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Students and New Professionals Special Interest Group Newsletter

THE STUDENTS AND NEW PROFESSIONALS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SNP SIG) is a new group in the network that is organized and run with the interests of people who are either in training or just starting out in their careers in mind. We are just getting started and would like to invite interested Network members to join! Ideas for activities include Lunch and Learn seminars, peer grant or scholarship review, peer-to-peer advising on topics of interest, workshops, and other learning opportunities, however new ideas about activities or resources that members would like to see are very welcome. If you would like to become involved in this new and evolving group of early-career researchers and professionals in environmental and occupational health, please send an email to the group chair, Cheryl Peters, at cepeters@interchange.ubc.ca. You can also find us on the BCEOHRN website at www.bceohrn.ca/mentorship/sig/student-new-professional.

May 30, 2008

11:30am - 1pm

Room 491
Library Processing Centre, UBC
2206 East Mall
Vancouver

Lunch and Learn Event

We are holding our first "Lunch and Learn" event. These events (we hope there will be many!) are informal presentations on special topics of interest to those in the field of occupational and environmental health (lunch included). The first Lunch and Learn will be on the topic of The Occupational Health of Sex Trade Workers, featuring talks by Kate Shannon and Susan Davis (bios below). Lunch is provided at this free event, but an RSVP is required (space limited!).

WHEN: Friday, May 30th, 2008, 11:30am to 1pm

WHERE: Room 491, Library Processing Center, University of British Columbia campus (2206 East Mall), Vancouver

RSVP: By Monday, May 26th to cepeters@interchange.ubc.ca (Space limited!)

Speaker Bios:

Susan Davis is an active sex worker of 22 years, a member of the BC Coalition of Experiential Communities, and a sex worker cooperative development coordinator. She has lectured at universities and trained almost 200 new police officers for the Vancouver Police Department as well as the RCMP and members of the Department of National Defense. She is also engaged in the Charter Challenge and part of a project to design minimum labor standards for the sex industry and establish an industry association. The title of her talk is *'Leading the Way- Sex Worker Cooperatives and Industry Stabilization'*.

Kate Shannon and the Maka Peer Team (Shari Allinott, Debbie Alexson, Adrian Fox)

Kate Shannon works with the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and is coordinator/co-principal investigator of the Maka Project, a participatory-action and interventional research project with women in street-based sex work in partnership with WISH Drop-In Centre Society. **Shari Allinott, Debbie Alexson** and **Adrian Fox** are Peer Facilitators with the Maka Project. Shari is also Co-Director of Sex Workers' United Against Violence (SWUAV) and Debbie and Adrian work with WISH on the Mobile Access Project (MAP). The speakers will discuss the research findings of the Maka Project on the occupational health and safety of women in street-based sex work in Vancouver.

Details available at: www.bceohrn.ca/mentorship/sig/student-new-professional

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