

PROGRAMME

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE

412 EAST HASTINGS ST (corner of Dunlevy, 2 blocks east of Main)
Vancouver, B.C.

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Women comprise about 20-30% of the population in the downtown Eastside area of Vancouver and so most agencies are dominated by men. The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre was set up to meet the needs of the women in the area to have a place to come to, meet with one another, and participate in recreational programmes. The Centre is primarily a drop-in which also does crisis intervention, some counselling, and liaison work with urban core agencies on projects common to women and the downtown eastside. The women's centre has been in existence for three years, kept alive by grants and volunteers. Our current funding is ending on March 31st. We plan to stay open and continue as many programmes as possible.

As well as operating the centre, we have carried out small research projects such as deaths due to prescription drug abuse, non-accidental death from suspected negligence in this area (courtesy of the morgue); an accommodations survey of the hotels and rooming houses re women tenants. Currently we are working on a survey: Profile of Women and Women's needs in the Downtown Eastside. Our staff consists of two Chinese, two Native, and two white workers, geared to the membership of our centre.

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MONDAY:

TUESDAY: 11-12 a.m. English Classes for Chinese -speakers

Monday: 2P.M. knitting

Tuesday: Health and body care for women. 2:30 P.M.

Wednesday 10-12 A.M. Money Management workshop

Wednesday 2:30-4 P.M. Pottery: Hand-building

Thursday: 2:30 -3:30 P.M. N.F.B. Films

Friday 1-3 PM. Cooking and Eating

Prospects for spring: outings, picnics, swimming. anyone interested?

HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY: 10-A.M. to 9 P.M.

Saturday: 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.