

Local action for global change – Across Greater Vancouver, over 100 diverse women are a part of a network for change called the Vancouver Council for CARE Canada. Members of the Council share a passion for empowering women and fighting injustice – here at home, and in communities everywhere – and gather throughout the year to put their passion into action.

The Council selects a CARE Canada project and dedicates itself to learning (through guest speakers, book club and field travel), and raising awareness and funds for a 3-4 year period. On International Women’s Day, CARE’s Walk In Her Shoes movement mobilizes the Vancouver community – and supporters across the country – to ‘walk in her shoes’, and take 10,000 steps in solidarity with women and girls living in poverty who walk this distance every day just to find water, food and other necessities for survival.

This year, with limitations on public gatherings, the Council has organized a celebration of International Women’s Day through a speaker’s event, featuring women’s rights leaders from the Women’s Voice and Leadership project in Kenya.

The Council is also guided by the next generation: the Council’s Awareness and Education Initiative brings together educators and student leaders to share and generate ideas, resources and experiences for elevating youth understanding and action around gender equality.

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