Solidarity: Another world is possible.

Workshops, discussions, open houses, stickers & patches @ the VIPIRC office SUB BL22.

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A rad welcome to UVIC!
You’ve found your classroom, now it’s time to #disorientuvic and yourself with a new, radical welcome for the beginning of the academic year at UVic. Dis/Orientation Days is a September series of workshops and open houses on campus, and a guide to social justice events off-campus. It is a collaboration between campus and community groups, coordinated by the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG).

Dis/Orientation Days aims to:
> welcome and build community
> connect students and the campus community with progressive action projects
> provide opportunities for students and the campus community to recognise and challenge discrimination and oppression on personal, university, and community levels
> build solidarity between advocacy and other social and environmental justice groups on campus

The Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG) is a non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and other action in the public interest. Located in the Student Union Building of the University of Victoria, VIPIRG is a place where students and community members connect to work together on social justice and environmental issues. We welcome volunteers to our issue-based working groups like the Radical Health Alliance, library and other committees, and for specific research and community projects and events and our Coordinating Collective. Find us in SUB B122, or online at vipirg.ca.

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A big thank you to all volunteers and people running Dis/Orientation events!
The Native Students Union acknowledge with respect that the University of Victoria resides on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish and Straits Salish Peoples. The NSU is a community of self-identified Indigenous students that support each other academically and culturally. We provide a place to study or socialize and host events during the year. Visit us in the basement of the Student Union Building Room B023 or online at http://www.uvicnsu.ca or email nsu@uvicnsu.ca for more.

The UVSS Students of Colour Collective is a group of self-identified Indigenous and/or People of colour operating as an advocacy group out of the University of Victoria, located on Lekwungen Homelands. We attempt to defy the mainstream and act from the margins placing issues of race, gender, and colonization into an anti-racist framework which builds our work, action, and political endeavors. Throughout the year we put on movie nights, panel discussions, tabling, workshops, produce a zine and more. For more check out our website: soccpage.com, email socc@uvss.ca, and find facebook.com/soccuvic, SUB Room B020.

The UVSS Women’s Centre is a feminist grassroots collective funded by UVic students. Run by a volunteer collective, we strive towards providing a safe(r) space for self-identified women on campus and in the community to learn, share, and organize around issues that affect our lives from colonialism, racism, access to health care, to sexualized violence. Check out Thirdspace, our free anti-racist feminist zine. Collective meetings are usually held bi-weekly in the Women’s Centre lounge, located in the Student Union Building, Room B107. Email wcentre@uvss.ca for more information.

The Society for Students with a Disability represents and advocates for all students who self-identify as having one or more disabilities at UVic. Our office is open regularly on weekdays to act as a resource for all members of the university community-from students to faculty to family members! We’re always available and willing to offer practical advice, coaching and support on any and all disability-related issues. We’re here if you just need someone who understands to talk to, we’re students too. Reach us at SUB B11, uvicssd@uvic.ca and uvicssd.com, 250.472.5397.

UVic Pride’s mission is to provide a safer space for individuals within and outside of the queer community, both at the University of Victoria and in the Greater Victoria community. The Collective aims to alleviate all forms of oppression and provide education and resources regarding queer and trans issues, needs, and experiences. UVic Pride has regular Collective meetings throughout the year. Come check out the Pride Centre in Room B010 in the SUB basement for free safer sex supplies, pregnancy tests, chest binders, and communal hang-out space. Check uvicpride.ca for meeting times and volunteering details. You can email us at pride@uvic.ca or call us at 250 472 4393.

The anti violence project (AVP) is UVic’s on-campus sexual assault centre that provides support, education, and action on sexualized violence, gender-based violence, and all interconnected forms of violence. We’re here for people of all genders, whether you’re a UVic student, staff, or faculty, or a community member. We’re located in the Student Union Building in b027 and we’re funded by UVic Student Fees. Contact us avp@uvic.ca antiviolenceproject.org 240 472 4388.

The UVic Sustainability Project is an accessible and inclusive student group dedicated to building a sustainable campus and community. We are committed to social justice, economic equality, and improving the health of our people and ecosystems. UVSP supports diverse projects and groups both on and off campus like SPOKES, FreeSkool, and the Good Food Box. Every month we offer project grants of up to $500. We are always looking for more people to get involved! Get in touch via email at uvicsustainability@gmail.com, online at uvsp.uvic.ca, or visit our office in the Student Union Building Room B118.

The University of Victoria’s Campus Community Garden is a collaborative project between students, faculty and staff that promotes local, organic food production, education and community building. The garden is located off of Mckenzie Avenue across from the athletic fields. We hold work parties every week, where members can come and work on their individual plots in the company of other gardeners, or help out with the communal tasks. We also offer workshops on gardening and food related topics. Find out more at http://web.uvic.ca/~ccgarden. Get in touch at ccgarden@uvic.ca or Room B118 in the SUB.
Monday Sept 8

Facilitation and Holding Space in Groups
5pm @ SUB B025
This is a participatory workshop to share questions, skills, and resources for facilitating meetings and attending to group dynamics. It’s open to everyone—from people who are brand new to organizing and other meeting spaces, to people who’ve spent lots of time in meetings and collective decision-making processes. We’ll explore the concepts of ‘taking up space,’ ‘holding space,’ and ‘creating space’ and how they shape the ways that we feel and how we treat each other in meetings.

All week: Anti Violence Project Consent and Bystander Intervention Workshops
10am and 2pm, register at antiviolenceproject.org
These workshops, hosted by the Anti-Violence Project, will engage students in an in-depth understanding of consent, sex positivity, gender roles, myths and truths about gender-based violence, how to intervene as a bystander, and what resources are available on campus.

Human Rights Info Fair
11-1 @ the SUB
Meet a number of the equity seeking groups and services on campus.

Tuesday Sept 9

Native Student Union Open House
10-6 @ SUB Room B023
Why We Need Supervised Consumption Services in Victoria
1pm @ SUB B025
Members of the Street College Steering Committee will present on the need for Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) in Victoria. Street College is a partnership between the Society of Living Illicit Drug Users (SOUID) and AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI) that provides a space for People who Use(d) Illicit Drugs (PUID) to learn from one another, grow together as community organizers, and challenge the pervasive stigma and oppression experienced by PUID.

Conversation Café: Who Doesn’t Belong on Campus?
4-6 pm @ Uvic Clearhune A211
Hosted by STEPS Forward: BC Initiative for Inclusive Post Secondary Education. STEPS Forward is a family-driven organization founded to ensure that people with developmental disabilities are included as students in the academic and social life of colleges and universities of British Columbia.

Doing It Ourselves: Radical Mental Health
6pm @ Cafe Fantastico (King Street location)

Rethinking Masculinity
6pm @ Uvic Bob Wright B150
Uvic Student Affairs, Anti-Violence Project and UVSS present Rethinking Masculinity; featuring Byron Hurt, a special performance by Jeremy Loveday, and a panel discussion with men from our community who actively work to promote healthy views of masculinity and in initiatives to prevent gender-based violence: John Swift, Sakej Ward, Isaac Rosenberg and Billy Yu. Everyone is welcome to join in this inspiring discussion about the role of men in ending sexualized violence, promoting equity and creating social change in our community!

Wednesday Sept 10

Queer and Trans Friendly Lunchtime Hangout
11:30-1:30 @ the UVic Quad
BYO lunch and we’ll bring the frisbee – follow the balloons to a queer and trans friendly hangout.

Students of Colour Collective Open House
12-4 @ SOCC Lounge SUB Room B020

Positive Space Network Games Night
4-7 @ Uvic Sedgewick C168
Games Night for LGBTQ and allies.

Thursday Sept 11

Women’s Centre Open House
10-4 @ SUB B107

Positive Space Network Workshop
12:30-3:30 @ Uvic Welcome Centre (1st Floor University Centre), register at http://web.uvic.ca/psn/get-involved/workshops/
What does it mean to create a safer and inclusive space for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations? Join this workshop to learn more and to become a resource person.

Native Student Union Welcome Feast
5pm @ First Peoples House

Exploring Masculinity and Creativity with Jeremy Loveday
6pm @ Uvic Clearhune A311, to register e-mail judicial@uvic.ca
This workshop will explore masculinity and creativity and is facilitated by Jeremy Loveday, local poet and advocate. Jeremy’s video poem ‘Masks Off’ has garnered over 800,000 views, sparked debate, and attracted international media attention. This promises to be an engaging and interesting workshop.

Friday Sept 12

Uvic Pride Open House
1-4 @ SUB B010

Colonial Realities Bus Tour
1-4, purchase tickets at First Peoples House

Saturday Sept 13

Uvic Pride Crafting Afternoon
12-4 @ SUB B010
### Monday Sept 15

**Divest Uvic Banner Painting**
4pm @ concrete stage area outside the SUB main entrance

Divest Uvic has $21 million invested in fossil fuels. Divest Uvic is part of an international movement advocating for institutions to stop investing in this industry in order to fight climate change and injustice. Come paint a giant banner and learn more about the campaign!

**Exploring Spirituality Through Connection to the Land**
1:30pm, meet @ First Peoples House, sign up on Facebook event page to coordinate transportation

We will begin by listening to Elder Deb George from Cowichan discuss her own connection to the land and significance the land continues to play in her life. From here we will move to the beautiful outdoors and hike to the Goldstream trestle. This will be a safe space to explore what spirituality means to you as individuals.

### Tuesday Sept 18

**Work Place Rights: How to Deal with a Bad Boss**
4pm-6pm location TBA

This two hour presentation will give students a crash course in basic employment standards rights in the workplace. This includes how to negotiate with an employer, file a complaint against your employer and how to navigate the Employment Standards Appeal process. Topics to be covered – termination of employment, unauthorised deductions, payment of wages, split shifts, overtime, vacation pay, stat pay, working under the table, dine and dash and more.

**Revision the System: Harvest Dinner and Collaboration**
6pm @ Vertigo in the SUB, dinner by donation

Feast from the fields of Campus and surrounding area with a hearty meal cooked by the Campus Community Garden and friends. Storm your brain over roasted local squash, and think hard: what is a sustainable food system? Take your food coma to the floor and help us draw it out. Let us create a food system focused on ecology, equity, health, justice and sharing. At the end of the night, our creation with help guide us away from the destruction of industrial agriculture, and onto the land where we can manifest positive change.

### Wednesday Sept 19

**Uvic Pride Movie Night**
6pm @ SUB B010

**Decriminalizing the Sex Industry: Beyond the Myths and Misconceptions**
1:30pm @ Ambrosia 638 Fisgard Street

Join PEERS Victoria for a conversation with local sex workers and their supporters, police, government and special guest New Zealand sex-work rights activist Catherine Healy to explore what a decriminalized sex industry can look like, and the risks to sex workers under Bill C36.

**Divest Uvic Tough Questions Workshop**
5pm @ the SUB, room TBA

A workshop for people interested in learning about or contributing to the fossil fuel divestment campaign at Uvic! We’re holding a workshop to help answer the questions you have about divestment and to help you answer the questions you might be asked. This will give you all the tools you need to start spreading the word.

### Thursday Sept 20

**Transportation Justice; Lessons on Community Based Research and the Fair Fare Coalition**
3-5pm @ Camas Books

Stef Hardman, member of the Fair Fare Coalition and VIPRG’s new Research Coordinator, will present on transportation justice, addressing both distributive (the unequal distribution of ‘benefits’ and ‘burdens’) and procedural (inequality in decision-making processes) justice issues of transportation. Stef will then speak about the role of community-based research in addressing transportation injustice, referring specifically to the Fair Fare Coalition’s community-based research project on transit fare equity for low-income riders in Toronto.

### Friday Sept 21

**The Environmental Round Table**
5pm-8:30pm @ Vertigo in the SUB

The Round Table is hosted every September and January by the Uvic Sustainability Project. The Round Table is an event for the campus community to have discussions about environmental and social change and coordinate action for the upcoming semester. Bring your projects, ideas, and reusable food containers! There will be free local snacks from Halliburton Farm.