

Sunday March 28th

Red Braid Coordinating Committee Meeting

Weekly campaign meeting of street community leaders in Surrey. At the meeting, we debriefed the last Whalley Centre shift and prepared for the next one. We also talked about our “Stop the Sweeps” campaign, discussed possibilities for organizing a new tent city, and planned a community memorial event for the end of April.

Red Braid Member Meeting

Bi-weekly meeting of all members of Red Braid. We held two 45-minute political discussions: on vaccine apartheid, nationalism, and imperialist power; and on violence against sex workers and “trafficking.” We also approved a pitch for a Marxist Center panel presentation.

Stop anti-Asian hate rally

A Red Braid member participated in an anti Asian hate rally in Coquitlam, handing out flyers with our statement “Anti-Asian misogyny is state violence”

See the flyer [here](#)

See also Listen Chen’s article, “[Doubling down on Canadian nationalism won’t end anti-Asian hate](#),” where they argue about the need for an anti-imperialist analysis of racism in order to strike at the roots of sinophobia

Monday March 29th

Praxis Committee

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

This week we continued our discussions on the second edition of Red Braid’s book, *A Separate Star* and also continued preparing for our upcoming class on fascism.

Tuesday March 30th

COS Education Series: Dissecting Fascism

Red Braid members from Nanaimo and Olympia hosted our fourth COS class with the purpose of political education and recruitment of people outside of the Vancouver area. This week we read Audra Simpson’s “The State is a Man: Theresa Spence, Loretta Saunders and the Gendered Cost of Settler Sovereignty in Canada” and discussed the connections between misogyny, colonialism, and fascism.

Wednesday March 31st

Eviction Defence Network

We didn’t have a meeting today, but we finalized our No More Evictions survey, which is designed to let people in the Network learn more about your housing situation so we can support each other and organize collective resistance.

Check out our survey [here!](#)

We also launched our new website last week! Check it out for our recent publications, resources on how to organize your building, and to sign up to join our flying squad:

<http://evictiondefencebc.org>

Marxist Center Internal Newsletter Working Group

Red Braid is affiliated with the Marxist Center. One of our members sits on the internal newsletter working group, which assembles a regular bulletin for Marxist Center members.

Thursday April 1st

Bread, Roses & Hormones

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

This week we welcomed a new comrade into BRH, critically reflected on our first consciousness raising session, discussed the wave of anti-trans legislation as well as Biden’s “pink interventionism” imperialist foreign policy in the United States.



Signs from BRH’s signmaking party (BRH)

Supporting families in MCFD abuse case

Red Braid supported two families during the sentencing of an abusive foster parent. The grandchildren of a working class woman of colour and the child of an Indigenous woman were both harmed while they were in his care.

Friday March 26th

Evictions Defence Network outreach

Members of the Evictions Defence Network distributed newsletters to tenants struggling against their landlord in a Maple Ridge apartment building.

Bread, Roses & Hormones: Banner-making party and poster making

BRH-Nanaimo hosted a banner and sign-making party while BRH-Mainland postered around the mainland as outreach to invite low income trans people to take part in our survey and get involved in our campaign on fighting for universal transcare.

Our Homes Can’t Wait (OHCW) meeting

Members of Red Braid participated in a meeting of the coalition Our Homes Can’t Wait (OHCW), along with other housing justice organizers in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. We discussed updates on the fight for 100% social housing at the 58 W Hastings lot, the projected reopening of Oppenheimer Park nearly a year after the state displaced the long-standing tent city last May, and how we can support Camp KT from possible displacement. We also discussed next steps for completing our visioning statement.

Whalley People’s Resource Centre

The Whalley Centre is open every Friday from 11pm to 7am. It is run by the Surrey Street Council.

Throughout the night, about two-dozen people used the space to warm up, rest, socialize, get hot food and drinks, dry clothes, harm reduction supplies, and first aid. One community member painted a new “Whalley Friendship Corner” sign and another dropped off a load of much-appreciated donations.

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

Publishing done in this period

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

Listen Chen, [RainCity uses dubious ‘transitional housing’ claim to evict tenant back into homelessness](#)

Ivan Drury, [Peace for Little Joe](#)

Listen Chen, [Doubling down on Canadian nationalism won’t end anti-Asian hate](#)

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