

*Sun February 28th*

## Surrey Street Council

Weekly campaign meeting of street community leaders in Surrey

We focused on our “Stop the Sweeps” community research project. So far, we have surveyed 40 street community members about their experiences with police and bylaw. This week we released [preliminary survey data](#), finding that 85% of respondents have had belongings stolen by bylaw officers, police, private security, or social workers.

## Red Braid Member Meeting

Bi-weekly meeting of all members of Red Braid. We discussed Bread, Roses & Hormones’ outreach strategies and the upcoming Marxist Center convention, and decided to interview two new member applicants.

*Monday March 1st*

## Praxis Committee meeting

Weekly committee meeting to plan Red Braid’s internal and public education work.

This week we finalized presentations for the second class in our political education series on fascism: “The Middle Class and the Rising Fascist Tide.” We are also finishing up the second edition of Red Braid’s book, *A Separate Star*.

*Tuesday March 2nd*

## Emergency meeting to plan fightback against bylaw theft

After having her belongings seized by bylaw officers on Monday, Shiloh contacted the Surrey Street Council for help organizing a response. We set up an emergency meeting, where we drafted a [pamphlet and demands](#), and planned a press conference and rally.

## COS Education Series: Dissecting Fascism

Political education for Red Braid members, which we call Conditions of Struggle (COS).

Red Braid members from Nanaimo and Olympia hosted our second COS class with the purpose of political education and recruitment of people outside of the Vancouver area.

Red Braid also hosted the same class internally for our members.

This week we read a section of Daniel Guerin’s book *Fascism and Big Business*, and discussed the middle class and its relationship to fascist recruitment, movements during its rise in Germany and Italy, and how it manifests today locally.

*Wednesday March 3rd*

## Eviction Defence Network

The EDN hosted a workshop for tenants we have organized with, and Red Braid members interested in getting involved in the Eviction Defence Network. The presentation went over what the housing crisis is, what could end the housing crisis (universal housing!), and how tenants can and have fought back against evictions (organizing!).

*Thursday March 4th*

## Surrey steals from the homeless! We won’t take it anymore! Rally and press conference

On Monday, bylaw officers seized the belongings of Shiloh, a Cree woman from the street community in Whalley. When she protested, they threatened her with arrest. The City of Surrey currently grants bylaw officers the power to steal homeless people’s belongings if they decide they “look like garbage.” Shiloh and the Surrey Street Council started a fightback against this routine, inhumane practice with a rally and press conference.

They demanded that the City of Surrey:

Immediately end police and bylaw theft

Provide secure storage lockers for every unhoused person in Surrey

Compensate Shiloh \$1,000 for her lost belongings

And they called on the Province of BC to build permanent social housing with rights under the Residential Tenancy Act for every unhoused and underhoused person living in BC.

Read more at The Volcano newspaper: [Homeless victims of street sweeps start fightback against the City of Surrey](#)

See Red Braid’s [Flickr account](#) for photos from the action.

## Bread, Roses & Hormones

Weekly meeting of Bread, Roses & Hormones, a campaign led by trans and non-binary people

We discussed the “Social Investigation” section of the book *Organizing for Autonomy* by the revolutionary organization CounterPower. Our reading helped us reflect on the strategy and goals of our “Trans Power is Built in the Streets” survey.

We also planned for the next week’s round of outreach and poster for the survey, and our “Universal Trans Care Now” campaign.

*Friday March 5th*

## Whalley People’s Resource Centre

The Whalley Centre is open every Friday from 11pm to 7am. It is run by the Surrey Street Council. It was a good night. We served 20 bowls of curry and 7 people contributed to our grassroots research project on homeless people’s experiences with Surrey RCMP and bylaw by filling out surveys. We held a circle of silence at the end of the night to remember our lost loved ones.

[Donate to the Whalley People’s Resource Centre!](#) If you have coats, blankets, extra socks, or gloves, please consider donating them as well!

*Saturday March 6th*

## Marxist Center Convention

We participated in the Marxist Center’s 2021 two-day convention as an affiliate group. Red Braid member Listen Chen gave a presentation at Saturday’s evening plenary on base-building.

*Publishing done this week*

Besides the various leaflets and local newsletters, we also published the following Volcano articles:

The Volcano, [Eviction Defense Network shames landlord at his West Vancouver Home](#)

Isabel Krupp, [Queer Youth Defence Network: Organizing against homophobia in the suburbs](#)

The Volcano, [Homeless victims of street sweeps start fightback against the City of Surrey](#)

Eviction Defence Network, [BC NDP’s Fake Renovation Ban: Band-Aids, Bullshit & Brutality](#)



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