may have, including call-outs, concerns, critiques, questions and suggestions. For general enquiries, if you are interested in joining our editorial collective or volunteering, we can be reached by e-mail at talonubc@gmail.com. If you would like to learn more about participation opportunities and submission guidelines, please visit the submission page on our website, thetalon.ca/submissions/. While we try to reply to e-mails as quickly as possible, we are all busy students and we do receive a high volume of enquiries about The Talon. Thanks in advance for your patience!

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Students for Mining Justice & Protecting the Land Conference

We are a group of law school graduate and undergraduate students working to bring awareness around mining injustices to UBC campus, and building a movement among youth, students and the university community around ending extractivism, resource imperialism and corporate unaccountability. We aim to highlight the role of our local, and national governments in allowing mining injustices or occur, and we act in support and solidarity with land defenders and water protectors worldwide. As Indigenous peoples, especially Indigenous women 2SQ and trans folks, are often on the frontlines of these resistance movements against violence and human rights abuses, we work to center the voices of these communities and individuals.

This October 25th and 26th, we are organizing Protecting the Land: A Conference on Mining Justice and Legal

Activism, taking place at the law school. We have invited and are receiving three Indigenous women land defenders — Ysidora Acuña, Angélica Choc and Kanahus Manuel— and many other speakers to offer critical insights onto the issues of mining injustice and protecting land. Our website: <https://www.protectingtheland.ca/>

Please join us in attending this free conference. If you would like to contribute your thoughts, art, reflections, performance on mining injustice and defending land please contact us at rsvp@protectingtheland.org.



Kanahus Manuel



Ysidora Acuña



Angélica Choc

UBCC350



UBCC350 is a political climate action group that aims to use the power of collective action to promote climate justice. Through our campaigns, we advocate for government action on climate policy, political engagement, institutional climate leadership, environmental justice, and Indigenous sovereignty. We are committed to climate action on and off campus, and aspire to question the patriarchal, capitalist, and colonial system that perpetuates climate inaction and ensures that some communities disproportionately feel both the negative impacts of resource extraction industries, and those of climate change.

Our campaigns for the upcoming year including opposing the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion (through letter writing, rallies and fundraisers for legal challenges), continuing to advocate for UBC to divest from fossil fuels and creating dialogue around the need for a swift and just transition to renewable energy in Canada. For more information, contact ubcc350@gmail.com or check out our website ubcc350.org.

Students for the Salish Sea

Students for the Salish Sea (SFSS) is a student-led watershed consciousness organization. We believe that a healthy watershed is foundational for a just present and livable futures for the humans and our more-than-human others who live, work, & play here.



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GRSJUA

The Gender, Race, Sexuality & Social Justice Undergrad Association is a space for GRSJ students and folks interested in social justice to plan events on campus, such as “Chatting over Chocolates,” and “What to do with your GRSJ Major/minor.” In April, we hold one of the largest student-led conferences at UBC called the F-Word, an intersectional feminist and anti-oppression conference that includes workshops from various grassroots organizations in the Vancouver area, student panels, and artwork. Visit our Facebook page for more information and meeting times @ GRSJ Undergrads.

Progressive Jewish Alliance



We are a student-led organization committed to creating an alternative Jewish space at the University of British Columbia. Independent from Jewish institutions, we engage in open discourse around subjects such as Israel-Palestine, Jewish religion, ritual expression, inclusivity, and intersectionality. We advocate for an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and recognize that not all criticism of Israel is anti-semitic. We derive meaning from historic and contemporary Jewish learning and embrace the plurality of Jewish experience and identity to move with our allies towards a more equitable future for all.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or want more information on political, ritual, and social events, please email us at pjaubc@gmail.com

Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights



Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) UBC had a strong presence on our campus for more than a decade. We are a social student-run organization and advocacy group, with our mandate being to uphold the rights and freedoms of the Palestinian people within and beyond Palestine in the face of human rights violations, and all forms of racism, discrimination, misinformation and misrepresentation – wrongs that we hope to right in whatever way we can through information workshops, cultural nights, and other social justice oriented actions in UBC and the Greater Vancouver community. We strive for justice for all indigenous peoples’ rights to their lands and freedoms, from across the globe, with our specific focus of course being on Palestinians and Palestinian diaspora.

We pride ourselves on our inclusivity and never-wavering mandate to always stand for human rights over everything else – to not be swayed by societal or corporate pressures who are not concerned with prioritizing human rights.

Please visit our Facebook page for our events, and give us a message if you are interested in joining as an executive member or volunteer. We are always hiring, and look forward to strengthening our ties with the UBC community.

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Vancouver Tenants Union

The Vancouver Tenants Union (VTU) is committed to building a transformative movement for housing justice and housing rights for all people: people who do not own property, people who rent, people who do not have stable housing, people who are homeless. Our core values define us and all the actions we take, the policy change we pursue, and the revolution we create together. Our values as an organization include the following: housing as a human right; the rejection of corporate ownership and the support of initiatives like cooperative housing, land trusts and other alternatives to private ownership; opposition to displacement in the forms of gentrification, renovictions, rent increases, illegal evictions, and the tearing down of tent cities; the commitment to examining our values, tactics and strategies to align with real and deep decolonizing work; support for raising the welfare, pension and disability rates to a level where people can afford to live in their community, a higher minimum wage, and the campaign for a living wage; solidarity with tenants in other municipalities, provinces

and communities experiencing the housing crisis and support for the founding of other tenants unions and resistance groups; and solidarity across movements as we work for a more just society.

Join the Vancouver Tenants Union and help us build this movement together. We are only as strong as our members are, and we need all hands on deck to move us towards our goals. Our goals are to: oppose gentrification and resist the developer tide flooding our city; change policy at all levels of government to benefit tenants; create a force of tenants across all barriers and identities; empower tenants to organize and fight injustices to protect themselves from the threats, intimidation, and bribes that lead to the loss of their homes; connect and share resources and strategies with other organizations and groups who share common values and goals; and work to shift consciousness and public opinion on the challenges of living in this city as a tenant.

Find us at: <https://www.vancouvertenantsunion.ca/>

SRO-C

Thank you UBC Social Justice Centre for helping us to grow the Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative in the last 2 years. Your support helped us to do 3 really big things: 1) force City Hall to shut down and start expropriation of the 2 worst hotels in our neighbourhood 2) start up the Vancouver Tenants Union and 3) give tenants in our community a voice. UBC students, a first step for you: join the tenants union! Solidarity :) <http://dtescollaborative.org>



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For a Vancouver You Can Afford

Did you know that on-campus housing residents are **not protected** against rent increases?

In 2015, **UBC increased** on-campus housing rates by **20%**.

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STOP THE TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE EXPANSION

THE TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE IS INCONSISTENT WITH CANADA'S COMMITMENTS TO CLIMATE ACTION, TO INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION, AND TO A JUST TRANSITION AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS.

JOIN US IN STANDING UP AGAINST THE TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE.

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GRASSY KNOLL OUTSIDE AMS NEST

LEARN ABOUT THE PIPELINE EXPANSION, THE GROWING RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, AND HOW YOU CAN TAKE PART!
SPEAKERS FOLLOWED BY POSTER MAKING,
SNACKS, AND GROUP DISCUSSION.



