



Asian Women for Equality provides information, advocacy, and support to women. We are feminists. We aim to advance equality for women, particularly Asian women and women of Asian descent.



INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Asian Women for Equality at the 4th World Congress for the Abolition of Prostitution 1-3, June 2024 in Montreal.

CAP International's World Congress is the world's largest gathering about abolishing prostitution, bringing together a unique panel of survivors, researchers, frontline workers, activists, parliamentarians and officials.

Speaking on the panel "The Last Girl First! Prostitution at the intersection of sexist, racist and class-based oppressions", Suzanne Jay of Asian Women for Equality described how prostitution affects Asian women in Canada and identified the critical importance of women's grassroots organizing.



Panel speakers left to right: Maria Dmytriyeva, Democracy & Development Center, Ukraine; Noura Raad, European Network of Migrant Women; Suzanne Jay, Asian Women for Equality.



Casandra Diamond, BridgeNorth and Suzanne Jay, Asian Women for Equality chat with participants about city councils and massage parlour licensing.

CONNECTING WITH BRIDGENORTH

It was a pleasure to speak with Casandra Diamond, an Ontario-based survivor of sex trafficking and the founder and Executive Director of BridgeNorth. We shared our experiences of encouraging city councillors in Ontario and B.C. to address the issue of sex trafficking taking place under the guise of massage parlour and health enhancement centre licensing.

Asian Women for Equality co-hosted with Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, and Formerly Exploited Voices Now Educating (EVE) in May 2024.

JOIN OUR CONVERSATION CAFES FOR WOMEN

Vancouver: Practice English and make friends!
Montreal: Practice English and French and make friends!

Sign up by emailing contact@asianwomenequality.org



“Over the past year, I've met many incredible women through this event, and it has broadened my horizons in life.”
 - Ariel

ASIAN WOMEN CINEMA

Asian Women Cinema highlights Asian women filmmakers and stories about Asian women. Since launching in May 2023, we've gathered audiences in Montreal and Vancouver. Films include:

- * **Western Eyes** by Ann Shin, a behind-the-scenes look at two Asian women considering "double eyelid surgery" and beauty standards.
- * **Hidden Letters** by Violet Du Feng, an award-winning documentary about a secret language women created to communicate with each other.
- * **Return Home** by Michelle Wong, exploring intergenerational relationships through her journey to visit her grandparents.



- * **Big Fight in Little Chinatown** focuses on community resistance and resilience. Asian Women for Equality was proud to screen this film in Montreal in July 2024 with special guest, film-maker Karen Cho!

We will screen this documentary in Vancouver in early 2025. Email contact@asianwomenequality.org for information about attending.



GOOD NEWS!

Asian Women for Equality is now a registered charity. Supporters will receive an official tax receipt in early February 2025 for any cash donations made after September 23, 2024. A huge thank you to donors who supported our work over the years.

Information about donating: asianwomenequality.org/donate



SUPPORTING SINGLE MOMS

In August and September, Asian Women for Equality volunteers prepared and delivered care packages to 14 single moms and their families. Each month we delivered a package of 2 meals and a fun 'conversation starter' activity.

This initiative aimed to give women a small break from the huge pressures and challenges they face every day and so they could put that energy into connecting with their children over something nutritious.

Some feedback from one of our participants:



"This is a beautiful way to support single moms and our children. It felt like we had community support – the kind that is often so lacking in our siloed lives – when food was delivered to our door from a fellow mom. It meant a lot and made a significant impact for us during a difficult time."

We hope to offer this support again in 2025 and welcome donations to support it. Please email: contact@asianwomenequality.org.