

What is Rights and Democracy ?

Rights & Democracy, is a non-partisan organization with an international mandate. Created by Canada's Parliament in 1988 it encourages and supports the universal values of human rights and the promotion of democratic institutions and practices around the world. It works with individuals, organizations and governments in Canada and abroad to promote the human and democratic rights defined in the United Nations' International Bill of Human Rights. Its focus is four themes: Democratic Development, Economic and Social Rights, Indigenous Peoples' Rights, and Women's Rights.

The Network:

Is an initiative through which Rights & Democracy creates spaces in Canadian and foreign universities and encourages students to come together, propose and initiate activities that promote human rights and democracy.

Since the launch of the Network in September 2003, our efforts, combined with the financial support of Foreign Affairs Canada (FAC), have led to the creation of student associations known as Rights & Democracy Delegations in nearly 40 Canadian universities.

Rights and Democracy at VIU:

Is a group of students and community members interested in promoting human rights awareness throughout our campus and community. We are a delegation of the rights and democracy network of Canada. We are very grateful to all our members, school and community for their continued support and encouragement.

<http://www.rightsdemocracy.net/>

FAIR TRADE VS. FREE TRADE CONFERENCE



JOIN THE RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY
DELEGATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY FOR A REALITY CHECK ON TRADE



Fair Trade vs. Free Trade Conference

This conference, held at Vancouver Island University from February 19-21, will offer an opportunity to increase one's awareness about the merits of fair trade and free trade, through a variety of informative and engaging events. Guests are welcome to attend any of the following featured events, including a fair trade/ local market, speeches from renowned speakers addressing the advantages of free trade and the impact of foreign investment on human rights, a sweatshop simulation and sweatshop fashion show, various documentaries, and an information session on the fair trade organizations EQUIP (the Canadian Society for Equitable Partnerships with Latin America) and Global Village Nanaimo. You can also contact <rightsanddemocracy_nanaimo@hotmail.com> for more information, the VIU Rights and Democracy organization responsible for hosting the event, along with the University of Victoria Rights and Democracy delegation.

This Conference is open to everyone!

***IMPORTANT: EVERYONE must be registered.
Email us for an application!***

**Don't miss the Fair Trade and Local Market on
Thursday, February 19th in the upper cafeteria**

Friday, February 20th 2009

10:00 am- 11:30 am: Intro/What is Free Trade? With Raimo Marttala—Bldg. 180 Rm. 134

11:30 am: Coffee Break provided by Heart of Gold/ Thrifty's Platters— Bldg. 180 Rm. 134

11:45 am- 12:45 pm: Caroline Brodeur: "Human Rights Impact Assessment of Foreign Investment" Bldg. 180 Rm. 134

12:45- 1:30 pm: Lunch Catered in Bldg. 180 Rm. 140 by Thirsty Camel (*For registered event participants)

2:00 pm- 3:00 pm: Free Trade/Fair Trade related game in the Gym

3:30 pm- 6:00 pm: Docu time- Hoodwinked (or) You, Me and the SPP, and China Blue—Bldg. 180 Rm. 134

7:30pm: Dinner & DJ @ Bombay Lounge (*For registered event participants) Secondary Heading

Saturday, February 21st 2009

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Catered breakfast @ The Painted Turtle (*For members of Rights and Democracy Network)

10:00am- 11:15am: Very informative presentation by Rights and Democracy Delegation of UVIC! Bldg. 356 Rm. 109

11:30am - 12:45pm: Presentation by Tia from "Cacao Camino" Bldg. 356 Rm. 109

12:45pm -1:30pm: Lunch catered by Delicados (*For members of Rights and Democracy Network)

1:30pm - 2:30pm: Interactive Sweatshop Simulation— Cafeteria

2:30pm- 2:45pm: Coffee Break- Provided by Heart of Gold/Thrifty's

2:45pm-3:30pm: Sweatshop Fashion Show—Cafeteria

3:30pm - 4:30pm: Debrief/Brainstorm—Bldg. 356 Rm. 109

4:30pm- 5:30pm: Local Initiatives: The Canadian Society for Equitable Partnerships with Latin America (EQUIP)/ Global Village Nanaimo (GVN)/Direct Trade Coffee: Heart of Gold— Bldg. 356 Rm. 109

7:30 pm- Dinner @ Dinghy Dock Pub (*For members of Rights and Democracy Network)

Sunday, February 22nd

9:00 am: Breakfast/Debrief (*For members of Rights and Democracy Network) Bldg. 250 Rm. 308