



ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



ASIAN WOMEN IN CANADA - RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING ACTIVISM, STRUGGLES, AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Asian Heritage Month in Canada is a time for people to reflect on and recognize the many contributions Canadians of Asian heritage have made to Canada.

Asian Women for Equality will take the opportunity to highlight the contribution and roles Asian women have played in shaping Canadian society despite many challenges.

HONOURING GRACE BALBUTIN

Grace arrived in Canada from the Philippines 25 years ago, on March 7th, the day before International Women's Day. In the Philippines, she worked in Human Resources, but it was hard to find a job that matched her skills and experience in Canada. This led her to explore the non-profit sector. Among Grace's many contributions to community and society, she has helped develop and provide services for seniors as a Director for a seniors' abuse and information line, worked as a legal advocate for temporary foreign workers and immigrant women, was a front-line worker at a rape crisis line and a transition house for women fleeing male violence, and she continues to organize for women's rights as a collective member of Asian Women for Equality.



Grace's experience working with women temporary workers who were domestic workers and caregivers exposed her to the pressing issues that women face in Vancouver. Women who are new to Canada often have difficulty finding jobs that match their experience from their home countries, and language barriers make it challenging to obtain information and resources. Women sponsored by their husbands struggle to become independent, while young women who migrate to Vancouver have a hard time establishing their identities. Even locally born Asians struggle with cultural differences. Additionally, women too often experience harassment on the street or are sexualized simply for being Asian.

As a member of Asian Women for Equality, Grace's current work includes helping people understand the benefits of a Guaranteed Livable Income for older adults and helping women and front-line workers secure suspensions of women's criminal records for prostitution and other poverty crimes. Amidst the recent rise in anti-Asian sentiment, Grace believes that coming together to share thoughts and feelings and then determine some action about the issue is crucial for effecting change.

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UPDATES

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS IN VANCOUVER

Women, learn ways to take better control over your money and its impact on your life.

Sign up for one or both workshops. Different topics will be addressed at each event. Contact Charlotte Wong, our Program Coordinator at charlotte@asianwomenequality.org for more details.

Contact Us!



Women and Money: Financial Literacy Workshop

Speaker: **Letitia Benficio**, Home Financing Advisor with 10+ years, more than 18 years of experience in financial services.

- Saving, budgeting, debt control
- RESP, RRSP, TFSA, GIC
- Plan for: home, retire, school, vacation
- Taxes, pensions and more

Workshop 1 | **Workshop 2**

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023 | Thursday, Jun 15, 2023
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Doors 6:15 pm)
Location: Vancouver BC

RSVP: contact@asianwomenequality.org or 778-200-8938.

Register here: 

www.asianwomenequality.org | [Asian Women for Equality](https://www.facebook.com/AsianWomenForEquality)



Presented by **ASIAN WOMEN FOR EQUALITY**

RENTING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA: RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND SAFETY

Workshop topics:

- Basic rights and responsibilities as a tenant
- Landlord's responsibilities
- Dispute resolution
- Safety as a woman renter
- Looking to rent: Credit and criminal record checks

TENANCY RIGHTS WORKSHOPS IN VANCOUVER

Women, learn how to protect your rights as a tenant, ensure your safety and know about your landlord's responsibilities. Contact Charlotte Wong, our Program Coordinator at charlotte@asianwomenequality.org for more details.

Sign Up Now!

ASIAN WOMEN CINEMA IN MONTREAL

Interested in Asian movies directed by Asian women? Want to talk about it?

Join us this year for a series of Asian film screenings and an opportunity to talk about how sex, race, and class are portrayed in film and media!

Contact us at contact@asianwomenequality.org for more details.

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CAFÉ DE LANGUES ET CONVERSATION EN FRANÇAIS ET EN ANGLAIS ENTRE FEMMES

Rajoutez-nous pour pratiquer votre français et votre anglais, pour vous faire de nouvelles amies et pour passer un bon moment.
L'abonnement est gratuit. Nous offrons la thé et le café.

Vous êtes les bienvenues!

HELLO (EN ANGLAIS)
BONJOUR (EN FRANÇAIS)

- Tous les dimanches matins: les 18 juin, 25 juin, 2 juillet et 9 juillet, 2023
- De 10h à midi
- Pour réserver votre place: contact@asianwomenequality.org

WOMEN'S ENGLISH & FRENCH CONVERSATIONAL LANGUAGE CAFÉ IN MONTREAL

Are you interested in making new friends, having cultural exchange and practicing English and French?

Come and join our Women's Conversational English & French Language Café! Free refreshments will be provided!

Contact us at contact@asianwomenequality.org for more details.

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We love connecting with new supporters. We are volunteer-run and will explore opportunities to utilize your skills, experience, and knowledge.

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Share this newsletter with friends and join our activities - we look forward to meeting you at our events!

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- Donate one time or make monthly pledges through [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com).
- Write a cheque for "Asian Women for Equality". Mail it to P.O. Box 30570 RPO Madison, Burnaby, BC V5C 6J5.
- Donate by Interac e-Transfer to our email address: awcep.info@gmail.com

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