

10 years — Grandmothers to Grandmothers



Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12, 2016
John Oliver Secondary School
530 East 41st Ave.
Vancouver

Special Guests

Place holder for African grandmother photo Confirmed Place holder for African grandmother photo Confirmed

Place holder for project leader confirmed



Stephen Lewis is the chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. A former ambassador to the United Nations and UN Special Envoy for AIDS in Africa, he is also the co-director of AIDS Free World in the U.S. Currently, Mr. Lewis is a Professor of Practice in Global Governance at the Institute for the Study of International Development at McGill University in Montreal and a Professor of Distinction at Ryerson University in Toronto.



Ilana Landsberg-Lewis co-founded the SLF and is its executive-director. She is a labour and human rights lawyer who spent 8 years at the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and was instrumental in launching the UN's Trust Fund on Violence Against Women. In 2009 she received the YWCA Women of Distinction Award for International Development and was named one of the Top 25 Women of Influence in Canada in 2012.

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Reception Schedule Friday March 11

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Marketplace Set Up.
5:00 p.m. Doors open. Conference registration begins. Marketplace opens
5:30 p.m. Catered reception begins.

Appetizers and punch included in conference fee.
6:45 p.m. Reception ends. Marketplace closes during the talk.
7:00 p.m. Stephen & Ilana: "We will not rest until they can rest."

8:30 p.m. Marketplace re-opens.

9:00 p.m. Marketplace closes.

This event will not be advertised to the public but members are welcome to register family, friends, potential members and supporters <u>for \$20 each.</u>

<u>Please see registration form.</u>

Conference Schedule Saturday March 12

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8:00 a.m.	Doors open. Registration continues for those who did not pick up their materials on Friday evening. Meet & Greet. Complimentary coffee/tea/
	muffins. NOTE: please bring your own mug.
9:15 a.m.	Housekeeping announcements and welcome activities in the auditorium.
9:45 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: from,,
	from
10:45 a.m	Break - complimentary refreshments
11:00 a.m.	plenary session organized by SLF staff
11:45 a.m.	Box lunch included in the registration fee.
12:45 p.m.	Workshop A
2:00 p.m.	Workshop B
3:00 p.m.	Reconvene for closing remarks in the cafeteria.

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Saturday, March 12 Workshops

African grandmothers will be at the Impact workshop and they will be present in other workshops including the craft share.

- **1. S-E-L-L** "SMILE, ENGAGE, LEARN, LISTEN." Ramp up your craft sales with helpful advice from a former retail manager. Tips about maximizing sales and engaging customers will be accompanied by slides of merchandising ideas to inspire. Participants will receive a take-away for their group.
- **2. Know The Campaign** This interactive workshop is fun and informative. Whether you are staffing a sales table, greeting guests at your events or talking to your friends, it's important to get the SLF messaging RIGHT! Out of town groups will receive a CD of the presentation to take back to their groups.
- **3. Show Me The Money** Fundraising events large and small are not only our raison d'etre but they are also the glue that binds us in a common cause. Come together with representatives from groups of all sizes and from diverse communities to hear about fundraising successes. A handout will be provided.
- **4. Craft-aholics Support Group** The DIY group haunts craft fairs and combs Pinterest and Etsy for new ideas for crafting. Come together with other insatiable crafters for a sharing session.
- **5. Yoo-hoo!** Anybody listening? From parades to press releases, we go to great lengths to bring in the crowd. Join in a sharing session on how to get the word out. Leave with a handout and some new ideas.
- **6. Diane Walker and Penny Lewis's most excellent travel experience** Hear all about the amazing 2015 Grandmothers' Gathering in Uganda from two members who were there. Feel free to ask questions.
- **7. Impact: The 10 year journey to resilience** Led by SLF staff accompanied by African grandmothers this workshop explores the community-based responses to the AIDS pandemic on the African continent. It's a story about the remarkable progress that communities have made, and changes that people experience with the support of their community-based organizations.
- **8. What's this thing called Facebook?** Learn how to use this valuable social media tool to reach new audiences. Participants need to bring their own laptop or tablets please.
- **9. Reflection and Renewal** If you're approaching burnout, this workshop is for you. It will help you take the temperature of your group and make concrete plans for a revitalized future.
- **10. Grandmothers' Lounge** Do you just need to chill? Are you excited to talk more with a new friend about Campaign initiatives? Take time out from the schedule and go to the Grandmothers' Lounge. Relax, refresh, recharge! **Registration is NOT required for this option.**

Groups may wish to encourage attendance at a variety of workshops so that information can be shared after the conference.

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Marketplace Information

- Each group may use one 6'x2' cafeteria table with attached side benches. Depending on the response, it may be possible for groups to have more tables.
- Groups may have a rack for display beside their table.
- Each group is responsible for set up/take down, transporting merchandise in/out of venue.
- Each group is responsible for its own cash and WIFI is available for use of the Square.

NOTE: The marketplace is open for a limited time. Our members and their guests will be the only customers. Please consider the amount of merchandise you bring accordingly.



Please notify Arlene Racicot <u>aracicot2@yahoo.com</u> if your group would like to have a table(s).

Digital Photo Display & Books for African Grandmothers

Please send digital photos of your group's activities to Hannah Diamond hannahdiamond@shaw.ca for inclusion in displays throughout the conference. **Some of these photos will be included in gift books for the African grandmothers.** Deadline February 15.

Silent Auction

There will be a small silent auction on Friday evening.

Potluck Salad Bar Saturday March 12

A simple potluck get-together with African grandmothers and SLF staff will follow the conference. Each member attending is asked to contribute an item for the salad bar that can be brought from home or purchased enroute. Examples include: a bag of salad greens, bread or rolls, salad dressing, a tin of beans or fish, a rotisserie chicken, a prepared fruit or veggie tray. Volunteers will open cans and bottles and lay out the contributions. Attendees will build their own dinner from the salad bar. The potluck will take place from 5–8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church Hall, 949 49th Ave., Vancouver. There is a Safeway at Oakridge Shopping Centre, 41st and Cambie.

Please indicate your interest in attending on the registration form.

Conference Registration

Please see the registration form. *The deadline for registration is February 22, 2016.*Attendees may choose to pick up their registration packages on Friday evening or Saturday morning. **Registration will be on a first come-first served basis. Conference space is limited.**

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Accommodation for Out of Town Guests

Hotels: Prices are at the time of publication and may vary

Vancouver's West End:

Best Western Sands Hotel \$95
Walking distance to restaurants and shops.
20 – 25 min. drive to John Oliver School.
10 rooms are blocked at this rate until Feb.1 2016.
Ask for Greater Van Gogos. Reservations can be made by phoning 604–682–1831 or online http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/ groupSearch.do?groupId=Q11FC5X4

Near the airport:

Vancouver Airport Inn Hotel Super 8 \$67

725 Southeast Marine Dr. at Fraser 10 minute drive to John Oliver and bus line available Cheaper if you book online. http://www.vancouverairportinn.com/.

Not far from John Oliver:

Best Western Plus Uptown Hotel \$82.99
205 Kingsway, near Main Street
10 minute drive to JO and bus line available.
Ask for the "Corporate Rate" as you are in town on business.

Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre \$159.99 711 W. Broadway Ask for the "Corporate Rate" as you are in town on business.

Billeting

Contact Janine janinereid@shaw.ca if you would like to be billeted or if you would like to billet a guest.

Transportation

A small travel subsidy is available for groups outside of Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. Please contact Judy Johnson if your group is interested. <u>judyjohnson@telus.net</u> Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited.

Using Public Transit See http://tripplanning.translink.ca/

John Oliver Secondary School is on a bus route along 41st Ave and Fraser Street. It is possible to take the Canada Line Skytrain to 41st and Cambie and catch a bus to the school.

