

Public actions this week

We Won't Go! East Van RV City fights back against eviction

Residents of the "East Van RV City" at Slocan and 12th Ave held a rally on May 26th to defend their community from city-led displacement. The city has given the community the deadline of May 26 to vacate the area where they have been parked for two years, providing vehicle-dwellers no options but to scatter to other areas of the city where they will similarly be threatened with ticketing and towing for violating parking bylaws.

William Cook, East Van RC City resident, explained why they are holding a rally to tell the city that the RVs won't go: "They're going to have to do something extreme to remove me. This is my right to be here, this is a choice I made... Many of us are standing strong and I'm certainly one of them. We'll keep trying to defend our rights until our voices are heard."



Speaker bringing a greeting of solidarity from a community of people who live in their vehicles in Squamish (RED BRAID)

Sunday May 23rd

Red Braid member meeting

This week's meeting focused on internal organizational work, like passing new office protocols and deciding to finally purchase a Zoom account. We also discussed our participation in the Marxist Center.

Monday May 24th

Slocan RV Camp Meeting

Red Braid is supporting residents of an RV camp in Vancouver to organize against the threat of displacement. Today we finalized plans for a rally coming up on Wednesday.

Whalley Women's Group

It was the second meeting of a new women's group in Surrey. A small group of women from the street community attended and brainstormed ideas for the fledgling women's group.

Tuesday May 25th

Eviction Defence Network: Eviction hearing

EDN supported a tenant in her application for a judicial review against the Township of Langley's eviction.

Maple Ridge Resistance Meeting

We finalized plans for the "model tent city" action coming up next week.

Organizing for Power Training

Red Braid is organizing a cohort of tenant leaders to participate in Organizing for Power, a weekly skills-based training and networking program led by lead educator Jane McAlevey.

Wednesday May 26th

We Won't Go! Slocan RV Rally

Slocan RV camp residents held their first rally, and it was a success. Camp residents spoke out against the criminalization of poverty. There were also statements of solidarity from the Vehicle Residents of Squamish Advocacy Group, the Surrey Street Council, and a local housing co-op.

Eviction Defence Network Meeting

We checked in on ongoing campaigns and planned our next townhall meeting, which will include a presentation on supportive housing and the work tenants are doing to fight back against the non-profit housing providers who trample over their rights.

Thursday May 27th

Bread, Roses & Hormones Meeting

BRH held our first cross-regional "coordinating" meeting. These meetings are focused on coordinating our campaign work across the Lower Mainland and southern Vancouver Island. We planned the final push and wrap up of our survey and finalized the topic for our third consciousness-raising session: the limits of awareness-raising campaigns.

Surrey Street Council Meeting

We debriefed recent actions that the Street Council participated in, including the Justice for Georgia and Slocan RV rallies. We also finalized summer hours for the Whalley People's

Friday May 28th

Our Homes Can't Wait Meeting

Red Braid is part of the coalition Our Homes Can't Wait, along with other housing justice organizers in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver

Flint Hotel Residents Meeting

Red Braid is supporting residents of the Flint Hotel in Vancouver to organize to address slum-like conditions in their building. Today approximately 20 residents gathered for their first meeting to discuss the problems they face and how to fight back.

Whalley People's Resource Centre

We had a quiet night at the Whalley Centre with about a dozen visitors dropping by to charge a phone, get a clean and dry change of clothes, have a snack, or drink a cup of hot coffee.

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Publishing done in this period

The Volcano, [Vancouver RV camp refuses to obey City-ordered eviction](#)

Groundings Podcast, ["Maybe liberation is within reach": Palestinian resistance against Israeli settler colonialism](#)



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