

HIGH GROUND 2024 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

March 22-23, 2024, Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, Downtown Vancouver

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024			
Pre-Forum Workshop			
9:00-12:00	Trustee Session (Grouse) <i>Clint Johnston (BCTF), Trevor Davies (CUPE BC)</i>		
1:00-1:30	Opening and Territorial Welcome (Ballroom A) <i>Sussanne Skidmore (BC Federation of Labour), Carleen Thomas (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)</i>		
1:30-3:00	Opening Plenary – Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in Mental Health and Substance Use (Ballroom A) <i>Amy Criss (AVI), Christine Boyle (Vancouver), DJ Larkin (Canadian Drug Policy Coalition), Guy Felicella (Drug Policy Reform Advocate), Kim Mackenzie (CMHA, BC) / Moderator: Jonathon Morris (CMHA, BC)</i>		
3:00-3:30	Break		
3:30-4:30	Breakout Workshops A		
	Grouse	Ballroom A	Seymour
	Unpacking Bill-C63: Canada’s new online harms bill <i>Tariq Tyab and Yusuf Siraj (Foundation for a Path Forward)</i>	Connecting BC: A 10-year vision for public transit in BC <i>Sussanne Skidmore (BC Fed), Laura Wylie and Drew Curry (ATU), Viveca Ellis (Centre for Family Equity)</i>	Reimagining Advisory Committees, Public Hearings, and OCP Consultations <i>Aftab Erfan, Amina Yasin, Nicole Armos, and Robin Prest (SFU Centre for Dialogue)</i>
4:30-4:45	Break		
4:45-6:00	Plenary – Affordable Housing and Tenant Rights (Ballroom A) <i>Alison Gu (Burnaby), Dave Thompson (Victoria), Pete Fry (Vancouver), Trina Isakson (Powell River)</i> Moderator: <i>Aidan Shirley (CityState Consulting)</i>		
6:00-6:30	Break		
6:30	Networking Reception (Ballroom B)		
7:30	Dinner & Evening Program (Ballroom A) Keynote: Working Through Emerging Dilemmas – Aftab Erfan, SFU Centre for Dialogue		

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024				
8:00	Breakfast & Opening Remarks (Ballroom A)			
9:00-10:00	Breakout Workshops B			
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10:00-10:30	Break			
10:30-11:30	Fireside Chat with Minister Bowinn Ma and Minister George Heyman (Ballroom A) <i>Facilitated by Dave Thompson (Victoria)</i>			
11:30-12:45	Lunch & Networking Supporting Women and Gender Minorities in Local Government Through Action (11:45-12:45) (Grouse) <i>Mary Trentadue (Organizational Facilitator), Trudi Goels (Feminist Campaign School)</i> Student Presentations (12:15-12:45) (Ballroom A) <i>UBC School of Community and Regional Planning</i>			
12:45-2:00	Plenary – Engaging Youth in Local Government (Ballroom A) <i>Katisha Paul (Union of BC Indian Chiefs), Maggy Spence (Burnaby), Tanvi Bhatia (Community Organizer) / Moderator: Jenny Tan (Maple Ridge)</i>			
2:00-2:15	Break			
2:15-3:45	Closing Plenary – Indigenous Involvement in Municipal Governance (Ballroom A) <i>Aaron Pete (Chawathil First Nation), Michael Moses (Williams Lake), Trent Derrick (Education Advocate) / Moderator: Tara Marsden (Hlimoo Sustainable Solutions)</i>			
3:45-4:00	Closing Remarks (Ballroom A) <i>Hermender Singh Kailley (BC Federation of Labour)</i>			

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 – Vancity HQ, 183 Terminal Ave, Vancouver	
Post Forum – Skills Building Session	
9:30-2:00	Effective Advocacy Tactics for Local Elected Officials <i>Nikki Hill (Nicola Hill Strategies)</i> Beyond Robert’s Rules: Meaningful Deliberation Decision-Making <i>Nadine Nakagawa (New Westminster), Trina Isakson (Powell River)</i> Community Engagement Between Elections <i>Jonny Sopotiuik (Union Cooperative Initiative)</i>