

Stand up, speak out: Youth against hate!

A chance to listen, be heard and make change

A community dialogue

Presented by

The Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society



Saturday, April 21, 2012
10am – 3pm
Beban Park Social Centre, Nanaimo
Free to attend & lunch provided

Please RSVP with the attached registration form
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Event Description: The Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society presents a rare opportunity for youth to openly speak about experiences and concerns related to discrimination and hate crime, with influential members of the community who will share in the discussion.

A powerful Photovoice exhibit created by youth will display realities of hate and hope in Nanaimo. Two inspiring keynote speakers will capture the audience, speaking about issues of discrimination and hate crime on one hand and on social justice and opportunities for action on the other.

By the end of the day, those who attend will gain mutual appreciation for what the experiences are of hate and what can collectively be done to change what hate looks like. Together, we will work to artistically change the photos exhibited until they resemble what we want to see in our community. A draft Community Charter will be created and participants will be awarded with a certificate of completion, honouring their contribution and providing an opportunity to contribute to the Community Charter publication.

Background of Keynote Speakers

Morning Speaker

Harsha Walia- No One is Illegal www.nooneisillegal.org

Harsha Walia is an activist, writer, researcher and facilitator who is formally trained in the law. She has been active in a variety of voluntary social justice issues over the past decade including feminist, anti-racist, migrant justice, Palestine solidarity, Indigenous self-determination, and anti-capitalist, anti-poverty, and South Asian diasporic movements. Harsha is also a researcher with the group *No One Is Illegal*, which advocates for social justice and the promotion of rights, freedom and equality for all and particularly rights of immigrants, aboriginal people and minorities.

Afternoon Speaker

Kevin Millsip Co-Founder of Next Up - www.nextup.ca - A leadership program for young people committed to social justice.

In 1998 Kevin co-founded [Check Your Head](http://CheckYourHead.org) an organization that has worked with over 40,000 young people to get involved in global justice issues. He served as the Executive Director of CYH until 2009. In 2004 he co-founded Get Your Vote On – a campaign that registered 20,000 new voters for the 2005 provincial election in BC. While on the VSB he drafted one of Canada's strongest policies protecting students from advertising in schools, worked to increase student involvement in the VSB's processes and helped develop sustainability related processes. In 2005 he began working on what would become Next Up and coordinated the first two years of the BC program from 2007-2009. Since May 2009 he has been dividing his time between the VSB where he's currently the Coordinator for Sustainability and in building Next Up across Western Canada.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: April 18th, 2012

Limited seating – reserve early

Agenda

9:30am	Doors Open Photovoice exhibit profiling realities of hate and hope
10:30am	Welcome
10:40am	<i>No One is Illegal</i> keynote speaker
11:30am	Deconstructing hate modified world café workshop
12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	<i>Next Up</i> keynote speaker, Kevin Millsip
1:45pm	Constructing a community charter against hate
2:30pm	Wrap up, distribute certificates and collect evaluations

Send registration form by mail, fax or email to:

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Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone: Fax: Email:

confirmation details will be e-mailed to you

I am a youth (15-30)

Community representative (specify what agency/ institution you are with):

I have accessibility requirements (specify):

I have dietary requirements (specify):
