

BC Federation of Labour  
**Women's Rights Standing Committee**

Strategic Planning

November 1, 2013



## BC FED Women's Strategic Planning

On Nov. 1 the committee met to spend the day developing the next strategic plan. There were 15 women present and the event was hosted by the director Cassandra Cordero and facilitated by Janet Routledge.

The participants introduced themselves and then we moved into the work of the day. This included a facilitated discussion on being strategic. Following this discussion we split into small groups to discuss assessing the political moment. We looked at opportunities, challenges, allies and opponents that affect women. We created questions that would help us in choosing priorities and then broke for lunch.

In the afternoon, after grouping priorities, we again split to work on specific priorities and the further development of our plans. Groups reported out and it was noted that there was a feeling of hopefulness that hadn't been present at last years planning session.

In addition to the plan we spent time on a number of issues that came from group discussion:

- Having a voice at the table – specifically the BC Fed table.
- Moving the committee to a place of more responsibility and a bigger part of the collective.
- Feminist lens.

The plan started to take formation. Cassandra and Janet were tasked with further development and sending to the participants for further discussion and feedback. It was recognized that more time was required. The group did develop a short-term action plan, which included a four month event calendar (Dec, Jan, Feb, March).

The day wrapped up with a discussion on working together and closing remarks.

It was a good day but a lot of work and quite draining. It was great to meet the people that I have worked with via conference calls and it was good to have a PSAC voice at the table. I am looking forward to being a part of the upcoming plan. Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

In solidarity,

**Kelly Megyesi**

Email to BC Fed with information about PSAC event Dec 6 Surrey -

Check out – [unitewomen.org](http://unitewomen.org)

Discuss with Bob – BC Lions/ violence against women

Women's Film Festival – January (award idea)

February – One Billion Rising

Quote of the session – Power over, Power with or Power to.

How best can you be part of something with traction?