

Sunday January 24th

Surrey Street Council

Weekly campaign meeting of street community leaders in Surrey

We continued work on our “stop the sweeps” campaign against bylaw and police officers. We also debriefed the last Whalley Centre shift and planned to increase COVID-19 precautions in light of a recent outbreak at a local shelter.

Red Braid Member Meeting

Bi-weekly meeting of all members of Red Braid.

We discussed the reorganization of the Indigenous Leadership Council of Red Braid, and strategies for the group to support the basebuilding activities of the ILC.

Wednesday January 27th

Bread Roses and Hormones poster campaign

Bread Roses and Hormones is poster in communities around the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island to reach out and invite working class trans women to get involved in a survey about their lives and struggles. Today we postered in the Whalley neighbourhood of Surrey. Download the poster [here](#) and get involved by calling 604-757-9781 or emailing organizebrh@gmail.com

Eviction Defence Network meeting

Weekly campaign meeting of members of the Eviction Defense Network. At this meeting we discussed our ongoing cases and continued planning our upcoming report on gentrification outside of Vancouver.

Thursday January 28th

Fighting back against MCFD

Red Braid supported an Indigenous woman, who is a leader in our street kin organizing, in a call to her social worker with the Ministry of Child and Family Development, as she fights to regain custody of her daughter.

Cityviews Tenants Committee

Tenants of Cityviews apartment met and discussed a list of demands to

Friday January 29th

Victory in a Surrey's tenant's long fight against eviction!

After two prior RTB hearings, and the Eviction Defence Network paying a visit to his landlord's home, this final RTB hearing resulted in success! Jonathan is finally living without the threat of eviction looming over his head!

Jonathan's EDN advocate, Cecile writes: “Since our anti-slumlord action, Johnathan's landlord has been a little scared and has reached out to Johnathan to make agreements, fixed the shower, got him a new fridge. On the hearing date, the landlord went to Johnathan's suite

Monday January 25th

Tri Cities shelter meeting

For the third week in a row, we organized an ad hoc meeting outside the shelter at 3030 Gordon. We decided with people in the community to focus on writing about issues in the community and to support struggles as they come up rather than holding weekly meetings.

Praxis Committee

Weekly committee meeting to plan Red Braid's internal and public education work. This week we planned our final education class about “Gender and Socialist Revolution,” focused on Black feminism and the Combahee River Collective, and planned the next series, on fascism, which we plan to open to invited guests.

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bring to their neighbours to sign onto.

Supportive housing challenge at 3030 Gordon

After researching and gathering evidence on the persistent refusal of the right to have guests to residents of long term housing above the shelter at 3030 Gordon in Coquitlam, the Eviction Defence Network delivered notice of a hearing and an evidence package to the building manager. The hearing is scheduled for April – stay tuned!

Tenant fight continues in Surrey

Eviction Defence Network organizer met with a low-income senior who was evicted by an RTB arbitrator even though his landlord didn't show up to the hearing! We started filing a review of the case.

Marxist Center Delegate Council meeting

Red Braid's delegate to the Marxist Center, a network of socialists based in the US, participated in a Delegate Council meeting.

Bread, Roses & Hormones

Weekly meeting of Bread, Roses & Hormones, a campaign led by trans and non-binary people. This week we discussed and planned next steps in BRH's survey campaign.

Tuesday January 26th

Squat cabin defence in the Tri Cities

After a few weekly meetings outside the shelter in Coquitlam, we connected with a couple who had been living in a squat cabin in Gates Park. When they said bylaw officers were threatening to evict them, Red Braid sent out a news release and stood with them. Bylaw turned back.

Sharon said afterwards, “I told them that at this time we don't have anywhere else to go and until we find somewhere else to live, this is our home and this is where we're staying.” Read the news release [here](#), and the article in the Tri Cities News [here](#).

Eviction defence in Maple Ridge

After the publicity of the struggle at Cityviews last week in Maple Ridge, the Eviction Defence Network received a call from *another* building in struggle against their landlord in Maple Ridge. We did door knocking to start organizing tenants into a tenant group. If you want to connect with EDN, call 604-630-1722

Maple Ridge Resistance meeting

Weekly meeting of a street community group in Maple Ridge. This week we published and distributed 300 copies of a [new issue of Anita News](#), about the Cityviews tenants struggle. At our meeting we visioned the year ahead.

COS Education Series

This was the last class of the “Gender and Socialist Revolution” series, about Black feminism and the Combahee River Collective statement. Look out for our full syllabus and a report on this series, coming soon.

Whalley People's Resource Centre Winter Donation Drive

The Whalley Centre is a street-run space in Surrey, open every Friday from 11pm to 7am.

The Whalley street community urgently needs warm coats, blankets, socks, underwear, gloves, and hats. We held a donation drive at the Whalley Centre on Friday from 4-7pm. But we desperately need more donations. Contact us at 604-630-1722 or organize@stopdisplacement.ca to arrange drop-off or pick up.

to try to get him to not call into the hearing and make an agreement on the spot with him, but Johnathan refused. It's the first time in over 10 months that he doesn't have an impending eviction threat over his head!”

For more about Johnathan's fight, see the Volcano article published in December, “[A Surrey tenant's fight against a slumlord](#).” If you need help fighting an eviction, contact EDN at 604-630-1722 or organize@stopdisplacement.ca

Support the fight against “Trans Canada” colonialism

Red Braid members attended and supported the action called by Extinction Rebellion that blocked the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge. See a report in the [North Shore News here](#).