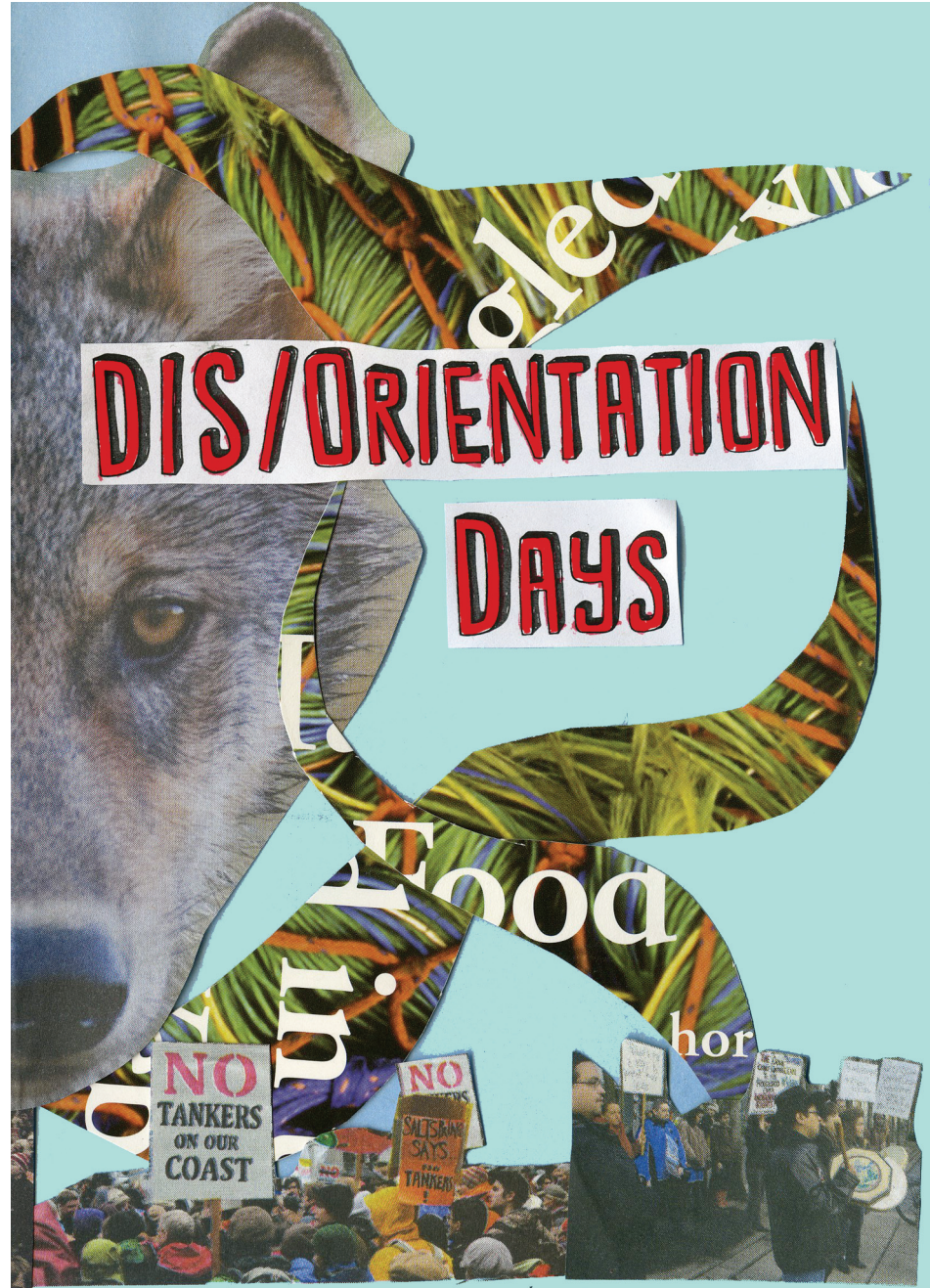


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You've found your classroom, now it's time to #disorientuvic and yourself with a new, radical welcome for the beginning of the academic year at UVic. DIS/Orientation Days is a series of workshops, film nights, open houses, tours between September 11 and 26th 2013 on campus, and a guide to social justice events off-campus. Join us for the Solidarity Campus March Friday S20!

A collaboration between campus and community groups, coordinated by the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG), DIS/Orientation Days aims to:

- provide opportunities for students and the campus community to recognise how difference and power create discrimination and oppression in relationships on personal, university, and community levels;
- build solidarity between advocacy and other social and environmental justice organising groups on campus
- connect students and the campus community with progressive action projects in the greater community.

Community members are also invited to attend workshops and events and share their experience and insight into our common causes. The majority of events are free or by donation/pay what you can. Bus tickets are also available- check with event hosts. VPIRG and collaborating groups are invested in making DIS/Orientation Days a safer space and accessible event- please let us know how we can help you get the most out of our events.

We recognize that our work takes place on unceded Coast and Strait Salish territories of the Lekwungen and WSANEC peoples.

Volunteers are needed to help make bandanas, host events, promote Dis/O by tabling and handing out flyers, and organise our events including the Solidarity Campus March, Decolonisation Field Trip to PKOLS and others.

Join us for DIS/Orientation Volunteer meetings every Wednesday 6-7pm in the VPIRG Resource Room in the SUB at UVic.

To learn more and get involved as a campus, community group, or individual, contact Jen: disorientationdays@vipirg.ca 250.721.7285 vipirg.ca/disorientation [@VPIRG](https://www.facebook.com/VPIRG)

UVSP-UVIC SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

UVSP is an accessible and inclusive student-organized group dedicated to connecting, promoting, and engaging in action that utilizes sustainability as a tool for building a healthier future.

UVSP recognizes that sustainability does not inherently focus on promoting "green lifestyles and initiatives", but on working to repair the currently destructive imbalance between the economy, the environment, and society by focusing on building a healthier, regenerative future.

UVSP focuses on building a healthier future through developing, supporting and engaging in action that: Inflates social equality, Redistributes economic control, and Expands ecological consciousness.

UVSP will act by supporting all of the currently-active groups on and off campus that promote these focuses, as well as creating and organizing our own fun, creative, and effective action! Feel welcome to get involved- Contact us via email uvicsustainability@gmail.com, online at uvsp.uvica, or visit our space in the Student Union Building room B118.

VPIRG- VANCOUVER ISLAND PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

The Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG) is a non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and other action in the public interest. Located in the Student Union Building of the University of Victoria, VPIRG is a place where students and community members connect to work together on social justice and environmental issues. We welcome volunteers to our issue-based working groups like the Radical Health Alliance, library and other committees, and for specific research and community projects and events and our Coordinating Collective. Find us in SUB B122, or online at vipirg.ca, [facebook.com/VPIRG](https://www.facebook.com/VPIRG), and [@VPIRG](https://twitter.com/VPIRG). Email: info@vipirg.ca

UVIC PRIDE

UVic Pride's mission is to provide a safer space for individuals within and outside of the queer community, both at the University of Victoria and in the Greater Victoria community. The Collective aims to alleviate all forms of oppression and provide education and resources regarding queer and trans* issues, needs, and experiences.

All Collective spaces and events strive to be safer spaces and exist under a safer spaces policy. People are responsible for their actions within Pride spaces to work towards everyone being able to exist free from oppression.

UVic Pride has regular Collective meetings throughout the year. We also love volunteers! Opportunities include helping with events or our lending library, facilitating a discussion group, and peer support. Come check out the Pride Centre in Room b010 in the SUB basement for free safer sex supplies, pregnancy tests, chest binders, and communal hang-out space. Check [uvicpride.ca](#) for meeting times and volunteering details. You can email us at pride@uvicca or call us at 250.472.4393.

WOMEN'S CENTRE

The UVSS Women's Centre is a feminist grassroots collective funded by UVic students. Run by a volunteer collective, we strive towards providing a safe(r) space for self-identified women on campus and in the community to learn, share, and organize around issues that affect our lives from colonialism, racism, access to health care, to sexualized violence.

In past years the women's centre has been involved with events and projects such as the Red Umbrella Rally- International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, M2I International Day to End Racial Discrimination, Memorial March for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Panty Drive for PEERS and Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, and more. Check out Thirdspace, our free anti-racist feminist zine.

Collective meetings are usually held bi-weekly in the Women's Centre lounge, located in the Student Union Building, Room B107. Email wcentre@uvss.ca for more information. uvssuvicca/wcentre

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

1-4pm Gathering on the Green

Off Campus- Pandora Green, Pandora Avenue between Quadra and Vancouver Streets

Join the Committee to End Homelessness and Transform Homelessness Advocacy Watch (THAW)- Home-style grassroots networking- sharing food and music. Get into the Speakers Corner Booth and possibly be in our next Speakers Corner Short! This is an opportunity for community members including students to come out and learn and share experiences of the street community, and other folks living in poverty in Victoria.

Questions include- police harassment, access to good food, places to sleep, housing, personal security, and how to build on the work the Committee and THAW have done since the first Gathering on the Green in 2010.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

2pm Community Toolshed Invasive Species Pull

Off Campus- at Meegan (Beacon Hill), meet beside the Petting Zoo before going up the hill.

Bring sturdy shoes, a shovel if you have one, water.

lekwungenfoodsystems.org

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4 – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

2013 Festival of Anarchy

Off Campus- Workshops, Concerts, and Community Projects across Victoria on Songhees territory

victoriaanarchistbookfair.ca/festival-of-anarchy

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

2pm Exploring Ecosystems at UVic Campus with Katie Lovely

Meet at fountain in the quad outside the McPherson Library at UVic

Explore the overlooked and under-appreciated world of plants with A Freeskool. An impromptu walk through campus reading the plant life and discussing Garry Oak and Douglas Fir ecosystems, pre and post colonization. Learn more about plant identification, the local ecosystems. What is a natural ecosystem and what is our relationship is to the natural world? Everyone welcome!

Check out: afreeskool.wordpress.com Donations welcome

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

4-7pm NSU Feast

First Peoples House, UVic

Hosted in partnership with the Office of Indigenous Affairs. Everyone welcome!

6-7pm Dis/Orientation Days Volunteer Meeting

VIPIRG Resource Room B122 Student Union Building UVic

Come meet other folks helping to host DIS/O days. Crafts, March planning, volunteer sign-up. Kids toys and art stuff and bus tickets available. Everyone welcome- students and community members.

7-9pm Organising Against Poverty Panel

Harry Hickman Building, Room 110

Food Served at 7pm Bus Tickets Available

Presented by SOLID-Society of Living Intravenous Drug Users, HRV-Harm Reduction Victoria, Victoria Committee To End Homelessness, Disorientation Days, Radical Health Alliance. Come learn how community groups are resisting poverty and find out how you can get involved.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

10am-2pm Native Students Union Open House

Room b023, Student Union Building

The NSU is a community of self-identified Indigenous students that support each other academically and culturally. nsu@uvicnsu.ca

2pm-5pm UVic Pride Open House

the UVic Pride Centre, Room b010, Student Union Building

Come check out the UVic Pride Centre, meet our coordinating committee and other Pride members, and enjoy some free snacks! Stick around after for our collective meeting at 5:00!

5- 8pmThe UVic Environment Round Table 4.0 (UVERT)

Vertigo Lounge, Student Union Building

UVERT fosters student leadership. Come join us for a night of conversation, good food, and inspiration. Meet new people, gain new skills, get involved and think outside the box on environmental issues and initiatives in the UVic Community. If you have any questions about UVERT or want to volunteer please contact Miranda at uvert.leadership@gmail.com Sponsored by Common Energy UVic, the UVSS, the UVSP, and the UVic Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability

NATIVE STUDENTS' UNION (NSU)

The Native Students Union acknowledge with respect that the University of Victoria resides on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish and Straits Salish Peoples

The NSU is a community of self-identified Indigenous students that support each other academically and culturally. We provide a place to study or socialize and host events during the year. Visit us in the basement of the Student Union Building Room B023 or online at <http://www.uvicnsu.ca>, or email nsu@uvicnsu.ca for more.

STUDENTS OF COLOUR COLLECTIVE (SOCC)

The UVSS Students of Colour Collective is a group of self identified Indigenous and/or People of colour operating as an advocacy group out of the University of Victoria, located on Lekwungen Homelands. We attempt to defy the mainstream and act from the margins placing issues of race, gender, and colonization into an anti-racist framework which builds our work, action, and political endeavors.

SOCC holds regular collective meetings in the office- Student Union Building, B020. Collective meetings are open to any self-identified Indigenous and/or person of colour. Throughout the year we put on movie nights, panel discussions, tabling, workshops, produce a zine and more. For more check out our website: soccpage.com, email socc@uvssca, and find [facebook.com/soccvic](https://www.facebook.com/soccvic)

ANTI.VIOLENCE.PROJECT

The anti.violenceproject (AVP) is UVic's on-campus sexual assault centre that provides support, education, and action on sexualised violence, gender-based violence, and all interconnected forms of violence. We're here for people of all genders, whether you're a UVic student, staff, or faculty, or a community member. We're located in the Student Union Building in b027 and we're funded by UVic Student Fees. Contact us avp@uvicca antiviolenceproject.org 240.472.4388

We are certainly more than a crisis support centre. As an organisation, AVP is grounded in anti-oppressive and feminist practices that view sexualised and gender-based violence as interconnected and inseparable from all other forms of violence such as racism, colonialism, or homophobia. We strive to be active in the community, doing outreach, raising awareness through social action, social justice initiatives, and healing conversations. You may see us tabling, facilitating a workshop, or in solidarity at a community event.

SOCIETY FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY (SSD)

The Society for Students with a Disability represents and advocates for all students who self-identify as having one or more disabilities at UVic. Our office is open regularly on weekdays to act as a resource for all members of the university community- from students to faculty to family members! A single day can range from lobbying to social events to helping students find resources on- and off-campus. Our real work, though, is to create diverse and safe places for all students to belong! We're always available and willing to offer practical advice, coaching and support on any and all disability-related issues. We're here if you just need someone who understands to talk to, we're students too.

The SSD is excited to be moving into our new Resource Centre in SUB B11 this semester- watch for invites to our opening celebration!

Reach us at uvicssd@uvicca and uvicssd.com, 250.472.5397

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7-9pm All In/digenous Writers Night

Off Campus- Little Fernwood, Hall 1923 Fernwood Road

An inspirational evening of Indigenous Readings with traditional and DJ music. Featured Readers: Jennifer Skin Wickham Garry Gottfriedson Troy Andrew Sebastian Janet January Rogers and Alana Sayers. Celebrating new Indigenous writing and launching the 8th annual Victoria Anarchist Book Fair on traditional Lekwungen territory. \$5-\$10 donation at the door. Light refreshments, books for sale.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14

11am-6pm Victoria Anarchist Bookfair

Off Campus- Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone St

Day-long info fair and workshop series on green syndicalism, situationist thought, regional eco revolt/revolution, global art and anarchism, supporting disabled children, anarchist child raising, and sexual assault within radical communities.

8pm-1am Untamed Cabaret for WildCoast

Felicita's Pub, Student Union Building

\$12 adv/student, \$15 door, 19+ wheelchair accessible

Raw Erotica with Rosie Bitts, Hot jams from Compassion Gorilla, Rocking funk with 99 Buck Drag, burlesque, and more...

This year's blowout benefit for Vancouver Island Community Forest Action Network. Advance tickets at Garden of Eden, 1483 Douglas Street, UVSP office in the SUB at UVic, and at wildcoast.ca For info: Zoe at 250.813.3569 or email zoe@wildcoast.ca

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

11am-5pm Victoria Anarchist Bookfair

Off Campus- Fernwood Community Ctr, 1240 Gladstone Ave

Day-long info fair and workshop series on indigenous solidarity, prison support, disability movement, anarchist spirituality, sexism within the movement, and tool-making.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16

4-6pm Disorient UVic Bandana Screen printing Workshop Upper Lounge, Student Union Building

Come print a bandana (provided) or bring your own shirt/fabric to show your support to #disorientuvic and prepare for the Solidarity Campus March on Friday the 20th

5-7pm UVic Pride Volunteer Orientation and Info Night UVic Pride Centre, Room B010, Student Union Building

Interested in getting involved with UVic Pride? You can learn everything you want to know about UVic Pride and volunteering with us at our Volunteer Orientation and Info Night! Free pizza dinner provided.

6-9pm DIS/Orientation Movie Night Upper Lounge, Student Union Building 6pm Taking the Fall and Rising

Profiling the oppression experienced by the street community in Victoria, the film intertwines stories of housing, shelter, and experiences with police. Q&A debrief with filmmaker Kym Hothead and participants

7:45pm Street Politics 101

An anarchist perspective on the Maple Spring in Quebec followed by discussion. In the spring of 2012, a massive student strike in opposition to a tuition hike rocked the streets of the Montréal for over six months. Protests and militant street actions became part of the daily and nightly reality of this Canadian metropolis, numbering in the hundred thousands, in the face of brutal police and legislative repression.
submedia.tv

5-8pm Positive Space Network Workshop Sedgewick Building, Room C168, Pre-registration Required

What does it mean to create a safer and inclusive space for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations? UVic's Positive Space Network (PSN) is hosting workshops for members of the campus community who would like to learn more about issues affecting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, intersex, asexual, queer and questioning (LGBTQIAQQ) communities. Participants will have the option of becoming a Resource Person available in their area/department. Workshops are free and open to all UVic Community members. They are three-hours long and are predominantly discussion based. No prior knowledge of the material is necessary and people of any gender identity or sexual orientations are welcome to attend.

Register at: web.uvic.ca/psn/get-involved/workshops/register

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

12-4pm Women's Centre Open House Women's Centre, Room B107, Student Union Building

Come by and see what the UVSS Women's Centre is all about! This is an opportunity to find out about projects we are working on this year and how to get involved with the women's centre collective. There will be many snacks, coffee, tea and button making! This event is gender-inclusive and open to all community members.

Solidarity Campus March 12:30 meet outside David Strong Building

Tour campus to learn about past and current environmental and social justice activism and resistance including issues like campus-planning and development, respect for all-genders, workers rights, ethical funding, and student organising. Featuring speakers at a number of stops roaming the campus, this march brings together supporters from across causes to demand and build a campus that respects land and people wherever UVic has influence.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

12-4 VIPIRG Open House Vipirg Resource Room, B122, Student Union Building

Come learn about your community action research group- meet volunteers and "coord" members, check out our library, find out about our working groups like the Radical Health Alliance and committees. Snacks, kid's toys, bus tickets.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Pleasure Me This: A Day on Sexuality, Disability, and Desire For People with Disabilities and the People who Love Them

1-5pm Michel Pujol Room, Student Union Building
Browse disability advocacy and sex-ed info fair with local groups. Next join occupational therapist Edo for a session on sex toys, positioning, and communicating with care workers. Then sex-positive advocate Kori will talk about personal and relationship empowerment when it comes negotiating consent and desire as a person with a disability. Spend some time at our Art Station and learn about new group EASE- Equitable and Accessible Sexual Expression from Vancouver. Sponsored by the Society for Students with a Disability, Anti.Violence.Project and VIPIRG. Snacks and bus tickets available.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

7pm-9pm Queer Movie Monday UVic Pride Centre, Room b010, Student Union Building

Join new and returning Pride members for a screening of "But I'm a Cheerleader", complete with free snacks and pop.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Building Labour Solidarity Locally Workshop 7-9pm, Upper Lounge, Student Union Building

Building labour solidarity locally is a critical feature of progressive social change. Students have always and will continue to play a key role in fighting established structures that divide us and foster inequality. This session will aim to dispel the false dichotomy of students versus workers on campus. A historical perspective of different efforts towards building solidarity on campus and in Victoria will be explored.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19

3:15-6pm Social Change tour of Downtown Meet outside Cinecenta entrance, Student Union Building Travel downtown by public bus- bus tickets available.

Learn with historians and elder organizers as we tour Victoria/Songhees territory starting with stops highlighting: the illness and violence spread by early colonists to control First Nations; gentrification projects in the 60's and 70's; anti-war activism from decades past; and ending with an introduction to community anti-poverty organizing and response to the housing and health crises on our streets. Community members encouraged to come share their knowledge and experience.

7-9pm Solidarity Campus Sign-Making Social Upper Lounge, Student Union Building

Join a coalition of students and community members from a cross-section of environmental and social justice groups to prepare for the Solidarity Campus March the next day. Sign and banner-making, tunes, snacks and new friends. Kids toys and bus tickets available.

4-6pm Community Acupuncture Workshop Upper Lounge, Student Union Building

Practitioners from Heart and Hands Community Clinic lead a workshop on: Self-care and wellness in social, changemaker, activist work and its necessity in longevity and burn-out prevention; The significance of group healing and decreasing social isolation; Principles of Community Acupuncture as an alternative social health care model and social movement; Try group acupuncture; Closing Q&A. By donation
Learn more at heartandhandscommunity.ca



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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

3:15-6:30pm Decolonisation Field Trip to PKOLS Meet outside Cinecenta entrance to the Student Union Building at UVic, Transportation provided- thanks to the Social Coast Action Bus!

This year the WSÁNEC reclaimed PKOLS, which settlers have known as Mt. Douglas since a treaty was formed there in 1850. This reclamation represents one act in a broad-based movement of indigenous resurgence. It also represents a response to the way settlers and their governments have dishonoured the Douglas Treaties from the moment they came into existence. The WSÁNEC reclamation raises important questions for settlers: What can we do to take responsibility for colonialism and struggle against it?
Sponsored by VIPIRG vipirg.ca and Social Coast socialcoast.org

7pm & 9:15pm Gold Fever Film Screenings and Q&A's Cinecenta, Student Union Building, UVic

Gold Fever witnesses the arrival of Goldcorp Inc to a remote Guatemalan village. Caught in the cross-hairs of a global frenzy for gold, Diodora, Crisanta and Gregoria resist the threat to their ancestral lands in the face of grave consequences. Sponsored by MJAC (Mining Justice Action Committee), SJS (UVIC Social Justice Studies), CASC (Central America Support Committee) and CUPE Vancouver Island District Council. Check out mjavictoria.ca

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18


12-5pm SOCC Open House Students of Colour Collective office, Room b020, SUB Everyone is welcome, food provided.

DIS/Orientation Days Volunteer Meeting 6-7pm VIPIRG Resource Room, B122, Student Union Building Come help prepare for the Solidarity Campus March, meet folks, get crafty, and look to the year ahead. Kids toys and bus tickets.

Autism on Campus 6:30-8:30pm Human Social Development Building, Rm A240

A not-to-miss informational workshop for current and prospective students with autism, their parents or guardians, and autism service care providers. Explore what UVic has to offer students with optimism. Speakers include: Dr. Jim Tanaka, Director of UVic's Centre for Autism Research, Tech and Ed (CARTE); Lane Chevrier from the Society for Students with a Disability; Patrick Dwyer-Authors with Autism; Joseph Sheppard on the Autism's Own journal; and student Philip Livingston with tips to navigating campus life.

DIS/ORIENTATION DAYS GUIDE TO EVENTS & ACTIONS THIS SEPTEMBER

2 MONDAY		7 SATURDAY			
11am-2pm Victoria Labour Day Picnic Off		1-4 Gathering on the Green Off			
8 SUNDAY			11 WEDNESDAY	12 THURSDAY	13 FRIDAY
2 Community Toolshed Invasives Pull Off			2-4 Exploring Ecosystems Walk 4-7 NSU Welcome Feast 6-7 Dis/O Days Volunteer Meeting 7-9 Organising Against Poverty Panel	10-2 NSU Open House 12-5 UVic Pride Open House 5-8 UVERT 7 Resist Film Preview Off	7-9 All In/Digenous Writers Night Off
15 SUNDAY	16 MONDAY	17 TUESDAY	18 WEDNESDAY	19 THURSDAY	20 FRIDAY
11-5 Victoria Anarchist Bookfair Workshops, Info fair Off	4-6 Bandana Screenprinting 5-7 UVic Pride Volunteer Orientation 5-8 PSN Workshop Pre-reg 6 Taking the Fall & Rising Film, Q&A 7:45 Street Politics 101 Film, Discussion	3:15-6:30 Decolonisation Field Trip to PKOLS FT 7&9:15 Gold Fever Mining Justice Film Screenings with Q&A's	12-4 SOCC Open House 4-6 UVSP Open House 6-7 Dis/O Days Volunteer Meeting 6:30-8:30 Autism on Campus, 7-9 Building Labour Solidarity Locally	3:15-6 Social Change Tour of Downtown FT 4-6 Community Acupuncture Workshop, 6-8 Sign-making Social	12-4 Women's Centre Open House 12:30 Solidarity Campus March
30 MONDAY		24 TUESDAY		26 THURSDAY	
6-8 Pride Movie Night		1-4 VPIRG Open House		1-5 Pleasure Me This: A Day of Sex, Disability, & Desire	

all times in the pm unless otherwise noted **Off**=Off Campus Event **FT**=Field Trip leaving from campus

for updates and details find us at:

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