



**HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK**  
**New Westminster Events**  
**October 12 – 18, 2014**  
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**Monday, October 13th – THANKSGIVING DINNER at Union Gospel Mission (658 Clarkson Street)**

Doors for First Sitting will be open at 12 noon. FREE Dinner & Music!

Tickets will be issued at the door for each sitting. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**October 14th, 15th, 16th – Art Show (ART of DARKNESS) at the Russell Housing Centre (740 Carnarvon Street) at the Alexander Street entrance**

New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society (NWHCS) and Stride with Purpose present an ART exhibit by the Street Troupe Art Group and other artists:

Tues. Oct 14: 11 am to 2 pm

Wed. Oct. 15: 12 pm to 3 pm

Thurs. Oct 16: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

FREE Admission. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Treats and music provided!

**Tuesday, October 14th – CONNECT DAY at Holy Trinity Cathedral (514 Carnarvon Street)**

A morning designed to give people who are homeless access to a wide range of free information and services surrounding housing, health & wellness, and other support services - all under one roof.

8:00 am – Breakfast (generously provided by Holy Trinity Cathedral). Tim Horton's community cruiser in attendance.

9:00 am to 12:00 noon – Homelessness individuals connect 1-on-1 with free services: Haircuts, Hearing Tests, Dentist, help to find Housing, Public Health Nurse, Employment Counselling, Paws for Hope, Financial Literacy, Mental Health and Substance Abuse support...and many more.

12:00 noon – Lunch (generously provided by the Sikh Community)

**Wednesday, October 15th – SHARING OUR COMMUNITY TOUR**

Come ride along on a FREE tour and learn about the organizations that are working to address the challenges of poverty and homelessness in the New Westminster community.

Tour starts at Purpose Society (40 Begbie Street) at 9:30 am and ends at the Russell (740 Carnarvon Street) at 1:45 pm. Afterwards, come see the Art Show (ART of DARKNESS)!

ALL ARE WELCOME! Free snacks & beverages!



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**Wednesday, October 15th – MOVIE NIGHT at the Rhoda Kaellis Housing Centre (1105 Royal Avenue)**

6:00 pm: “Celebrate What’s Right with the World” (2013)

A film about approaching life with confidence, grace, and celebration. The stories and lessons included come from years as a photographer (DeWitt Jones) with National Geographic whose perspective changed his life and other lives as well.

7:00 pm: “The Pursuit of Happyness” (2006)

A struggling salesman who becomes homeless (Will Smith) takes custody of his son (Jaden Smith) as he’s poised to begin a life-changing journey.

FREE admission! ALL are WELCOME! Popcorn/Snacks & Refreshments!

**Thursday, October 16th – NWHCS 7TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER / AUCTION at the Historic Columbia Theatre (530 Columbia Street)**

Tickets: \$75 each (tax receipts issued for allowable portion). Doors open at 5:30 pm – Dinner served at 6:30 pm.

Featuring MC **Kathryn Gretsinger** (CBC radio personality) and guest speakers:

**Joe Calendino** - Founder & Executive Director of Yo Bro Youth Initiative ([www.yobro.ca](http://www.yobro.ca))

Joe has over 4 years’ experience running gang and drug prevention programs for youth in some of the most vulnerable neighbourhoods. As a former member of the Hells Angels and recovering addict, Joe went from successful businessman to living drug addicted on the streets after losing everything to gangs and drugs. Joe has since dedicated himself to connecting with youth who are at risk of using drugs or joining gangs.

**Sgt. Toby Hinton** - VPD & Odd Squad Productions ([www.oddsquad.com](http://www.oddsquad.com))

Sergeant Toby Hinton is a police officer with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD). He has served on the street as both a Constable and a Sergeant in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver for 24 years. He is a founding member of Odd Squad Productions, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing drug education for youth, peer-to-peer training, and film production.

To purchase tickets or to donate a silent auction item contact:

Linda Asgeirsson at PH: 604-517-1703 or EMAIL: [info@nwhomeless.ca](mailto:info@nwhomeless.ca)

**Friday, October 17th – INTERFAITH MEETING at St. Barnabas’ Church (1010 Fifth Avenue)**

Interfaith talk/discussion on this year’s Homelessness Action Week theme “Opening Doors, Opening Hearts” with:

Rev. Emilie Smith – St. Barnabas’ Anglican Church

Rev. Shannon Tennant - Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church

Rev. Marlys Moen – Mount Zion Lutheran Church

Starts at 7:00 pm. FREE Admission! ALL are WELCOME!!