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Freedonia was founded in 1997 by **Gary Moffatt** as an expression of his lifetime commitment to anarchism and to building social and economic alternatives to capitalism. In keeping with this anti-authoritarian vision, Freedonia provides funding and other support for the development of movements promoting radical democratic and systemic change. **Read our complete mission statement.**

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What's New?

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Our 2009 Funding application deadline has passed.

Thank you to all who applied. You will be hearing from Freedonia soon about the status of your application.

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Freedonia Grants for 2008

October 26, 2008

Freedonia has completed its second funding round and is pleased to announce its 2008 list of grantees. The following organizations have received funding from Freedonia in the 2008 Funding Round:

The Alliance for Peoples' Health is organizing five "Community Diagnosis" workshops within poor and working class communities in Vancouver. Based on the key health issues that emerge in the first phase, the organizers will hold five more participatory popular-education workshops entitled "the People's Health Series" to stimulate action on the identified issues. The process will be documented and analyzed with participants and the results will be launched publicly in the community.

Basics Free Community Newsletter is more than just a bi-monthly publication distributed door-to-door in the Lawrence Heights neighbourhood. With Freedonia's help, Basics has also hired a part-time community organizer to help build community organizing efforts in the neighbourhood.

The Camas Collective Books and Infoshop is undergoing renovations to increase accessibility. Freedonia's grant is also removing less visible barriers by subsidizing transportation, providing translation at events, and subsidizing the use of the space and its resources by local community organizations.

The Community Friends have undertaken solidarity work with the aboriginal community of Six Nations by preparing a documentary on the land rights struggle and organizing showings in nearby non-Native communities, organizing a weekend conference of solidarity activists at Six Nations, and a series of anti-racist workshops for local people in the area.

Dragonfly Farm turned 30 this year with a conference on the weekend of August 22-24. The conference explored the successes and challenges of the back-to-the-land movement and building of rural intentional communities.

Jane-Finch On the Move is holding at least three community forums where Jane-Finch residents can discuss new and progressive strategies to address community issues. The group will carry out actions based on what is decided at these forums, and conduct door-to-door outreach to engage residents in the process.

Muslim Women Against Violence will host an action retreat for Muslim women in the GTA, hold monthly meetings for young Muslim women and organize violence prevention gatherings at mosques and community centres in the area specifically on the issues of violence against women and Islamophobia.

The No Gold for Water Campaign aims to organize the El Salvadorean community living in Canada to develop a pool of activists that can challenge the impacts of gold mining and the practices of Canadian mining companies operating in El Salvador.

On May 5, 2008, Freedonia supported the **National Day of Action for Status for All**, a rally and community fair organized by No One Is Illegal - Toronto to highlight the fight for rights for non-status people in Canada.

Arts in Action runs the **Purple Thistle Centre**, a new-school youth centre located in East Vancouver equidistant between three low-income neighbourhoods. With Freedonia's help, they are able to offer two employment and lifeskills programs during the day, as well as a wide variety of classes, lectures, trips and projects. The Centre houses a computer lab, darkroom, bike repair shop, library, sewing area, etc. They host meetings and workshops for a wide variety of community organizations.

Vancouver's **Redzone Collective** is developing skills-sharing workshops, collaborative arts projects and community building projects to further the use of traditional Coast Salish cultural practices amongst urban First Nations people.

Freedonia is supporting the **South Asian Women's Rights Organization's** "Women's Summer Workshop Series", a community organizing effort that uses participatory education to develop leadership by South Asian women in the Toronto area.

This year's **Under the Volcano Festival of Art and Social Change** was supported by a grant from Freedonia that enabled them to do community outreach and include workshops for participants on a variety of social change themes.

Film screenings, media outreach and promotion of the **3rd Annual Victoria Anarchist Bookfair and Festival of Anarchy** were supported by a grant from Freedonia that also assisted the organizers in arranging workshops, accommodation and transportation for the event.

Toronto's **Workers' Action Centre** develops collective strategies to challenge unfair labour practices and develop worker leadership amongst some of the region's most vulnerable workers. Freedonia is proud to support the Centre's grassroots direct action approach including group visits to bad bosses, pickets, phone blitzes, outreach to consumers, visits to corporate clients, mass meetings, "bad boss tours", etc.

BOTH WORK WITH CUPE 3903 FNSWG TO SUPPORT CALEDONIA LAWLESSNESS

Editor is Shave da Silva

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Application deadlines for the 2009 funding round will be posted soon.

Freedomia Grants for 2007

October 2, 2007

Freedomia completed its first funding round in 2007. The following organizations received funding from Freedomia in the 2007 Funding Round:

The Canadian Sri Lankan Women's Network is a Toronto-based group confronting economic deprivation and social marginalization in Canada and strengthening the presence of women's voices within the Canadian Sri Lankan community. Freedomia's grant will help the Network conduct workshops and develop a web site. This added capacity will help ensure this unique perspective is heard.

The Hemp Workers Collective will work to lay a foundation for a regional organic and co-operative hemp industry in Renfrew County that can be a model empowering farmers and impoverished rural communities.

The Indigenous Network on Economics and Trade will be visiting aboriginal communities to discuss the extinguishment agreements promoted through the "British Columbia Treaty Process" and raise awareness of how the agreements will lead to the privatization of formerly inalienable lands held by indigenous families, the extinguishment of land rights to their traditional territories and increased corporate control over the resources in these lands.

Working autonomously in British Columbia and Ontario, **Justice for Migrant Workers** will be continuing their work assisting migrant farm workers in organizing to defend their rights. JFMW is an innovative organizing model amongst some of the most vulnerable workers in Canada.

LIFT (Low Income Families Together) will continue with its efforts to organize and build capacity in the ethnically diverse and densely-populated community of St. James Town in Toronto.

Freedomia's grant to the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty's Neighbourhood Defence Committees Project will a) strengthen leadership skills within the committees as they consolidate and grow – and hopefully proliferate across the city of Toronto; b) facilitate skill- and experience-sharing between committees; c) offer material support the committees' activities.

The Ojibway Nation Trade Circle will gather youth from Asubpeecheoseewagong and Six Nations to plan a project focusing on economic self determination and cooperation between indigenous communities in Ontario.

Punchclock, a Toronto trades/art collective, will buy tools, build its workshop and solidify its network of worker co-operativeness and artists engaged in creative subversion.

Regent Park Women and Families will build community capacity, address social isolation, and offer skills development in the hope of developing functioning work collectives with low-income immigrant women in Toronto's Regent Park neighbourhood.

SPUDS (Sowing Potatoes Underground for Denman Sustainability) will be experimenting with a form of collective gardening in the hope they can create a working regional example of a sustainable food system model.

Sutikalh is a camp on traditional Lilloet territory being considered for development as a ski resort and a centre for gatherings and meetings throughout the Indigenous resistance movement. Freedomia's grant will help Sutikalh improve its on-site infrastructure.

Tsunami Print and Sew will purchase merchandise and materials for production and resale to raise additional funds to open a new info shop/gallery/organizing centre in Victoria.

Thank you to everyone who applied in the 2007 funding round. Unfortunately there were many more deserving applicants whom we were unable to fund due to limited financial resources.

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