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## Annual Report 2013

“I rely on rabble to bring me the real debates that are shaping our country. I also depend on rabble to bring my columns to a remarkable community of Canadians.”

~ **Naomi Klein**

“It is no exaggeration to say that the hopes of a decent world rest substantially on the success of the kind of work that rabble has been carrying out with such distinction.”

~ **Noam Chomsky**

“rabble is a crucial resource for achieving media democracy in Canada, in this era of increasing corporate media concentration.”

~ **Maude Barlow**

“The world needs to hear a lot less from the mainstream media and a lot more from rabble”

~ **Linda McQuaig**

“rabble is a remedy for an age where the media has been hobbled by corporate concerns, the bottom line and pressure groups”

~ **June Chua**

# What can you find at [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca)?

original news and  
columns

in cahoots: featured links to social  
movement and labour stories

reprints of articles from many other progressive sources

Canada-wide event  
calendar

live video and curated best of the net

a plethora of podcasts on issues of  
the day

issues pages: an aggregate of stories, links and  
news on important issues

blogs from writers and activists  
across Canada (and beyond)

public polls to check the  
pulse of rabble visitors

the book lounge: a multi-featured book  
section with original reviews, book events  
and more

special features: short-term sections that focus on a  
range of issues

daily and weekly e-newsletters with  
links to our hot stories

progressive newswire and news from around the world

babble: our famous moderated  
discussion board

Not Rex:  
video commentary for the rest of us

# Welcome

from Publisher Kim Elliott and President Duncan Cameron

A full dozen. The big 12. Boxcars. Twelve years and still standing.

2013 was *rabble.ca*'s 12th year reporting news for the rest of us. The media landscape has changed a lot in this time, with many mainstream and alternative sites unable to hang on. We have always been a non-profit, community-supported media site, and thank all of our supporters over the years that have kept us going.

In 2013 we welcomed the *Straight Goods* family of websites to *rabble*. While *Straight Goods* ceased publication after 13 years of alternative news, we are proud to not only house their archives, but to be the new home for former *Straight Goods* writers.

We also grew in our ability to get out the news our readers want. We launched theme-based e-newsletters and we upped our Facebook and Twitter activity significantly. Our followers on Twitter are over 22,000. And we once again produced a "best of *rabble*" print book, along with a special multimedia version for the iPad. This version was awarded silver at the 2013 Canadian Online Publishing Awards.

Our reporting has a special focus on social movements, including those active in the labour movement. For the second year, in partnership with the Canadian Auto Workers (now Unifor), we hosted a Labour Beat Reporter. And, with support from the United Steelworkers, we relaunched and updated a great section of the site, now called The Lynn Williams activist toolkit. Get your activist on!

Once again we turned to the public and to our partners to support the work of our Parliamentary Correspondent, Karl Nerenberg. We ran a campaign on *rabble* and a separate campaign on Indiegogo to crowdfund Karl's important work. Karl's popular posts dig into the laws, the schemes and the politics of Parliament. His work is a "must read" for Canadian political news junkies.

Of course, we continued to report on the the tar sands, community activism and on the leadership of Indigenous communities. We continued to host more blogs, introduce new podcasts, present more columnists and to have many, many conversation on *babble*. On *babble*, the *babble* book club featured author visits and literary discussions for those who didn't get their book fill on the *rabble* book lounge. On *rabbletv*, Humberto "Not Rex Murphy" DaSilva presented video commentary you don't hear on CBC. *rabbletv* also featured our "livestream" work -- presentations of events live through internet video.

In 2013 long-time *rabble.ca* *rabble* podcast network coordinator Meagan Perry became Editor-In-Chief. Meagan worked for CBC radio's "As It Happens" and "DNT0", as well as having years of production and journalism experience in community media. She continues to freelance for CBC radio and her writing has been featured in *The New Zealand Herald*, *This Magazine*, *Herizons*, *Yukon News* and the *National Post*. She also runs MAP Communications Consulting, which produces media for clients across Canada.

We are a proud independent, community media site. If you like what you see in these pages and what you see, hear, watch and discuss on *rabble.ca*, please give us a hand at [rabble.ca/donate](http://rabble.ca/donate).



Kim Elliott  
Publisher



Duncan Cameron  
President

# THANK YOU

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rabble's Sustaining Partners are organizations that support rabble's mission and vision financially, receiving support from rabble in advertising and site promotion.

Thank you to our partners for their support throughout the year!

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[Unifor](#)  
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The importance of the community of unions and civil society organizations that support rabble is hard to overstate. These are crucial partnerships with organizations that value independent media and who see the issues they support on *rabble.ca*.

Sustaining Partners are thanked in a special section of our site's front page and also receive free advertising on *rabble.ca*. In addition, all Sustaining Partners are in cahoots members, meaning stories from their websites are featured on our front page in a special section. If your organization would like more information about becoming a Sustaining Partner, please contact [business@rabble.ca](mailto:business@rabble.ca).



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**rabble.ca:**

Covering issues that mattered in 2013.

**Everything you need to know about**

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BY APIHTAWIKOSISÂN | OCTOBER 23, 2013

**Line in the Sand project dissects  
Northern Gateway pipeline**

BY JUNE CHUA | DECEMBER 18, 2013

**Are you on Harper's Enemy List?**

BY FRANK JAMES | JULY 27, 2013

**Defunding abortion: A non-starter**

BY JOYCE ARTHUR | NOVEMBER 1, 2013

**Harper fails to explain his unconstitutional  
appointments to the Senate**

BY KARL NERENBERG | NOVEMBER 8, 2013

**Theatre of the Fiscally Absurd:  
Auditions now open to run  
government finances**

BY ELLEN RUSSELL | OCTOBER 16, 2013

**Indigenous rights and the duty to  
consult**

BY PAULA BOUTIS PRO BONO | JANUARY 31, 2013

**Harper seeks to blame Indigenous women for  
their own disappearance**

BY PAMELA PALMATER | AUGUST 28, 2013

**After stunning NDP loss in B.C., it's  
time for a new kind of politics**

BY MURRAY DOBLEN | MAY 20, 2013

**A number is never just a number:  
What price, austerity?**

BY HENNESSY'S INDEX | MAY 1, 2013

**Death of Margaret Thatcher reopens the  
debate over her legacy**

BY ROGER ANNIS | APRIL 16, 2013

**Stand up to online bullying and racism  
against Aboriginal peoples**

BY CHARLIE ANGUS | JULY 17, 2013

**It's still time for an adult conversation about  
taxes**

BY MATT FODOR MICHAEL LAXER | AUGUST 17, 2013

**Closing the income divide: The time  
has come to limit CEO over-  
compensation**

BY MONIA HAZIGH | DECEMBER 13, 2013

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# On April 18, 2013, rabble celebrated its 12th anniversary.

## It's our birthday: Help us celebrate a dozen years online!

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | APRIL 18, 2013

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It is rabble.ca's 12th birthday -- we first went online April 18, 2001. Help us celebrate by taking our reader's survey!

**Who comes knocking? Please complete our visitors survey**

# We welcomed the **Straight Goods** family of websites to rabble.ca.



Today we are pleased to welcome the ***Straight Goods*** family of websites to ***rabble.ca***. While *Straight Goods* has ceased publishing, *rabble.ca* will **maintain an archive** of the 13 years of online coverage provided by *Straight Goods News*, and has

welcomed all *Straight Goods News* contributors to continue providing innovative coverage under the *rabble.ca* banner.

"We are honoured to have the *Straight Goods News* fine writing and legacy part of *rabble.ca*. It's not an easy time for independent media, but we're both survivors and this lets the best of *Straight Goods News* live on as *rabble.ca* continues to insert strong voices with alternative messages into the Canadian media landscape," said *rabble.ca* Publisher Kim Elliott.

"It's hard to say goodbye to a dream, but it made sense for us to pass the torch on to a publication that is in sync with our objectives," said *Straight Goods News* Publisher Ish Theilheimer.

*rabble.ca* has already started to work with *Straight Goods News* writers and staff on new projects, including the **recent coverage of the Conservative convention and Pros & Cons counter-summit** in Alberta.

We celebrated of course.



Karl Nerenberg (rabble's Parliamentary Correspondent) on keys, Ish Theilheimer (Founder and Publisher of Straight Goods) on Jazz violin at our party. (See more photo at [flickr.com/rabbleca](https://www.flickr.com/photos/rabbleca/))

Thanks to **community funding**, we featured the Parliamentary reporting of Karl Nerenberg.



# Our labour coverage remains a critical focus.

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labour



Operation Solidarity Bonfield

**Activists from CUPE locals stand together with Operation Solidarity Bonfield**

**ON RABBLE.CA**

**Criminal employers are employers too, Alberta government spokesman says, but illegal strikes are still illegal** | Jan 10 2014 | David J. Climenhaga | If you strike illegally, or talk about striking illegally, or even look like you might be thinking about talking about talking about thinking about striking illegally, you will be dealt with severely.



**The myth of the skills shortage in Canada's labour market** | Jan 8 2014 | Jim Stanford | Canada's politicians are fond of trumpeting that our economy has performed better than almost any other jurisdiction. But the numbers indicate that Canada's jobs performance has been ho-hum at best.



**Oral histories, labour and feminism in Manitoba** | Jan 8 2014 | Scott Neigh | Scott Price talks about the history of this labour.

**ON RABBLE**

**Why the timing is good for parties from the left in Canada** | socialdemocraticmiddle said... Exactly. The Conservative economic record is NOT good, and we need an alternative. Moreover, if the...

**Amazon is our desperate and vacant future** | 6079\_Smith\_W said... Well that's a good solid dose of bad retail news to ring in the Christmas season. Heard the story...

**SeaTac votes on highest min wage in US** | jagatta said... It would be a great precedent. But what a ghastly town name - I figured that it pertained to...

**More and more boomers in the street (Le Devoir)** | jagatta said... Another take on this, exploring "beg lady" fear, from the New York Times magazine: <http://www....>

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 Canadian Association of Labour Media

 David Bush

 Raitree Matters

 Asia Pacific Currents

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**Labour Reporter**

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**Labour Rights**

**IN CANOOTS**



**Our commitment for 2014: We will fight to save Canada Post**

Our union has launched the Save Canada Post campaign to fight the Conservative government's attack on our public postal service. We cannot do this alone.

In other words **Labour day** isn't the only day we write about working people.

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rabble.ca daily e-news for  
Monday 2nd of September 2013

*This is your daily dose of our Editor top picks! For more new rabble content, visit [www.rabble.ca](http://www.rabble.ca)*

[Thoughts on Labour Day: Workers and their unions must learn to dream bigger](#)

September 2, 2013 | By Gary Engler

Reality for most workers, which means most people, is a fundamental lack of respect at work. That's why "the system" prefers to focus on us as consumers rather than as workers.

[Labour Day 2013 in North America: Facing up to improving society for everyone](#)

September 2, 2013 | By David J. Climenhaga

Things aren't so different for working people in 2013 than they were in 1963, when Martin Luther King gave his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech. On this Labour Day, much remains to be done and can be.

[Labour Day: Immigrant workers hit harder by tough economic times](#)

September 2, 2013 | By The Asian Canadian Labour Alliance

By advocating for healthy and decent employment we can take the necessary steps to implement changes so our elders no longer need to sacrifice and toil under indecent and inhumane working conditions.

[Naomi Klein: Unifor should fight for a green labour revolution](#)

September 2, 2013 | By Martin Lukacs

Naomi Klein urged members at the founding convention of Unifor in Toronto to take the lead in ushering in a green labour revolution, setting out a bold vision to reverse the damage of neoliberalism.

[A just society would condemn Marois's divisive Charter](#)

September 2, 2013 | By Gerry Caplan

There is good evidence to fear that Pauline Marois's so-called Charter of Quebec Values will represent the precise opposite of the province's 1975 Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

[Expose the TPP rallies in Toronto, Nanaimo and Montreal](#)

September 2, 2013 | By Stuart Trew

Rallies last week in Toronto, Nanaimo and Montreal drew attention to the excessive secrecy in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations which continued in Brunei behind closed doors.

[Unifor members join Toronto's Labour Day parade](#)

September 2, 2013 | By rabble staff

Members of Canada's newest union are up early for the Labour Day Parade, a great Toronto tradition. (Photo: Sid Ryan / Twitter)

[Unifor sets out long term strategy at day two of their convention](#)

September 1, 2013 | By H.G. Watson

Day two of the Unifor convention focused on defining Unifor going forward, with the help of some high profile speakers.

[Unifor officially takes shape at historic union convention](#)

September 1, 2013 | By H.G. Watson

Saturday CAW and CEP joined together as the largest private union in Canada. But questions about diversity and future steps still abound.

In partnership with the  
Canadian Auto Workers  
(Unifor) we continued the  
position of  
‘Labour Beat Reporter.’

## Welcoming H.G. Watson, rabble's new labour beat reporter

BY RABBLE STAFF | AUGUST 14, 2013

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### issues on rabble.ca LABOUR

Bringing Canada's  
labour movement  
into focus.

In 2012, in partnership with the **Canadian Auto Workers** **rabble.ca** launched a labour beat position. **Lori Theresa Waller** was our inaugural labour reporter, bringing even more labour coverage to rabble with original stories and labour news roundups.

We are thrilled to once again be working with the CAW to host this position and are pleased to welcome journalist H.G. Watson as our new labour beat reporter. H.G. Watson is a multimedia journalist currently based in Waterloo, Ontario. After a brief foray into studying law, she decided that she preferred filing stories to editors than factums to the court. Since then, she's held editorial positions at the

*Lance* in Windsor and *The Cord* in Waterloo, where she's the Editor-in-Chief of the *Cord Community Edition*. She's also written freelance stories for a number of publications.

With support from the  
United Steelworkers  
we introduced the  
**Lynn Williams activist  
toolkit.**



*rabble.ca* is excited to announce a re-launch of a great part of the site, what we now proudly call the **Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit**. The Activist Toolkit is a special section on *rabble.ca* that acts as a resource hub for community and labour organizers.

With support from the United Steel Workers we have been expanding and improving the site and will continue to do so in the future -- watch for new features! We are excited to

name the toolkit after Lynn Williams, one of the most influential North American union leaders of the twentieth century. He was the first Canadian to become International President of the United Steelworkers, where he brought innovative leadership in bargaining and a structural readjustment of the North American steel industry during its most turbulent period, the 1980s and 1990s.

We expanded **our e-newsletter** options.



Along with our general daily and weekly e-newsletters, readers can receive free weekly e-newsletters on **politics, labour, arts & culture, environment and Indigenous issues.**



The screenshot shows the rabble.ca newsletter sign-up page. At the top is the rabble.ca logo with the tagline "NEWS FOR THE REST OF US". Below the logo, a heading reads "We deliver! Get rabble.ca news delivered directly to your inbox" followed by the subtext "Subscribing is quick and easy". A form field for "Email" is present with a placeholder "Enter your email address". Below this, a note states: "You will receive a confirmation email from newsletter-request@rabble.ca shortly after subscribing. If you don't immediately find it, please check your junk folder." The main section is titled "Select the newsletters you would like to receive" and lists seven options, each with a "Sign up" and "No thanks" button:

- Daily newsletter**: A bite-sized dose of rabble.ca delivered every day.
- Weekly newsletter**: Editor's pick of rabble.ca highlights, delivered every week on Friday.
- Politics in Canada**: News from the Hill; rabble's take on politics.
- Labour**: The rabble labour beat.
- Arts & Culture**: The best of rabble's arts and culture coverage.
- Environment**: The best of rabble's environment coverage.
- Indigenous**: The best of rabble's indigenous coverage.

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**Sutton House re-development will result in cuts to services, loss of shelter beds, say anti-poverty activists**  
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**Canadian writers take a stand against Israel's evictions of Palestinians and Bedouin** | JUL 17 2013 | Paul Weinberg | More than 90 Canadian writers, including a lot of the big names, have come on board as signatories to an online letter to Israel and Canadian authorities.

**TODAY'S TOP PICKS ON RABBLE**

**South Africa, Israel and the continuing struggle against Apartheid** | JUL 17 2013 | Joanne Neiman | Many continue to insist that the situation in Israel bears no resemblance to the South African Apartheid system.

**A jury of whose peers? Trayvon Martin, racism and the U.S. (in)justice system** | JUL 17 2013 | Danish Ameer | This trial could not have been whiter had it been a Kellogg's commercial in Alabama. As the punishment to this force of a judicial process, I present Exhibit A -- the jury.

**Whether by train or by pipeline, transporting crude poses daily risk** | JUL 17 2013 | Elizabeth May | The disaster in Lac-Mégantic shows us many things about the risks of transporting light crude oil -- but most of all it shows a massive failure on the part of Transport Canada and Stephen Harper.

**Community living and family service programs may be cut in BC as Liberals fail to provide promised bridge funding** JUL 17 2013 | Services for vulnerable families may be cut across B.C. following the government's failure to provide bridge funding for a 1.5 per cent wage increase that was negotiated for frontline workers.

**Fracking is not a right: Tell Lone Pine to drop its NAFTA lawsuit against Quebec's moratorium on fracking!** JUL 17 2013 | Lone Pine is demanding \$250 million in compensation for Quebec's moratorium, which it says violates Lone Pine's "right" to track.

**Bob Rae joins Fair Vote Canada's National Advisory Board** JUL 15 2013 | Rae joins other distinguished Canadians from across the political spectrum on the Advisory



We released the **Best of  
rabble.ca** 2013 edition,  
edited by Michael Stewart.



For the second year we released a multimedia version of the book for the iPad. Matt Dusenbury was the designer.



# This edition received a silver medal at the Canadian Online Publishing Awards.

## rabble.ca recognized at Canadian Online Publishing Awards

BY RABBLE STAFF | NOVEMBER 15, 2013

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Who doesn't like a little recognition? The **Canadian Online Publishing Awards** ceremony was this week and rabble is pleased to have received a silver medal in the category of Best Tablet Edition and to have been a finalist for Best Online Only Publication Website! Congratulations to all of the nominees and the winners. Thank you to all of our donors and supporters who enable us to produce high-quality content and provide news for the rest of us to people around the world.

This year rabble.ca once again produced a **free special iPad tablet version of our "best of rabble" book** entitled *Red Squares, White Feathers*. Matt Dusenbury was the project designer for this multi-media

We partnered with  
Western University's  
masters in journalism  
class for a series on  
citizen science.

**RABBLE.CA SERIES - CITIZEN SCIENCE**



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A seven-part series by the online journalism students  
of Western University

Welcome to the world of citizen science. It's a growing movement that's joining professional scientists with regular people around the world. Together, they're expanding scientific knowledge and giving us all a better understanding of the world we live in.

This April, Western University's masters in journalism class will be exploring the emerging world of citizen science in a seven-part series. The class will investigate the basics of the citizen science movement, the important questions and concerns in the field and what lies ahead. Through interviews, videos, and audio, they'll be providing in-depth coverage as well as new and insightful analysis of the movement.

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**Digging for stories and crowdsourcing data in the age of the amateur**  
May 8 2013 | by Ben Forrest |, | by Jessica Ellis |, | by Kaanayo Nwachukwu |, | by Mekhala Gunaratne |, | by Nick Boisvert | A look at what citizen journalism can tell us about citizen science.

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NATURE

**Big Data: The role of citizen scientists in the age of information abundance**  
May 3 2013 | by Brendan McConnell |, | by Brent Boles |, | by Lola Edetade | Scientists have access to more information than ever before.

In the spring we  
conducted a visitors  
survey.



# Who **visits** rabble? Our survey\* says:

**Fifty two per cent** of the rabble audience identified as men, **47 per cent** as women.

Much of our audience is from **Ontario**, which represents more than **40 per cent** of the total. The next largest group came from **British Columbia** at more than **20 per cent** of the total. About **ten per cent** of our audience is from the **U.S.**

rabble readers are a highly educated group with over **80 per cent** reporting a **post secondary school degree**.

rabble readers are highly involved with **30 per cent** doing **volunteer work each week**, **32 per cent** belonging to a **trade union**, **41 per cent** belonging to a grassroots organization, **40 per cent** to an **NGO**, **11 per cent** to a religious organization.


rabble readers are very loyal with **77 per cent** reporting they visit the site weekly or more, **53 per cent** of readers report **visiting daily or several times a week**.

\*spring 2013, voluntary survey, N=950



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And we enjoyed being, for even a day, the tongue-in-cheek 'official opposition.'




## DAVID AKIN'S ON THE HILL



### PM, Official Opposition (Rabble.ca) react to Chavez death

 David Akin - March 6th, 2013




CARACAS, Venezuela – The hearse carrying the coffin of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez makes its way to the Military Academy amid thousands of supporters, on March 6

#### Recent Comments

Lynda van Leeuwen on NDP MPs sing "Bud the Spud" in tribute to Stompin' Tom  
Jayne sorensen on NDP MPs sing "Bud the Spud" in tribute to Stompin' Tom  
Diane Brown on Stompin' Tom Connors: Icon of Canada, dead at 77  
Misery on Stompin' Tom Connors: Icon of Canada, dead at 77  
Alvin on Stompin' Tom Connors: Icon of Canada, dead at 77

**David Akin** is Sun Media's national bureau chief and is based in Sun Media's Parliamentary Bureau in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.  
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#### David Akin on Twitter

No public Twitter messages.

# news and features



Staff: Derrick O’Keefe, Editor (until September 2013), Meagan Perry, Editor-In-Chief (November 2013-present); Kaitlin McNabb, news coordinator (October 2013-present); Kim Elliott, Publisher; Michelle Gregus, Managing Editor; Karl Nerenberg, Parliamentary Correspondent; H.G. Watson, Labour Beat Reporter Intern: Sana Malik

During 2013, *rabble.ca* continued its coverage of Idle No More, documenting Chief Theresa Spence's hunger strike and the grassroots political action that spanned across the country.

Our coverage of federal politics was better than ever with Parliamentary Correspondent Karl Nerenberg stepping up, again, to cover the continued assault on democracy by the Harper government and of course the many, many scandals that plagued Parliament. Karl was there throughout the Throne Speech, the Senate Scandal and the robocall scandal.

We happily brought on our second Labour Beat Reporter, H.G. Watson, whose in depth knowledge of young workers' issues shed much light on precarious employment and youth under- and un-employment. H.G. documented the numerous factory closures that happened across Canada and was there to report on the founding convention of the new Unifor Union.

This year we added a new op-ed section called “The Views Expressed” that serves as an outlet for opinion pieces on rabble. This section has been successful in cementing rabble and reader connection and providing another outlet for opinion.

We continued to publish exciting new and established writers in the news and features section. Each writer brings their own unique perspectives and voice to rabble covering issues from the Rob Ford scandal to reproductive rights in Canada to the inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women to the Canada Post cuts.

# Some news and features highlights:

**Who's influencing reproductive policy in Canada?** By Meg Borthwick  
The perception of Canada as a mild right-wing, 'abortion paradise' is just not true. Though we may not see much evidence of a debate over reproductive rights, it doesn't mean it's not happening.

**Women in CanLit rise to the top and elevate literary arts and discussion on gender equality** by Jessica Rose  
2013 has been a big year for CanLit, specifically women in CanLit. Munro won the Nobel Prize in Literature, Coady won the Giller Prize, Catton won the Man Booker Prize and all got us talking!

**'An act of war': Armed RCMP officers carry out militant action against Mi'kmaq and Elsipogtog Nations** by Krystalline Kraus  
The powerful image of a woman with an eagle feather sitting in front of a line of armed RCMP officers encapsulates the Indigenous uprising.

**The Young and the Jobless: New CCPA report examines youth unemployment** by H.G. Watson  
Young people under the age of 24 who have long said that it's hard to find a job now have the proof to back their claims up.

**Harper created this mess by cynically appointing non-residents to the Senate** by Karl Nerenberg  
What was Stephen Harper thinking when he named Mike Duffy and Pamela Wallin to represent provinces in which they did not reside? These appointments were illegal and unconstitutional from the start.

**Canada Post is not on life support, it is being murdered** by Mike Palecek  
The private sector and Harper government are salivating at the prospect of getting their hands on the public post office network because of the money they could make with it.

**Top 10 list: How not to respond to Indigenous experiences of racism in Canada** by Michelle Reid  
A summary of these knee-jerk responses that are always trotted out by the masses when indigenous people describe their experiences of racism, and why you should not use them.

**A Tribe Called Red: Dropping beats, fighting against Aboriginal invisibility** by Sana Malik  
As the fastest growing demographic in Canada, it was only a matter of time Aboriginal influence would infuse urban culture.



# news contributors

(not including general contributors or bloggers)

Aaron James Mills  
Aaron Leonard  
Adam Kingsmith  
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# columns



**Staff:** Michelle Gregus, Managing Editor

In addition to original news stories, in-depth features, provocative interviews, commentaries and more, rabble publishes original [columns](#) from some of the few progressive voices in mainstream media (if we've missed anyone, let us know!) and reprints articles you wouldn't want to miss from other alternative publications.

There is at least one column published per day, with approximately five to six columns published each week.

In 2013 our columnists spoke out about a range of issues affecting Canadians, including Indigenous rights, austerity, abortion rights, climate change, Islamophobia, politics and much, much more.

[June Chua's regular monthly arts column](#) returned in 2013.

Retiree Matters [started a labour series](#) on the importance of unions, published in their monthly column.

The closing of *Straight Goods* brought the migration of new columns previously published on *Straight Goods*:

New column by [former SG publisher Ish Theilheimer](#)

New biweekly column by [ecologist Ole Hendrickson](#)

New monthly column by [Mehdi Rizvi](#)

Start of column by [polling expert Marc Zwelling](#)

We also picked up a new reprinted column by [environmental journalist Stephen Leahy](#) via *Straight Goods*.

In 2014, look for more progressive analysis from a variety of perspectives. We are in the process of launching at least two new original columns in 2014 and exploring possibilities for more reprints.

**2013 rabble original columnists:**

Duncan Cameron  
Elizabeth Littlejohn  
Ellen Russell  
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Ish Theilheimer  
Jerry West  
Jooneed Khan  
Joyce Arthur  
June Chua  
Marc Zwelling  
Matthew Behrens  
Mehdi Rizvi  
Monia Mazigh  
Murray Dobbin  
Ole Hendrickson  
Pro Bono  
Retiree Matters  
Thomas Ponniah  
Wayne MacPhail

**reprinted columns:**

Alice Klein  
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Jim Stanford  
Linda McQuaig  
Naomi Klein  
Ralph Surette  
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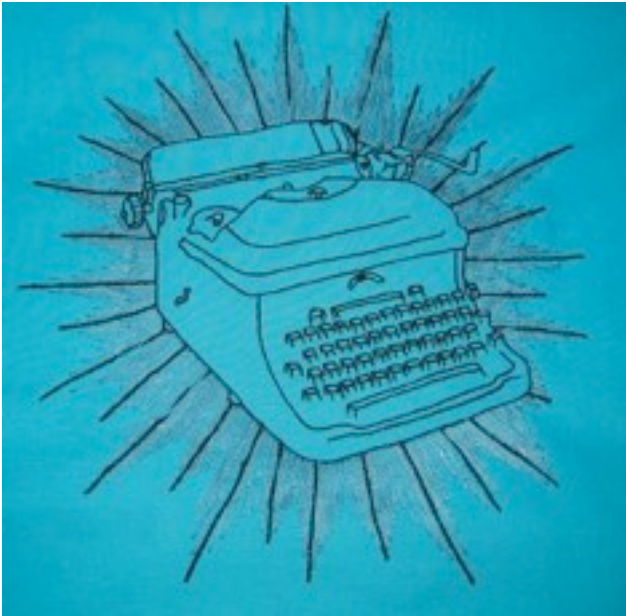
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## Columns that hold up



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## 2013 column highlights



### January

#### [Indigenous rights and the duty to consult](#)

In January, Frog Lake First Nation and Mikisew Cree First Nation launched judicial review cases in the Federal Court to challenge the passage of the now infamous federal government omnibus budget bills. In the Pro Bono legal column, Paula Boutis examined the concept of "duty to consult" as a powerful tool for First Nations and considered what it means for these cases and for Indigenous rights as a whole.

#### [Time for a paradigm revolution: Seeking an alternative to neoliberalism](#)

What is a persuasive, sustainable, socially just, employment-producing alternative to the neoliberal economic model? Thomas Ponniah says this is the key question of our generation and it's time to seriously contemplate it.

### February

#### [The 25th anniversary reader: Key readings on the Morgentaler decision and Canada's abortion rights struggle](#)

This year, Canada celebrated 25 years of no abortion law. To mark the occasion, Joyce Arthur put together a selection of key works describing the history of the pro-choice campaign, the role of Dr. Henry Morgentaler, the Supreme Court decision, the benefits of having no abortion law, and some personal stories.

### March

#### [Freedom of expression for federal librarians and archivists under attack](#)

Although federal public servants have always had a limited right to freedom of expression, certain employees have been subjected to increasingly strict policies which govern their behaviour. Priya Sarin looks at the increasing restrictions on freedom of expression for federal librarians and archivists under the Harper government.

#### [Embodying the transformation of Idle No More: In conversation with Leanne Simpson](#)

Naomi Klein spoke with writer, spoken-word artist and Indigenous academic Leanne Betasamosake Simpson about "extractivism," climate change and what's next for Idle No More.

#### [The ecstasy and the agony of Canadian pensions](#)

David Agnew put Canadian pensions and pension systems under the microscope, and asks: when will Canada catch up with the world by taking steps to bring the pension security of retired Canadians up to date?

### April

#### [The cluster bombs of Boston and drone strikes of Yemen](#)

In his analysis following the Boston Marathon bombing, Matthew Behrens argued that the suspects in the bombing were acting no differently than a General in the Pentagon when they detonated a crude version of weapons that are a regular part of many a military arsenal.

## May

### A number is never just a number: What price, austerity?

Trish Hennessy looked at the high price of austerity in Canada, noting that there will be an estimated \$11.8 billion in government spending cuts by 2014-15 due to the last three austerity budgets.

### Design for Democracy: Parks over planes, planes over people

Elizabeth Littlejohn asked why Porter, or any airline, is allowed to expand its operations over treasured public assets -- our parks and lakes -- when it is duplicating international flights already provided by Pearson Airport.

## June

### Reinventing progressive politics

The political "game" has been designed not to represent the needs of people or communities but to manage capitalism in the interests of the elites, writes Murray Dobbin, which is why it's time to change the system.

## July

### Alberta's floods and corporate power in an age of climate disaster

Linda McQuaig connects the extensive flooding in Alberta this past summer to a dramatic rise in corporate power in recent decades, and suggests that perhaps the only thing more stunning than Alberta's flooding has been the realization that not even a disaster of this magnitude seems sufficient to break the torpor surrounding climate change.

## August

### Artist probes surveillance and limits of privacy

June Chua looks at artist Kate McQuillen's work "Backscatter," which was triggered by stories she read in 2012 about the extent of the U.S. government's wiretapping program.

### Examining Harper's record and spotting a fake economic recovery

The numbers in Stephen Harper's economic record don't add up, says Duncan Cameron, but Harper does not expect Canadians to discover that job performance has been poor and that the economy is not improving, while the standard of living for most Canadians is declining.

## September

### Funny things keep happening on the way to the war on Syria

Jooneed Khan reflects on the war in Syria, noting that in the two-and-a-half years since the war began, funny things kept happening in global military unilateralism -- and they just keep on accumulating.

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JUNE CHUA

#### **Line in the Sand project dissects Northern Gateway pipeline**

Dec 18 2013 | With a small stash of funds, Tomas Borna and four friends hit the road -- gathering information, interviews and creating an interactive site called Line in the Sand.



IAN THIELMEIER

#### **Seen from the hinterlands: Moore's disdainful comments on child poverty earn Scrooge 2013 Award**

Dec 17 2013 | Industry Minister James Moore wins the Scrooge 2013 Award for Honesty by being frank about his, and presumably his party's, utter lack of social compassion.



DUNCAN CAMERON

#### **It does not have to be last call for Canada Post**

Dec 17 2013 | The announcement that Canada Post will be phasing out door-to-door mail delivery is a logical extension of the deregulation, privatization, free trade, public austerity and tax cuts agenda.



MURRAY DOBBIN

#### **Stephen Harper, Nelson Mandela and whitewashing the past**

Dec 16 2013 | Of all the hypocrisies revealed by Stephen Harper, perhaps none are so morally offensive as his sudden, solemn respect for Nelson Mandela.



## Taking Liberties

A monthly look  
at human rights  
violations  
committed in  
the name of  
"national  
security."

By  
**Matthew  
Behrens**

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### October

#### [Theatre of the Fiscally Absurd: Auditions now open to run government finances](#)

For Ellen Russell, the throne speech was just one more glamorous soliloquy to remind us who to credit when the hero triumphs just in time to enhance the Conservatives' fortunes in the next election.

#### [Islamophobia or anti-Muslim sentiment? Uncovering the roots of anti-Muslim discourse](#)

Monia Mazigh writes that the debate around the veil or the burqa is not the real culprit behind the sharp rise in anti-Muslim sentiment; it is just the symptom of a tense climate poisoned by an industry that's not easily identifiable.

### November

#### [Free trade with Europe in GM crops: A CETA deal-breaker?](#)

Ole Hendrickson looks at a potentially serious obstacle to completing the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union that has received limited attention: genetically modified (GM) crops.

#### [Seen from the hinterlands: Left could grasp defeat from jaws of victory in Ford debacle](#)

The Rob Ford debacle may be humiliating for most Canadians and Torontonians, writes Ish Theilheimer, but it also shows clearly how the Right manages to triumph frequently in the face of reason.

### December

#### [Why the wealthy are not like us: Capital gains, wealth and income distribution](#)

Jim Stanford looks at wealth distribution and observes that if there was ever a reason for revolution in the streets, it should be the fact that wealthy Canadians pay tax on only half of the income they derive from flipping stocks, bonds and real estate.

# netted news/newswire

In the interest of connecting to and supporting independent media across Canada and the world, *rabble.ca*'s netted news is featured above the fold our homepage, and brings RSS feeds from:

*Operation Maple, Two Row Times, Toronto Media Coop, The Socialist Project, The Dominion Magazine, Presse-toi à Gauche, Canadian Dimension, Briarpatch, The Tyee, The Bullet, Alternet, This Magazine, The New Internationalist, The Vancouver Observer and The Electronic Intifada.*

*rabble.ca* also offers a newswire on our front page with feeds from *CBC* and *Al Jazeera*.

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- Are European tax havens getting illegal state subsidies?
- The Bullet: The UAW at Volkswagen: Workers, Unions and the Left
- The Top Five Things You Need to Know About Email Scandal Enveloping Gov. Scott Walker
- Russia Feels Double-Crossed over Ukraine – But What Will Putin Do?
- News Quiz on Some Shocking Events of the Week – What Do You Know?
- Is Sex in Cinema Getting Too Real?
- Exxon CEO Joins Anti-Fracking Lawsuit After Drilling Threatens His Property Value
- What a Victory: How a \$40 Million Attack on the Middle Class Went Up in Smoke
- 6 Signs of Psychosis From GOP Fringe This Week
- Robert Reich: WhatsApp Is Everything Wrong with the U.S. Economy
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Newswire: Top Headlines Elsewhere

Egypt's government resigns

Uganda politicians celebrate passing of anti-gay laws

Pakistan Taliban commander killed by gunmen

New evidence delays coroner's ruling on death of soldier who said she was raped

Ugandan president signs anti-gay bill

Russian court sentences anti-Putin protesters

Phishing scam emails, texts on the rise, surveys show

Malala Yousafzai backs campaign against FGM

Pentagon to propose shrinking US Army

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# in cahoots

Share your news with the world on *rabble.ca*! in cahoots is our readers' direct link to stories from civil society partners. From the top of rabble's front page, we link directly to social movement groups with news events and urgent issues. in cahoots membership is charged on a sliding scale designed to match an organization's ability to pay.

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[Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women](#)  
[Council of Canadians](#)  
[Friends of Toronto Waterfront Birds](#)  
[InterPares](#)  
[National Farmers Union](#)  
[Ontario Health Coalition](#)  
[United Food and Commercial Workers](#)

## Sustaining Partners 2013:

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[Council of Canadians](#)  
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**NOT REX** **Not Rex: Free Nelson Mandela. Again.** Dec 12

2013 | by Humberto DaSilva | The hypocritical words of Stephen Harper and other former "pro-apartheid" politicians are disgraceful. If one really wants to honour Mandela, engage in the same human rights struggles he did.



**BEST-OF-THE-NET** **Conservative Senator Hugh Segal on**

**why unions are important** Dec 10 2013 | by rabble staff |

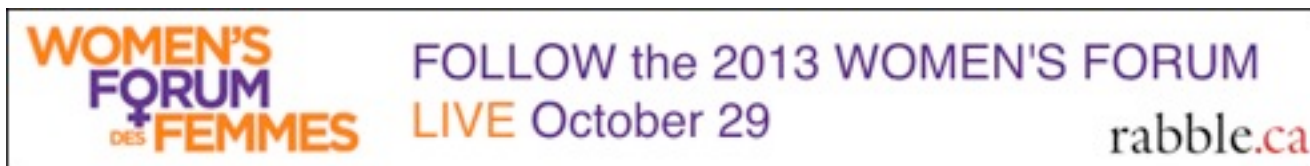
Conservative Senator Hugh Segal spoke to the Unifor Ontario Region Council Dec. 7, 2013.



**BEST-OF-THE-NET** **Nelson Mandela's 1994 inauguration**

**speech** Dec 5 2013 | by rabble staff | Nelson Mandela has died at the age of 95. He was South Africa's first democratically elected and first black president. Watch his inauguration speech here.

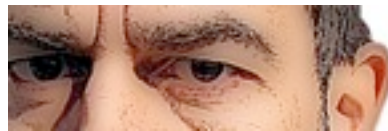
# rabbletv LIVESTREAM highlights



2013 events lives events by *rabble.ca* included:

- Pros/Cons alternative summit -- Streamed live from Calgary. The alternative summit to the Conservative Convention featured speakers from a range of provincial and national speakers about a different vision from the one being shared at this weekend's Conservative convention: one that focuses on progressive policies for people and the planet
- The Women's Forum 2013 -- Live-blogged and podcasted in October from Ottawa. Back for a second year, the 2013 Women's Forum, hosted by MP Niki Ashton, is a unique gathering bringing women from across the country together
- **PSAC rally: Attacks on collective bargaining are attacks on equality** -- Streamed live from Toronto in November, the Public Service Alliance of Canada will rallied against the federal government's proposed changes to collective bargaining, health and safety and human rights
- Violence No More -- Streamed live from Toronto in April, this event was part of a day of programming and the third installment of The Silence is broken: Now What?
- Interpares 2013 Speaker's Series - Developing Justice: Natural Resources and Fair Economies -- Streamed from Ottawa in April

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Meet Humberto DaSilva  
killer commentary rabbletv



Since 2010 Humberto “Not Rex Murphy” DaSilva has been providing popular video commentary on the issues of the day exclusively for [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca). There were 13 Not Rex videos in 2013. Highlights included: [Black Megantic](#), [Joe Bangladesh](#), [The Canadian Caper](#)

Humberto also produced two news videos: [Porter Blockade](#), [The Coca Cola Strike Secondary pickets “Coke Blows.”](#)



# indie **inside**

Featuring music videos from Canadian independent bands, you can find [indie inside](#) at rabbletv. indie inside had six features in 2013.

**Staff:** Tania Ehret, indie inside coordinator



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# blogs

**FEATURED BLOGS**

**Remembering the Montreal Massacre on campus: Problems and possibilities in 2013** | DEC 6 2013 | Christina Turner | Today is December 6, the 24th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Given that the massacre took place on a college campus, the day commemorating the murder of 14 women at Montreal's École Polytechnique has particular significance for postsecondary institutions in Canada. Every year, December 6 is recognized at schools across the country and the murdered women remembered with candlelight vigils, film screenings and discussions.

**On 'gendered violence' and remembering the Montreal Massacre** | DEC 6 2013 | Meghan Murphy | Today is December 6. Twenty four years ago, 14 women were murdered at École Polytechnique in Montreal by a man who shouted: "You're all a bunch of feminists, and I hate feminists!" Today is also the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Though some have been commenting on "gendered violence" or "gender-based violence" today, I prefer a more specific description. This is about male violence against women.

**Grassroots organizing pays off for Ontario workers** | DEC 5 2013 | Sheila Dock | The power of grassroots organizing was demonstrated yesterday when the Ontario government announced improved protection for marginalized workers. The proposed changes to the Employment Standards Act (ESA) will make it easier for workers to access their rights when they have been violated, and will make it harder for employers to exploit these workers. The changes will also provide greater protection for migrant workers in Ontario. The Workers' Action Centre and Migrant Workers' Alliance for Change have worked tirelessly to bring these legislative changes about.

**Construction site blockades: Direct action by Rising Tide Toronto opposing the reversal of Line 9** | DEC 5 2013 | Mark Cadavere | In Toronto yesterday, five people locked themselves to construction equipment being used on an Etobicoke st

**MOST RECENT POSTS**

**Who gets muzzled next by unconstitutional Redford Government laws? Environmentalists?** | DEC 6 2013 | David J. Climenhaga | Legislation like Alberta's 93b 45 and 46 are part of a broader pattern throughout the increasingly undemocratic industrialized West to criminalize dissent of any kind.

**Grading Canada's economic recovery: The truth about job creation and unemployment in Canada** | DEC 6 2013 | Kaye Hall | While Canada's record in raw job creation is not bad, job creation alone is a misleading measure of the overall health of Canada's job market.

**Mandela and anti-colonial struggles** | DEC 6 2013 | Jesse Pillanen | While most are mourning a freedom fighter and symbol of international solidarity, others are using his death to hide the history of anti-colonial struggles.

**Canada at a crossroads: Indigenous rights to resources** | DEC 6 2013 | Daniel Wilson | In this blog, Daniel Wilson considers whether 2013 marks a crossroads for the respect of Indigenous rights over natural resources in Canada.

**rabble.ca's weekly blog roundup!** | DEC 6

Managing Editor Geoffrey Stevens -- the inaugural post of whom, was titled ["In Defence of Nigel Wright"](#).

Elsewhere in the Canadian political scene, Christopher Majka landed [a comprehensive and candid interview with NDP Federal Leader Thomas Mulcair](#). Gerry Caplan provided weekly analysis on Ottawa's shenanigans.

We also expanded our feminist blogroll, adding music and pop culture critic Andrea Jackson and queer feminist writer Laura Brightwell to our more established coterie including the prolific Meghan Murphy, curator of "Feminist Current", and Nora Loreto, who delivered dozens of blog posts, a monograph on young workers in the labour movement and one set of fraternal twins in 2013.

We are proud to add Métis artist, educator and author Aaron Paquette to our slate of Aboriginal bloggers. Mi'kmaw lawyer and professor Pamela Palmater, Mi'kmaq human rights expert Daniel Wilson and Métis/Plains Cree education activist and writer âpihtawikosisân documented the [250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763](#), the return of Idle No More and, notably, [the brave resistance of the Elsipogtog Mik'maq nation in New Brunswick](#).

Seasoned author, editor and Canadian feminist legend Penney Kome was [on the floor of the 2013 Conservative National Convention in Calgary for rabble.ca](#), earning our first ever press credentials from the CPC. David Climenhaga, one of the lone chinks in Alberta's armour of conservatism, also covered the Conservative convention, continuing his unyielding campaign against the Wild Rose-tinted glasses of his province.

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**Intern:** Christina Turner

The *rabble.ca* blogs section is arguably the most vibrant on the site, with over 2400 blog posts published in 2013. Our network of almost 100 bloggers are able to respond immediately to breaking news and provide analysis to the day's most poignant conversations.

We added over 25 new blogs in 2013, including famed economist Mel Watkins, journalism professor John Miller and our first ever Red Tory, former *Macleans*

We were joined by DeSmog Canada founder and former Greenpeace U.S.A strategic director Kevin Grandia. Independent journalist and environmental activist Emma Pullman published a brilliant series on the Tar Sands Healing Walk, breaking the story of the [Cold Lake oil spill](#). Roger Annis was relentless in his coverage of oil-by-train derailments, including, tragically, Lac Mégantic. With David Suzuki and Federal Green Party leader Elizabeth May longtime *rabble.ca* contributors, our environmentally minded bloggers have never been stronger.

Our arts & culture blogs offer a keen tonic to the lacquered, Hollywood-obsessed daze of mainstream entertainment coverage. Holly Adams offers advice to independent artists, Cathy Bond to independent writers. Former Blue Rodeo member Bob Wiseman documents great Canadian leftist songwriters from [Kathleen Yearwood](#) to [Joni Mitchell](#) while Michael Stewart takes on [Don Cherry and the CBC](#) when he's not philosophizing over a [McDonald's McRib Sandwich](#).

Our blog section also serves to distribute the research and analysis of like-minded organizations, including the British Columbia, Manitoba and National bureaux of the Canadian Centre of Policy Alternatives (CCPA), the Progressive Economics Forum and the Council of Canadians.

Our "Campus Notes" blog, in part curated by blogs and books intern Christina Turner in 2013, both assembles the best student writing from Canadian universities across the country and sources original articles on key stories from students, faculty and stakeholders. Stories on academic labour, gender representation on campus ([paging David Gilmour](#)) and [ongoing cuts to education](#) make this multi-author blog one of *rabble.ca*'s most exciting.

While the rest of the country was seduced by the sheer spectacle and audacity of the never-ending Rob Ford scandal, it was our bloggers who provided the most astute analysis. Jesse McLaren linked Fordlandia's horrorshow with [neoliberal austerity politics](#) while Michael Laxer argued that Ford's antics [betrayed right-wing hypocrisy](#) (and the mainstream's complicity) over addiction and working-class representation.

Our annual "Earth Week Vegan Challenge," a multi-author series highlighting the politics of our nutritional choices, was joined this year by books coordinator and news coordinator Kaitlin McNabb's fabulous "Eat Local!" series, asking contributors to share their tips and experiences with maintaining a locally sourced diet.

The stellar "Activist Communiqué" blog deserves special mention, *rabble.ca*'s source for grassroots activism penned by the indefatigable Krystalline Kraus. The mainstream media can't report on the work Krystalline makes public, let alone won't -- they simply don't have their ears to the ground the way we do.

You can find our bloggers across the country and they continue to be the best sources for local progressive news -- with writers in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Toronto, Quebec City, Halifax, Whitehorse and Yellowknife, to name a few. Our bloggers' geographical diversity means that *rabble.ca* is primed to take on Stephen Harper and Big Media anywhere in Canada during the lead-up to next year's Federal Election.

# Select rabble **blog** highlights:

Erika Shaker (Behind the Numbers)

[Canadians aren't buying the banksplaining about the Temporary Foreign Worker Program](#), April 16

David P. Ball

[Judy Rebick: Henry Morgentaler was a 'lightning-rod for the women's movement'](#), May 30

Gerry Caplan

[The world will be poorer without Nelson Mandela](#), June 17

Toby Sanger (Progressive Economics)

[Twelve reasons why union-busting Bill C-377 is the worst](#), June 24

Franke James (bound but not gagged)

[Are you on Harper's Enemy List?](#), July 27

Nora Loreto

[Scoring political points with Québec's secularism charter](#), September 10

Meghan Murphy

[My abuser called himself a feminist](#), October 10

Âpihtawikosisân (Chelsea Vowel)

[Everything you need to know about Elsipogtog](#), November 5

Eva Bartlett

[Suffering, tragedy, joy and hope: Observations from occupied Palestine, part 1](#), November 5

Syed Hussan

[Life and Death: Waljis, Migrant Strike and Political Will](#), November 19

Eric Girard (Campus Notes)

[If you're poor, don't come to law school](#), December 3

Mike Palacek (The Views Expressed)

[Canada Post is not on life support, it is being murdered](#), December 17

# rabble bloggers

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Andrew Brett  
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Eva Bartlett In Gaza  
Feminist Current  
Film Festivals in Toronto (FFIT)  
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Fred Wilson  
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Global Exchange  
Graeme Stewart  
Hadani Ditmars  
Haiti-Canada  
Healthy Skepticism  
Hello Cool World  
Hill Dispatches  
How they play the game  
Ian Capstick  
Independent Jewish Voices  
Indigenous Nationhood  
James Laxer  
Jennifer Prosser  
Jerry Dias  
Jessica Bell  
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John Bonnar's  
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Left Hook  
Letters to Ryan Leef  
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Maude Barlow  
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Mel Watkins  
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Michel Lambert  
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Nathan Cullen  
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# Karl Nerenberg

## rabble's reporter on the Hill

People looking for Parliamentary news know that rabble has the scoop. Through crowdfunding on *rabble.ca* and through Indiegogo, *rabble.ca* raised funds to have award-winning journalist and filmmaker Karl Nerenberg cover the Hill for the rest of us.

Karl posts his "Hill Dispatches" several times a week and his work [can be found in the Politics in Canada section of rabble](#). You can read about who has [blocked progress on First Nations issues](#), how Harper's Senate appointments [were unconstitutional](#), how the government [demonizes the environment](#) and much more.



### Why has the Official Opposition not gained the respect it should have earned?

Jun 25 2013 | by Karl Nerenberg | Virtually everybody who watches Parliament regularly says NDP leader Tom Mulcair has done a masterful job of interrogating the Harper government.



### Harper's mortal sins hidden by all the attention to the venial kind

Jun 19 2013 | by Karl Nerenberg | The list of the Harper government's mortal sins is long, and it includes sins against democracy itself.



### Harper's policy on vulnerable refugees is wildly inconsistent -- and cruel

Jun 18 2013 | by Karl Nerenberg | From Syria to Sri Lanka, the Harper government has turned a blind eye to the suffering of refugees. Now it's even cutting health care for those who manage to reach Canada.



### Harper loses his best hope for a Conservative MP from Montreal

Jun 17 2013 | by Karl Nerenberg | The Conservatives only snared a second place finish in one Montreal and area riding: the riding of Mount Royal. Their candidate was Saulie Zajdel, who was arrested on Monday.



### How jazz explains Harper's tone deaf damage control

Jun 12 2013 | by Karl Nerenberg | The fact is, though, that the Conservative strategy these days is to quite deliberately obscure the underlying melody, and try to play out the clock.



### Why Harper's secret million dollar fund is a matter of real concern

Jun 7 2013 | by Karl Nerenberg | The public has very little way of knowing what Nigel Wright, as the Prime Minister's Chief of staff, did

**Karl Nerenberg**  
@KarlNerenberg 2 Jul

Jazz as tight pop inevitably loses the magical marriage of spontaneity and structure that is so particular to jazz.  
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There are now two parties seeking to overturn a Government that a growing number fear is antipathetic to

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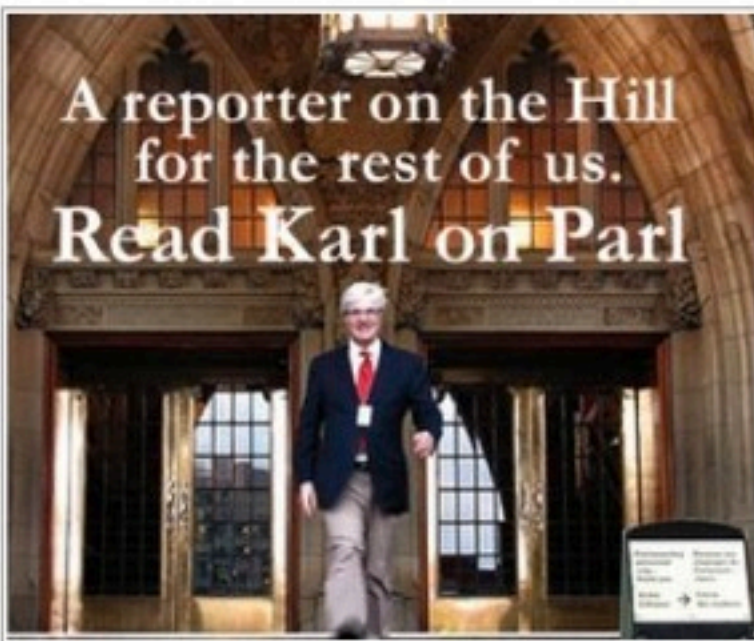
When Karl isn't writing for rabble, he somehow also finds time to make important films. In 2013 Karl won the Canadian Ethnic Media Association Award for Best Television Documentary. Congratulations Karl!

## Karl Nerenberg, our reporter on the Hill, wins documentary prize

BY RABBLE STAFF | JUNE 28, 2013

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*"Karl Nerenberg has emerged as one of the real bright thinkers on Ottawa politics. You won't read this analysis in the mainstream media." - MP Charlie Angus*

The first reporter we asked you, the rabble readers, to support was Karl Nerenberg. We promised Karl would deliver news from Parliament Hill for the rest of us, giving you the stories and analysis that you won't find elsewhere. *rabble.ca* readers along with the Canadian

Union of Public Employees and the Ontario Nurses Union came through with funding support and Karl has been delivering great stuff ever since.

Karl's extensive reporting includes coverage of the issues and challenges facing the Roma people, including **hostility from the Canadian government and media**.

Readers may not know that outside of his work at rabble Karl is a filmmaker. We are pleased to report that Karl recently won the **Canadian Ethnic Media Association Award for Best Television Documentary** (2013) for *Never Come Back*, a film exploring the persecution of the Roma people in Eastern Europe and their struggles to be accepted as refugees in Canada.

# rabble podcast network

The rabble podcast network is a growing collection of Canadian podcasts which offer an alternative take on politics, entertainment, society, stories, community and life in general.

The screenshot displays the rabble podcast network website. On the left, the 'rpn' logo is accompanied by a description: 'The rabble podcast network is a growing collection of Canadian podcasts which offer an alternative take on politics, entertainment, society, stories, community and life in general. read more...'. Below this is a 'What's a podcast?' icon and a list of 'RPN CHANNELS' including Current Affairs, Documentary, Health, Political Commentary, Social Justice, Storytelling, Web and Life, Arts & Culture, Environment, Music, and Archived. A 'FAST PODCASTS' section is also visible. The main content area features three featured podcasts: 'Talking Radical Radio' with a segment on two-spirit indigenous women, 'John Bonnar Audio Blog' discussing federal legislation on children's education, and 'Redeye' discussing B.C.'s natural gas strategy. Each entry includes a date, a brief description, and download/subscribe links. On the right, a 'PODCASTS' sidebar lists various other podcasts such as Alert! Radio from Canadian Dimension, Alternatives Podcast, Asia Pacific Currents, Aw@!, Citizen Science, Constructing change: the activist toolkit, F Word, Face2Face, Feminist Current, Film Festivals in Toronto, John Bonnar Audio Blog, Living On Purpose, Migrant Matters, Needs No Introduction, Progressive Voices, Redeye, rabble radio, and radio book lounge.

The rabble podcast network expanded its reach with new podcasts from Canada's coastal cities: "Habitat" based in Halifax, and "Democracy North," a podcast produced from the W2 space in Vancouver by David P. Ball.


This year the rabble podcasters produced over 600 podcasts on progressive issues from breaking coverage of Idle No More, to coverage of Toronto Film Festivals, to veganism in professional hockey.

The rabble podcast network continues to be a destination for producers and listeners alike. It provides a venue for the progressive journalists and audio producers who bring their audio artistry to *rabble.ca* whenever they can.

RPN interns continue to work in audio production after leaving us -- Leif Larsen who was an rpn intern last year has been working steadily at CBC Winnipeg since he left the rpn.

Special projects in 2013 included the revitalization of the Lynn Williams activist toolkit podcast produced by Steff Pinch and Meghan Senese, "Rad Voices", along with a regional specialty podcast produced by Matt Adams and intern Lindsay Presswell -- "Film Festivals in Toronto." We also collaborated with Vancouver's Chinatown Night Market and included a documentary about Canada's only outdoor night market in the rpn's flagship podcast, "rabble radio."

**CONSTRUCTING CHANGE: THE ACTIVIST TOOLKIT**




## Rad Voices: Lori Kufner, harm reduction activist

BY STEFFANIE PINCH | NOVEMBER 20, 2013

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**Rad Voices**

**Album:** Rad Voices  
**Genre:** Other  
**Length:** 15:11 minutes (20.87 MB)  
**Format:** 44.1kHz, 192Kbps



Lynn Williams  
**activist toolkit**  
on rabble.ca

Rad Voices is a monthly series on Constructing Change: The Podcast of the Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit funded by a CKLN-FM legacy grant. It's a space where radicals can talk about their own experiences with activism, organizing and challenges in their movements. This series tries to appreciate radical grassroots activists working towards change in different ways.

If you know someone rad working in your community who you think should be interviewed for this series, please email [steff@rabble.ca](mailto:steff@rabble.ca).

Lori Kufner is the project coordinator at **the TRIPP project**, a Toronto based peer-driven harm reduction group. Started in 1995 by partiers for partiers, TRIPP empowers youth to support and educate their peers in a non-judgemental way. Lori is a co-founder of **NewMindSpace** a group that reclaims often privatized or corporatized space through wacky free events. She has organized annual events involving thousands of people, practiced around the world.

# the popular vote

Particularly popular podcast episodes of 2013:

## **Talking Radical Radio**

Getting Women's Studies into Ontario high schools: A grassroots feminist victory

## **The F Word**

The objectification and sexualization of breasts

## **Feminist Current**

Lierre Keith on One Billion Rising and creating a culture of resistance

## **John Bonnar Audio Blog**

Canadian mining company confronted with fierce opposition over Greece projects

## **Needs No Introduction**

2013 B.C. election: The missing news

## **Needs No Introduction**

Chris Hedges on Days of Destruction, Days of Revolt

## **Progressive Voices**

Dear Hamilton Slutwalk Organizers

## **Talking Radical Radio**

Towards a new model for worker organizing: The Immigrant Workers Centre in Montreal

## **Feminist Current**

Collective Shout and Talitha Stone take on the virulent misogyny of Tyler, the Creator

## **Feminist Current**

Street harassment, men's rights activists and hate speech: An interview with Michael Laxer

## **John Bonnar Audio Blog**

Several hundred Toronto activists march in solidarity for elephants

Pigs suffer horrific injuries during extreme cold weather in Toronto

## **Talking Radical Radio**

Two-spirit indigenous women getting organized in Edmonton

## **Redeye**

Leaks confirm fears about Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement

## **Democracy North**

DEMOCRACY NORTH: Jan 18 -- CSIS watchdog's Enbridge job -- Battered women on trial -- Canada Post cuts

# rabble podcast network

**Staff:**

Meagan Perry, Executive Producer, rabble podcast network  
Meghan Murphy, interim Producer, rabble podcast network  
Matthew Adams, Producer, rabble radio

**Intern:** Tanya Hill

rpn hosts 24 podcasts produced by over 50 podcasters. Below are the podcasts and the regular podcasters from 2013:

**Podcasters:**

Aiyanas Ormond  
Alert Radio: Michael Welch, Mitch Podolak  
Andrew Wong  
Asia Pacific Currents Collective  
Cathi Bond  
Dan Kellar  
David Peck  
Democracy North Collective: David P. Ball, Derrick O'keefe, Jane Bouey, Irwin Oostindie  
Dispatch Collective: Ian Hussey, Kyle Dupont  
Emily Slofstra  
Erica Butler  
F-Word Collective: Nicole Deagan, Ellie Gordon-Moerschel  
Heather Yundt  
Helen Caldicott  
Ian Hussey  
Irwin Oostindie  
Jasmin Williams  
Jennifer Efting  
Jiselle Hanna  
John Bonnar  
Lynn Thompson  
Mark Brooks  
MaryCarl Guiao  
Matthew Adams  
Meghan Senese  
Meagan Perry  
Meghan Murphy  
No One Is Illegal Collective: Robyn Maynard, Jaggi Singh  
Redeye Collective: Jane Williams, Manuel Schulte, Mordecai Briemberg, Peter Driftmier  
Piergiorgio Moro  
Riaz Sayani-Mulji  
Stephanie Pinch

**PODCASTS**

*Africafiles: The Pulse*  
*Alert! Radio from Canadian Dimension*  
*Alternatives Podcast*  
*Asia Pacific Currents*  
*Aw@l*  
*Citizen Science*  
*Constructing Change – activist toolkit*  
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*Migrant Matters*  
*Needs No Introduction*  
*No One Is Illegal*  
*People's Health Radio*  
*Progressive Voices*  
*radio book lounge*  
*rabble radio*  
*Redeye*  
*Talking Radical Radio*  
*Watch me: movie reviews with Cathi Bond*  
(see Appendix A for more)

# rabble news comes to you!



For years rabble has been bringing news to people where they are. We have a weekly e-newsletter, a daily general e-newsletter and this year we introduced five themed-based weekly e-newsletters: politics in Canada, labour, arts & culture, environment and Indigenous issues. You can sign up to them and manage your subscriptions here: <http://goto.rabble.ca/ps?sid=l:16i>

We also have a [Twitter](#) feed with over 22,000 followers, a [Facebook](#) page and [group](#) with more than 11,000 fans/members between them. You can also find us on Google Plus, as well as a [YouTube](#) channel, a [Livestream](#) and [Vimeo](#) channel and a [Flickr](#) page.

rabble is also a newsfeed source around the web and we have an RSS feed that can be found on newsreaders. [Subscribe right now!](#)

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In 2010, with the technical know-how of Spread.Inc, we launched an iPhone/iPad app [which can be downloaded here](#).

And don't forget, you can also download our award winning [Best of rabble.ca](#) multimedia edition.



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# We got **issues**



You think you've got issues? Well, check out ours. Issues at [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca) highlights the hot topics you want more of and brings together some of the best content and resources on the issues that matter most. Issue pages are more than "browse by topic" navigation. They draw together all rabble content on a particular topic, as well as curated content from other sources. They are your one stop shop for a source of for news, analysis and resources on the issues that you want to be on top of.

Our [issue](#) pages continue to be popular on rabble.

These pages are theme-based aggregates of rabble columns, blogs, videos, discussion threads and podcasts, as well as news links and feeds from other news sources on specific issues. issue pages are a "one-stop-shop" for visitors to follow the news on an important issue, as well as to contribute content via discussions, photos and more.

Each page is also RSS capable so readers can subscribe to a feed on a theme of their choice. rabble can also create specialty pages with similar news aggregation features.

In 2013 we had 18 issue pages revamped by news coordinator Kaitlin McNabb. Watch for more to come in 2014!



# the **book** lounge

The rabble book lounge continued to develop and expand as a dynamic and multifaceted platform this year.

We continued our ever-present focus on Canadian authors and publishers in our book reviews section, seeking out the best from independent outlets and writers here at home as well as highlighting other fantastic work coming out of international presses. Book reviewers this year completely outdid themselves with in depth critiques of both personal experience and political awareness.

The books blog, “bound but not gagged,” continued to produce provocative posts ranging from David Gilmour's [sexist comments](#) to the [renoviction](#) of Spartacus Books to the results of CWILA's [annual book review](#) count. We also highlighted some of the great wins in the CanLit column: Alice Munro's [Nobel Prize win](#), David Austin's [groundbreaking book](#) *Fear of a Black Nation* and Lynn Coady's Giller prize win for *Hellgoing*.

Our babble book club continues to hum along in the babble book lounge with an increasing number of members participating in babble discussions. A few authors stopped by the book lounge to discuss their books with some of our participants including [Richard Van Camp](#) and [Pasha Malla](#).

A few changes were afoot in the book lounge as well! We welcomed former intern Kaitlin McNabb as our new books coordinator in May, the books landing page and descriptions received a facelift and at the end of the year new intern Christina Turner signed on as the blogs and books intern.

## Staff:

Kaitlin McNabb (May 2013 to present)

Derrick O'Keefe  
(January to May 2013)

## Intern:

Christina Turner

## 2013 Reviewers:

Aaron Leonard

Al Engler

Augusta Dwyer

Claudio D'Andrea

Cathi Bond

Dr. Theresa Turmel

Greg Macdougall

Harsha Walia

Haseena Manek

Jeff Miller

Jessica Rose

Joan Baxter

Joel Harden

Judy Rebick

Kathleen Yamazaki

Meghan Murphy

Muna Mire

Nathanial G. Moore

Niranjana Iyer

Ramona Wadi

Steffanie Pinch

Yutaka Dirks

Come on in, sit down and relax with a good **book lounge**— Read rigorous reviews, find fabulous events, drop by our online book club, listen to book themed podcasts and more!


# the **book** lounge

BOUND BUT NOT GAGGED [www.rabble.ca/lounge](http://www.rabble.ca/lounge)




## Highlights of 2013's [rabble book lounge](#) reviews:

### the **book** lounge




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In the [rabble.ca](#) book lounge you can find a great book review, a book club you can go to in your pyjamas, and much more. [Learn more](#)

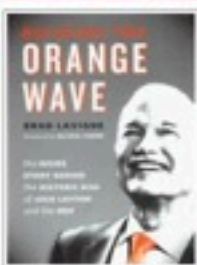


**TOP 5 INDIE BESTSELLERS**




September 19, 2013  
**The Paper Hound**  
The Paper Hound is the newest addition to Vancouver's Book Row on West Pender Street. An eclectic and well-appointed array

**FEATURED BOOK REVIEW**




**POLITICS**  
**Beyond Politics? The Origins (and Future) of the NDP's Orange Wave** | DEC 5 2013 | Joel Harden | 'Building the Orange Wave' recounts the history of the NDP and their rise to Official Opposition. Joel Harden ponders the difference between that NDP and the present NDP and if the wave has collapsed?


**RECENTLY REVIEWED**



**ANTI-OPPRESSION**  
**'Undoing Border Imperialism' contextualizes urgency of migrant justice issue** | NOV 28 2013 | Niranjana Iyer | Activist Harsha Walia writes on border imperialism drawing her critique from an anti-oppressive framework and stating that borders are an unfair global capitalist system causing global displacement.



**BLACK HISTORY**  
**'Fear of a Black Nation' pulls Black voices out of Canadian historical erasure** | NOV 21 2013 | Muna Mire | 'Fear of a Black Nation' documents an impressive amount of history about how race operates in modern North America and the actions of the Canadian Black Power movement.



**POLITICS**  
**'Svend Robinson: A Life in Politics' reflects on a brilliant activist and a courageous politician** | NOV 14 2013 | Judy Rebick | Judy Rebick reflects on the new book 'Svend Robinson: A Life in Politics' and her political and personal relationship with former MP Svend

**BABBLE BOOK LOUNGE**

**babble book club reading "reader's choice" selections of Alice Munro**

**Canada Reads: Is anyone here actually watching?**

**Three new short stories by J.D. Salinger**

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**BOOK IT! EVENTS**

Ottawa  
Dec 8 2013 - 11:00am  
**Reading group: The Temptation of Morality in Freud, Lacan, and Nietzsche**

Ottawa  
Dec 12 2013 - 7:00pm  
**Book launch: Public Sector Unions in the Age of Austerity**

Toronto  
Dec 14 2013 - 6:00pm  
**Book Launch: Who's Afraid of the Black Blocs? Anarchy in Action Around the World**

Toronto  
Dec 14 2013 - 7:00pm  
**GTWA Coffeehouse: Luxemburg, Lenin, Levi: Rethinking Revolutionary**

Toronto  
Jan 29 2014 - 6:30pm  
**The Kama Reading Series Presents: Feminist Writing and Living**

['Undoing Border Imperialism' contextualizes urgency of migrant justice issue](#) by Niranjana Iyer

Why it's great: Reviewer Niranjana Iyer carefully dissected Harsha Walia's magnum opus on migrant justice and border policies to make the heavy theory accessible and contextualized some of the activism present in No One is Illegal. Iyer's mix of opinion, humour and statistics makes this read exceptional.

['Everything Is So Political' interprets 'What is political?' into a diverse and memorable marriage of art and politics](#) by Jessica Rose

Why it's great: Reviewer Jessica Rose considered the complex question "what is political" throughout this review and, spoiler alert, determined that everything is so political. Rose leaned on her CanLit credentials when discussing the strengths of each story and ultimately decided it is those stories that seem the simplest that ultimately shine through.

Beyond Politics? The origins (and future) of the NDP's Orange Wave by Joel Harden

Why it's great: Reviewer Joel Harden pulled no punches as he took a deep, personal look at the NDP past and present. Harden recounted the NDP history presented by Brad Lavigne, Jack Layton's rise to Leader of the Official Opposition and pondered what the future of the NDP is given all the recent disappointments.

'Fear of a Black Nation' pulls Black voices out of Canadian historical erasure by Muna Mire

Why it's great: Reviewer Muna Mire poured her heart into this review connecting hyper-academic theory and Canadian history with shrewd observation. The review is more than a book review -- it is an incredible in depth (and at times complex) critique of the representation of the Black Power movement in Canada.

You can do it! 'Stay Solid!' lays the groundwork for the next generation of radical youth by Steff Pinch

Why it's great: rabble's activist toolkit coordinator Steff Pinch brought her expertise and excitement for youth activism to this review and weighed out the good with the potential missteps. Pinch commended the diversity of opinion, topic and writing style and championed this book as a great tool for activist in your life, regardless of age.

Why '1996' is one of the most important Canlit books of 2013 by Nathaniel G. Moore

Why it's great: Reviewer Nathaniel G. Moore set out to accomplish the task of redefining Canadian poetry's reputation from inaccessible prose to accessible writing, and boy did he succeed. Moore used '1996' as the stepping stone for Canada's new style poetry, and reflected on how the evolution of emotion developed.

Decolonizing mind and soul: 'They Called Me Number One' is a powerful read about residential schools and systemic racism' by Dr. Theresa Turmel

Why it's great: Reviewer Dr. Theresa Turmel used her vast experience working with residential school survivors to provide the inspiring foundation to this review. Turmel's analysis is spot on and finds the balance between discussing the book and describing personal experiences.

'Army of Lovers' embodies community spirit of a Toronto queer icon by Jeff Miller


Why it's great: Reviewer Jeff Miller was a former friend of the late Toronto queer artist Will Munro and wrote this review with two perspectives: a discussion of the importance of Munro, the artist and his contributions, and a remembrance of his friend, a passionate and inspiring person.

'Svend Robinson: A Life in Politics' reflects on a brilliant activist and a courageous politician by Judy Rebick

Why it's great: Founding rabble publisher Judy Rebick stepped up, big time, to write about her personal and political relationship with Svend Robinson. The results were enlightening: a portrait of a complex man and politician, and ultimately an ode to that passion and commitment that, at times, is sorely lacking in Canada's political scene.

'Wielding the Force' establishes the interconnection between science and social movement theory by Harsha Walia











Why it's great: Reviewer Harsha Walia shared her personal experiences with activism, particularly with the ideas of emergence theory and the need for self care. Walia commended the book for reclamation of the word science and emphasis on healthy movements being built on a paradigm of relationality.



babble is rabble.ca's discussion board but it's much more than that: it's an online community for folks who just won't shut up. It's a place to tell each other — and the world — what's up with our work and campaigns.

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Forum	Topics	Posts	Last post
first stop			
 <b>introductions</b> Where we get to know the newbies, and they get to know us. Non-newbies can post their questions here, too!	494 1 new	5976	Who are babble ... by Boom Boom Feb 15 2012 - 9:08pm
rabble community			
 <b>rabble news features</b> Read it on rabble, then talk about it here.	248 7 new	6689	Peggy Nash ... by autoworker 1 hour 2 min ago
 <b>news by the rest of us</b> You post your original article; we comment!	225 4 new	3125	so they ... by Slumberjack Feb 7 2012 - 10:15am
 <b>babblers helping babblers</b> Do you have a pet idea or project? Would you like help or feedback? Or are you trying to track down some information? Work with each other.	491	7374	Evo Morales ... by Grandpa_Bill Feb 20 2012 - 3:29pm
 <b>babble banter</b> For when you are so far off topic, you were never even on it.	311 1 new	6821	Gross Food by Catchfire 47 min 21 sec ago
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 <b>activist toolkit</b>	21	189	Activist ... by sppinch Jan 5 2012 - 9:39am
current events			
 <b>national news</b> Read it watch it live it discuss it.	1505 17 new	44122	Carbon ... by ilha formosa 2 hours 39 min ago
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 <b>international news and politics</b>	2193 28 new	61583	Syria #4 by DaveW 1 hour 25 sec ago

**Staff:** Meg Borthwick; Michael Stewart

**Supporting Moderators:** Frank Preyde; Kaitlin McNabb











*rabble.ca* features a fully moderated discussion board, babble. Unlike most media sites, babble is completely integrated with the front page content of *rabble.ca*, and provides a communal, interactive space where its over tens of thousands of registered users discuss a not surprisingly wide range of issues.

Our most populated discussions are, as usual, largely to do with Canadian politics and as Canadians, in 2013 we've seen no shortage of subject matter. The Senate scandal, the ongoing robocall debacle, the looming disaster that is the Northern Gateway pipeline proposal, the bizarre and disturbing antics of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, all have generated

lively discussion. While many of these issues saw wall-to-wall coverage in the mainstream media, the discussions were anything but mainstream.

babblers were quick to remind us that the Ford train wreck was less important than the destructive tea party-like policies and bullying he and his brother used to foist their right wing agenda on the city. Mulcair's performance in Question Period received mixed reviews in threads about the Senate scandal, and several of our contributors offered up links to media coverage of all things pipeline and tar sands, links that lend themselves to analysis from a progressive perspective. Fraud during the last Federal election, a now almost invisible issue in the mainstream media, was kept alive and well by our "folks who just won't shut up." Sadly, however, we lost one of our folks, a veteran babble contributor, liked and respected by all. Boom Boom, you are missed.

The issues discussed in babble forums were as diverse as their participants, reminding readers everywhere that there is more to news and information than can be had watching *Power and Politics* at dinner time, more going on in the world than can be read online in *The Star*, far more progressive views than can be seen in the *Huffington Post*. As always, babblers are pleased and proud to be pat of that wonderful thing that is *rabble.ca*

walking the talk			
 <b>activism</b> Share strategies, calls to action, and success stories here.	675 6 new	10957	Towards a ... by Rebecca West 19 hours 58 min ago
 <b>aboriginal issues and culture</b> Aboriginal insights, issues and initiatives.	588 2 new	9630	Parliament ... by epaulo13 Mar 14 2014 - 11:21pm
 <b>anti-racism news and initiatives</b> Discuss issues of race and racism from an anti-racist point of view.	618 1 new	13315	The limits ... by Slumberjack Mar 17 2014 - 10:54am
 <b>disability issues</b> Discuss disability issues from an inclusionary, anti-ablist point of view	45	657	Regarding ... by theleftyinvestor Jan 27 2014 - 3:11pm
 <b>feminism</b> Feminists discussing feminist issues from a feminist point of view.	829 3 new	20233	Defense of ... by susan davis 2 hours 10 min ago
 <b>labour and consumption</b> Discuss work and economic issues from a pro-worker point of view.	593 3 new	12704	Canada Post ... by epaulo13 1 day 50 min ago
 <b>LGBTQ</b> Discuss all issues LGBTQ from an LGBTQ-positive perspective.	211 2 new	2761	Walt Disney ... by abnormal Mar 1 2014 - 9:33am
 <b>environmental justice</b> Discuss earth-friendly initiatives and issues here.	735 3 new	16070	Fracking - ... by NDPP 1 day 16 hours ago
 <b>sex worker rights</b> A place for sex workers and their allies to discuss issues around, and advocacy of, sex workers' rights.	137 2 new	1815	Informative ... by fortunate 1 day 16 hours ago
 <b>youth issues</b> The rabble school cafeteria.	175 1 new	3097	Early ... by Aristotled24 Mar 6 2014 - 11:50am

# the Lynn Williams activist toolkit

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Lynn Williams activist toolkit. At the top, a welcome message states: "Welcome to the Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit, an exciting new project of rabble.ca currently in Beta. The Toolkit is a wiki-style section of the rabble site devoted to content collaboration. It contains a growing number of encyclopedic resources that you can write. The Toolkit is named after activist, organizer, and labour leader, Lynn Williams, whose commitment to social justice has inspired generations of United Steelworker activists. Read more about Lynn Williams [here](#). Participate in the Toolkit! See our [User Guide](#), and please check out the [toolkit blog](#) and [podcast](#)." To the right of this text is a black and white portrait of Lynn Williams. Below the portrait is a red box with the text "Lynn Williams activist toolkit on rabble.ca". To the left of the portrait is a small image of Lynn Williams at a desk with the text "read more...". Below this is a section titled "FEATURE: Lynn Williams" with a photo of Lynn Williams and a description: "Lynn Williams remains one of the most influential North American union leaders of the twentieth century. He was the first Canadian to become International President of the United Steelworkers, where he brought innovative leadership in bargaining and a structural readjustment of the North American steel industry during its most..." Below this is a section titled "CONSTRUCTING CHANGE PODCAST" with a red box and the text "Lynn Williams activist toolkit" and "Rad Voices: Marty Fink, prison abolitionist. This episode of Rad Voices features Marty Fink, a zinster and activist with the Prisoner Correspondence Project. read more...". To the right of this is a section titled "TOOLKIT BLOG" with a photo of a group of people and the text "Activist Toolkit roundup: Workers' rights. This week, rabble's weekly Activist Toolkit blog features resources and tools to support workers. read more...". On the right side of the page is a sidebar with a red box at the top containing "+ ADD" and "→ SUGGEST". Below this is a list of links: "Toolkit Home", "3 Minute Action", "rabblepedia", "How-To Guides", "On This Day", "Software Tools", "Workshop Outlines", and "Media Commons". At the bottom of the sidebar is a red box with the text "TOOLKIT" and "About Toolkit".

**Staff:** Steffanie Pinch, activist toolkit coordinator

**Interns:** Belinda Ellsworth (winter 2012-2013), Meghan Senese (summer 2013), Megan Stacey (fall/winter 2013-2014)

Democracy goes hand and hand with grassroots activism. In 2013, we were excited to launch the newly designed [Lynn Williams activist toolkit](#), a radical wiki-style space for organizers to share, discuss and create tools for organizing from the ground up. [Lynn Williams](#) is a labour organizer, activist and the first president of the United Steelworkers. The toolkit reflects William's dedicated work as a life-long activist, providing organizers and communities with access to guides, workshop outlines, open source software, copy-left images, activist histories and more. The [toolkit's blog and podcast](#) keep lived experiences at the forefront of these resources.

The Lynn Williams activist toolkit continued to help connect activist to tools in 2013, with tools for the [Anniversary of Idle No More](#), surviving the [holidays](#) and organizing against the [tragic death of Sammy Yatim](#).

We also introduced a new section on the toolkit: [3 Minute Actions](#). These actions show what it means to be an activist in everyday life, [supporting campaigns](#) and challenging [the status quo](#).

Thanks to support from a CKLN Legacy grant, The Lynn William's activist toolkit also started a special monthly podcast series in 2013. [Rad Voices](#) is a space for radicals to talk about their own experiences with activism, organizing and challenges in their movements. [Listen to Marty Fink](#), a prison abolitionist talk about their organizing with queer and trans\* folks in prison.

# supporting membership

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Become a supporting member of [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca) (\$5/month) by July 12 and get an indie print magazine subscription as our thanks!

Like community radio and TV, community Internet news sites depend on members to help meet their budget.

At [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca), we hold an annual membership drive to recruit members (starting at \$5/month).

In 2013, rabble continued our partnership with independent print magazines. rabble finished 2013 with over 740 members contributing between \$5 and \$50 a month.

We kick off each fundraising drive with an old school mailing campaign (we get a good return!).

This year we sent along a rabble refrigerator magnet ("take a bite out of big media" -- see graphic below).

Our mailing depends on volunteers to help us stuff envelopes. There is always great conversation and good snacks. Thanks to our volunteers!

Also thank you to Unifor for covering our mailing postage for the donation drive.

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# donation drive **community supported media**

We also held our annual donation drive for those that wanted to support us with a one-time donation. [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca) offered a prize draw for the donation drive. We had great prizes for 2013 including [Beacon Bike Lights](#) and even a year's supply of fair trade virgin olive oil from [Beit Zatoun](#).

We introduced "change the conversation" and encouraged others to come up with ideas on a special page. Kim Elliott, Matt Adams, Wayne MacPhail and Stephanie Pinch worked on the donation drive committee.



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# Marketing



We take a proactive role in spreading the word about rabble through marketing on Facebook, Twitter and mobile newsfeeds, sponsoring events, tabling at events, conference presentations, advertising, membership in media organizations and more.

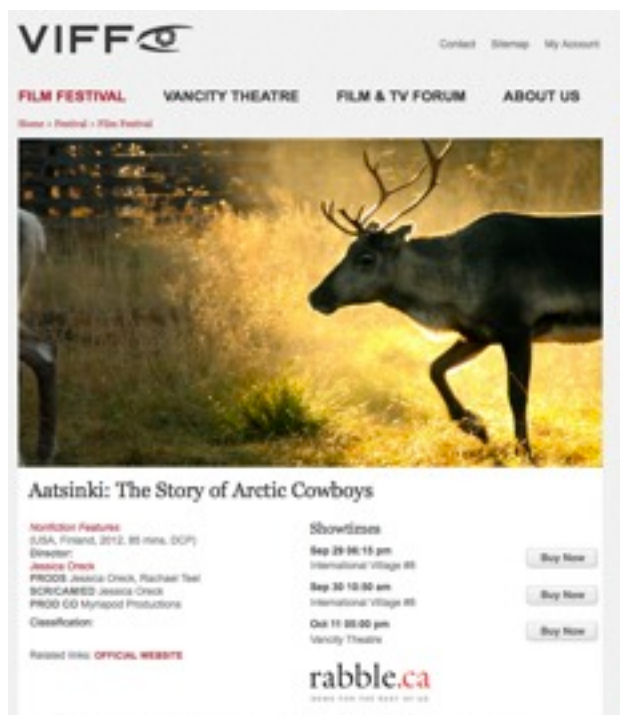
rabble staff and board are in demand to present and participate in conferences. Parliamentary Correspondent Karl Nerenberg spoke on panels, including one at Carleton University on the Quebec Charter of Values and at an event on alternative media in Canada. Managing Editor Michelle Gregus judged and presented a student Journalism award at the Canadian University Press Conference. Publisher Kim Elliott was a judge for the Canadian Online Publishing Awards and was on the program committee for the Media Consortium. Conferences that rabble participated in and/or presented at included:

- Alternative Media Fair, Toronto
- Canadian Association of Journalist conference
- Canadian University Press conference
- Canzine Vancouver
- CEP convention, Quebec City
- CUPE National Convention
- HEU convention
- LeftWords Festival of Books and Ideas, Toronto
- Lessons from the Quebec Student Strike talk, Toronto, Vancouver
- Media Democracy Day Vancouver
- NDP convention
- Northern Voices Blogging conference
- OPSEU convention, Toronto
- Steelworkers National Convention
- The Word On The Street, Toronto and Vancouver

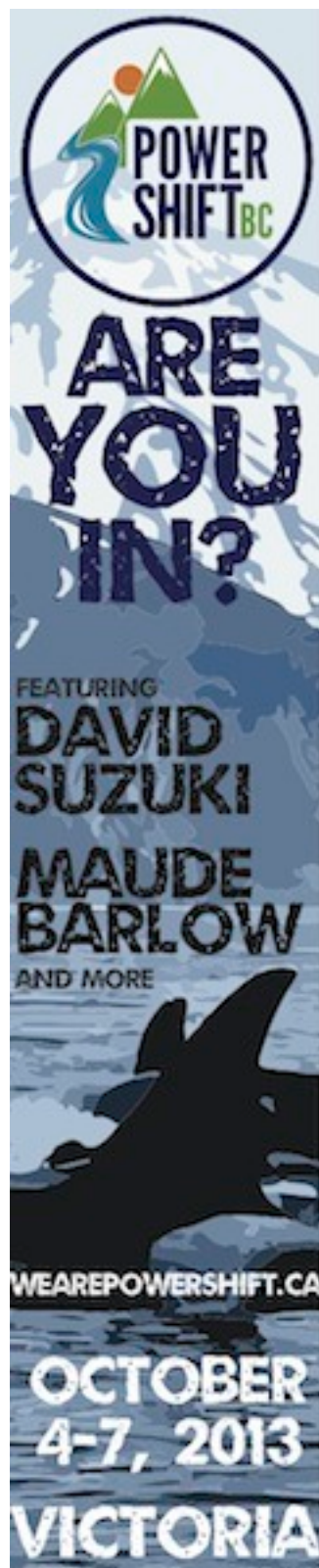
# rabble sponsored events

Each year rabble partners with community organizations and sponsors events. While we don't have any funds to offer, we provide promotion to our large audience. We offer free advertising on the site and promotion on our social media accounts and in our e-newsletter(s) to events we sponsor.

The advertisements over the next few pages showcase the events that rabble sponsored in 2013.



The screenshot shows the VIFF (Vancouver International Film Festival) website. The main header includes the VIFF logo and navigation links: Contact, Sitemap, My Account. Below the header, there are tabs for FILM FESTIVAL, VANCITY THEATRE, FILM & TV FORUM, and ABOUT US. The featured film is 'Aatsinki: The Story of Arctic Cowboys'. The description includes: 'Nordic Feature (USA, Finland, 2012, 85 mins, DCP)', 'Director: Jessica Orloff', 'PRODUCED BY Jessica Orloff, Rachael Teal', 'SCREENPLAY BY Jessica Orloff', 'PRODUCED BY Myriad Productions', and 'Classification:'. There are three 'Buy Now' buttons for different showtimes: Sep 29 06:15 pm, Sep 30 10:00 am, and Oct 11 08:00 pm. The rabble.ca logo is visible at the bottom right of the screenshot.



A vertical banner for the Power Shift BC event. At the top is the Power Shift BC logo, which features a stylized mountain and sun. Below the logo, the text 'ARE YOU IN?' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath, it says 'FEATURING DAVID SUZUKI MAUDE BARLOW AND MORE' in black text. At the bottom, the website 'WEAREPOWERSHIFT.CA' is listed, followed by the dates 'OCTOBER 4-7, 2013' and the location 'VICTORIA' in large, bold, white letters.



A vertical banner for the Canadian Association of Labour Media 2013 Conference. At the top, it says 'Register now!' in white text on a green background. Below this is a green megaphone icon. The text 'CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF LABOUR MEDIA' is written in large, bold, green letters. Underneath, it says '2013 Conference' in black text. The bottom half of the banner features a stylized illustration of a city skyline at night, with the text 'Edmonton May 23-25' in white letters.

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## Pride Prejudice and Politics

**JACK LAYTON**  
and the  
LESSONS of  
CHRISTOPHER  
MARLOWE'S  
EDWARD II

with  
Dr. JASON BOYD

Wednesday  
April 10  
5:30  
Ryerson Library  
Archives 3rd Floor  
350 Victoria Street



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**MAUDE  
BARLOW**

**OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup>  
OTTAWA**

**7pm** doors open  
at 6:30pm

**Centretown  
United Church  
(507 Bank St)**

Tickets \$5 in  
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at door.

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**CounterCulture  
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**2013 BC  
ELECTION**

**THE  
MISSING  
NEWS**



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| Bob Hackett<br><i>Newswatch Canada</i>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Jarrah Hodge<br><i>Gender Focus</i>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Andrew MacLeod<br><i>The Tyee</i>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Derrick O'Keefe<br><i>rabble.ca</i>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

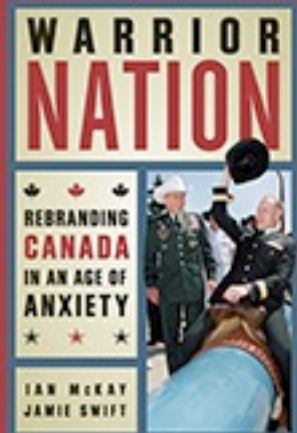
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Room #1700  
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REAL TALK ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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ISSUE OF OVERRIDING CONCERN  
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**APR 3, 2013  
7:00PM  
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**Blueberry  
Soup**

How Iceland changed  
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the world.

**SCREENING**  
Tuesday  
Dec 3rd  
6:30

Rogers Comm. Centre  
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EST  
ROUGE**

VANCOUVER LAUNCH

- \* HARSHA WALIA
- \* STEFAN CHRISTOFF

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TORONTO LAUNCH  
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Doors at 8PM @  
The Railway Club  
579 Dunsmuir St.  
Vancouver, BC

*Railway Club*  
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**THE GREAT REVENUE ROBBERY**  
HOW TO STOP THE TAX CUT SCAM AND SAVE CANADA  
Edited by Richard Swift for Canadians for Tax Fairness

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How to Stop the Tax Cut Scam and Save Canada  
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**Book launch with contributors**

**April 4th, 7 pm**

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Winnipeg  
Mondragon 7:30**

**Oct. 10  
Vancouver  
Peoples' Coop  
Bookstore 7:30**

**Oct. 17  
Toronto  
Ram in the Rye  
Ryerson 6:30**

**Oct. 28  
Ottawa  
Café Noistagica  
7:00**

Cathi Bond

**NIGHT  
NMOL**

Sometimes there's  
no explaining the  
unspeakable things  
we do for love.

**BOOK  
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PARTY**

May 13, 2013  
6-8pm, FREE  
Imperial Pub  
54 Dundas St West  
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50% off ebook @  
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April 30 - May 14



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CHRIS HEDGES JOE SACCO

DAYS OF  
**DESTRUCTION**  
DAYS OF  
**REVOLT**



**AN EVENING WITH  
CHRIS HEDGES**  
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**UNLIKELY RADICALS**  
The Story of the  
Adams Mine  
Dump War  
CHARLIE ANGUS

**Book launch  
with Charlie  
Angus**

**Brixton's  
Pub, Ottawa**

**Mar 26,  
7 pm**



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**LIZA FROMER**

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LETTERS  
TO  
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**Speak UP!**  
Reflections on gendered violence and words as weapons

Hear how the language we use shapes our ideas and actions with gender, sexuality, harassment and violence.

**Thurs Dec 6  
6pm - 8:30pm**

**Centre for Social Innovation annex  
720 Bathurst, Toronto**

**FEATURING**  
Mike Layton,  
Heather Jarvis,  
Steph Guthrie,  
deb singh,  
Jeff Perara,  
Music by Ori Dagan

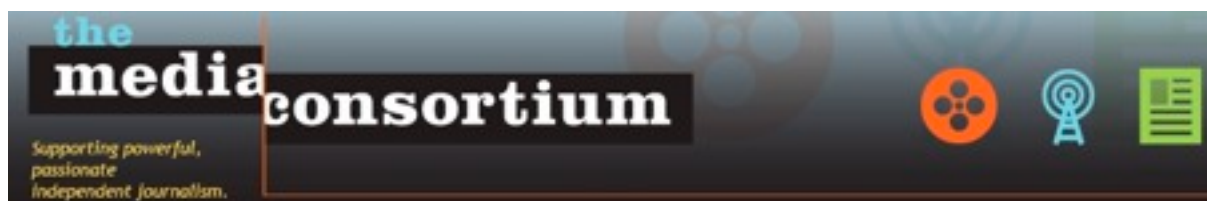


**TORONTO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL**

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*rabble.ca* is a member of the U.S. [progressive network The Media Consortium](#). The Media Consortium is a network of leading progressive independent journalism organizations who work to “amplify our voices; increase our collective clout; leverage our current audience and reach out to new ones; transform our sector’s position in a rapidly changing media and political environment; and redefine ourselves and progressivism for a new century.”

*rabble.ca* is also a founding member of the Canadian Independent Online Media Alliance. The Alliance brings together Canadian online independent media for the purposes of discussing possible editorial, technical and revenue generating collaborations. The Alliance has pooled resources and obtained a collective discount for the email serving program “What Counts” and have shared infrastructure development, ad swaps and are exploring the potential for other forms of cooperation.

*rabble.ca* is an active member of the Centre for Social Innovation (CSI) in Toronto, 25OneCommunity in Ottawa and were active in W2 Media and Community Arts in Vancouver, where we hosted “desks.” In 2013 *rabble* moved to the co-working space, The Hive.

*rabble.ca* is also an associate member of the [British Columbia Association of Magazine Publishers \(BCAMP\)](#). BCAMP “represents, connects and promotes the B.C. magazine industry by uniting the talent, knowledge and skills of its publishers. B.C. magazines foster award-winning talent and represent some of the best periodicals published in Canada. BCAMP membership is made up of more than 80 titles, including arts and culture, news, business, lifestyle, leisure and special interest magazines.” *rabble* was previously an affiliate member, but since we moved the centre of our editorial operations to B.C., we have been approved for voting membership.



## Indignados

FRANCE, 2012, 88 minutes

DIR Tony Gatlif

CAST Mamebetty Honoré Diallo, Isabel Vendrell Corte, Fiona Monbet, Norig, Nawel Ben Kraiem, EXEC PRODS Tony Gatlif, Delphine Mantoulet, Claudie Ossard PRODS Chris Bolzli, Georges Fernandez, Romain Malbos: SCR Tony Gatlif CAM Colin Houben, Sébastien Saadoun ED Stéphanie Pédelacq MUS Valentin Dahmani, Delphine Mantoulet PROD CO Princes Films / Eurowide Film Production / Hérodiade / Rhône-Alpes Cinéma PRINT/SALES Les Films du Losange FORMAT DCP

### Canadian Premiere

Long a champion of the marginalized, Tony Gatlif (*Latcho Drom*, *Exiles*) fashions a sumptuously visual and typically musical docudrama from 94-year-old French Resistance veteran Stéphane Hessel's surprise anti-capitalist best-seller *Indignez-vous!*, a pamphlet that served as a call to arms for the young people of France. Gatlif's film is an equally impassioned *cri de coeur* in support of the Outrage/Occupy movements worldwide.

Motivated by Sarkozy's 2010 speech demonizing France's Rom, Gatlif develops a loosely structured drama that has him following the plight of a young illegal immigrant from Africa named Betty (Mamebetty Honoré Diallo) as she is caught up in the European-wide protest movement. As Betty is buffeted about—from Greece to Paris to Madrid—Gatlif's camera, serving as witness, plunges us into the heart of various demonstrations, capturing the genuine emotion of the 99% who feel abused by an unfair system. Interspersed with these powerful scenes, and indeed overlaying some of them, are the musical interludes that both amplify the themes already present and serve as achingly beautiful moments of their own—most notably a set piece set in an abandoned Parisian apartment block covered in graffiti, where a singer and violinist perform on a balcony and a flamenco dancer, leaflets raining down upon her, gives her all in the courtyard below. A heart-soaring moment that—like all of *Indignados*—could only have come from the heart of Tony Gatlif.

**Selected Filmography** *The Princess* (83), *Pleure pas my love* (89), *Latcho Drom* (93), *Mondo* (95), *Swing* (02), *Exiles* (04), *Freedom* (09)

## Promotional exchanges and giveaways

Readers of our e-newsletters get the most opportunities to win cool stuff like books, show tickets and CDs. For example in 2013 we gave away:

- A pair of tickets for the Read and Believe Ball in celebration of Literature for Life
- A pair of tickets in Toronto for Baltasar Kormákur's film *The Deep*
- Pair of tickets to the Toronto Comedy All Stars show in Kitchner Waterloo
- Passes to the film *Aatsinki: The Story of Arctic Cowboys* at the Vancouver International Film Festival
- A copy of the book *Banned on the Hill* by Franke James

## e-newsletters, Twitter, Facebook

rabble offers a daily and weekly e-newsletter, both contain links and summaries to all our features, with our weekly e-newsletter featuring contests and giveaways. Over 11,000 people connect with rabble on Facebook and over 22,000 on Twitter.

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Fri, Oct 12, 11:30pm, GR2

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# rabble food challenges

Once again, *rabble.ca* sponsored the Vegan Challenge and had some staff, contributors and interns taking part to eat vegan during Earth Week 2013. The challenge included resources, reflections, recipes and more.

## Take rabble.ca's 2013 Vegan Challenge for Earth Week April 16-22!

BY ANITA KRAJNC | APRIL 12, 2013

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Join *rabble.ca* in taking the Vegan Challenge during Earth Week from April 16-22! **Sign up on Facebook here.**

You are encouraged to go vegan for a week along with *rabble.ca* staff and contributors to help protect the environment, show compassion for animals and enjoy some wholesome, nutritious and yummy food!

Going vegan is one of the strongest ways most of us can contribute to Earth Week and

make every day Earth Day!

Consider taking the Vegan Challenge and getting your co-workers and workplace involved so you can all take the VC together. It'll make it more fun and also gives you an opportunity to share your nutritious and delicious recipes!

We've put together tips and resources for you, in collaboration with the Toronto Vegetarian Association and Toronto Pig Save. We have everything you need: the menus, the shopping list, the nutritional tips, and the information about how participation helps the Earth, animals, and your health.

**10 tips on taking the vegan challenge at your workplace**

# rabble food challenges

In 2013 rabble added the Eat Local! food and sustainability challenge. Like the Vegan Challenge we offered tips, resources and of course reflections and analysis.

## Join rabble's Eat Local! food and sustainability challenge September 29 to October 6

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Click into the Eat Local!

**Facebook event, Facebook group and babble thread** for additional information on the challenge!

Join [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca) in our new Eat Local! food and sustainability challenge Sunday September 29 to Sunday October 6!

It's harvest time and with all the **excellent farmers' markets** and abundant **local food sources**, what better way to celebrate and take part than to incorporate local foods into your menu for a week.

We encourage you to eat local as much as you can during this week-long challenge with our rabble staff and contributors. Add some farm-fresh broccoli and lettuce or maybe some homegrown herbs to your plate. Or maybe even go all out and give up the coffee, purchase some farm-fresh meats and cheeses and try to **cut your own** asparagus!

We think eating local is a **great way** to **get involved** and experience some of your local farms, markets and grocery stores, think about **where your food comes** from and what you are consuming and to try something new, and not to mention tasty!

All of our sponsored events, plus events from around Canada, can always be found on our popular calendar what's up, which is free to post and read.



What's up lists events staged by social justice & arts organizations in your community. Click on the column titles to sort the events. *Please note that due to the large number of events posted on rabble, it may take up to two weeks for your event to be displayed on the website.*

[View upcoming events](#) | [Add an event](#)

City	Event	Time
Toronto	<b>Mary Pitawanakwat Fund for Children Re-Launch and Fundraiser</b>	Sun, Nov 3, 2013
Vancouver	<b>World Peace Forum Society Teach In 2013: If Capitalism Doesn't Work, What Does?</b>	Sat, Nov 2, 2013
Ottawa	<b>March against corruption in Ottawa</b>	Sat, Nov 2, 2013
Surrey	<b>Word to Your Motherland: Performance and workshop tour</b>	Mon, Oct 28, 2013 - Sat, Nov 2, 2013
Calgary	<b>Pros and Cons: Policies for People and the Planet</b>	Fri, Nov 1, 2013
Toronto	<b>25th Anniversary of the McClelland &amp; Stewart Journey Prize Anthology at IFOA</b>	Thu, Oct 31, 2013
Toronto	<b>Peter Langille - The Initiative for a UN Emergency Peace Service</b>	Thu, Oct 31, 2013
Toronto	<b>Two weeks of 'witchy' art</b>	Wed, Oct 23, 2013 - Thu, Oct 31, 2013
Toronto	<b>Writers' Trust Fiction Prize finalists reading at IFOA</b>	Wed, Oct 30, 2013
Yellowknife	<b>Watch LIVE: Maude Barlow launches Blue Future in Yellowknife</b>	Wed, Oct 30, 2013
	<b>MAWO'EEN! Evening Marking a Decade of Antiwar Organizing</b>	Tue, Oct 29, 2013
Ottawa	<b>Women's Forum 2013</b>	Tue, Oct 29, 2013
Vancouver	<b>Voices of the Drug War: Mexico and Canada</b>	Mon, Oct 28, 2013

# Tech reflections



*rabble.ca* has grown significantly since the early days.

As demand increases for our content, the server architecture has matured. With the additional staff hours and hardware available to us, we've begun to shift from an under-resourced crisis management focus to one of refinement and planned improvements of the site.

We comfortably serve content to numbers well beyond what we were once able to without seeing much of a blip in the site performance. Multiple upgrades this year have served us well. As has the implementation of tech support shifts to ensure a wider weekly coverage of available support.

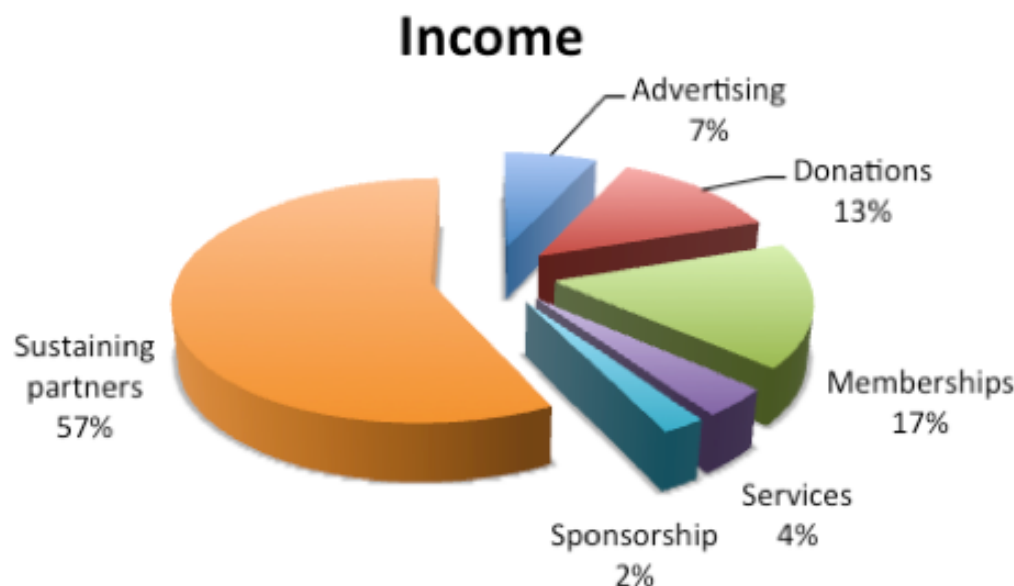
While there is a tech role behind much of anything new and improved on *rabble.ca* that you'll read about elsewhere in this report, of note are the enhanced issue pages, upgraded newsletters and statistics for our users. There are constant small improvements to site content and layout with an eye towards the dominating world of social media, shares and mobile. And we've done an extensive reworking of our development process to better incorporate occasional developers and support staff.

Since our last upgrade from Drupal 5 to 6, we've made many of our tech decisions with a best practice approach for future upgrade paths. We're very excited to have begun the next phase of major upgrades to Drupal 7, and bringing a smoother more responsive experience to our users in the coming year.

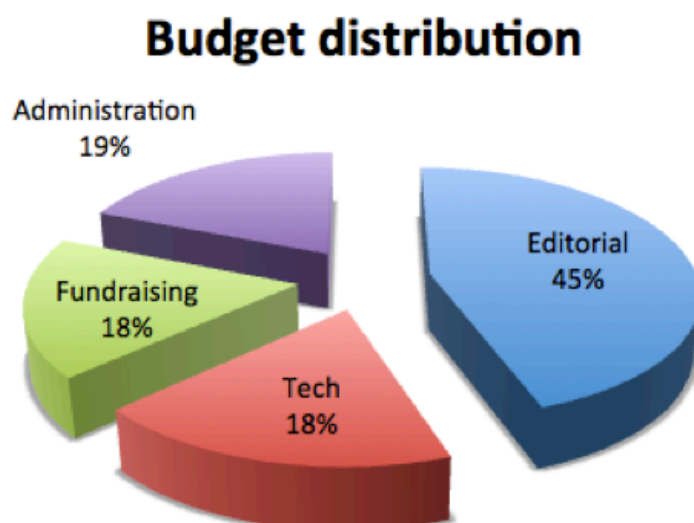
# Financial reflections

The total operating budget for rabble in 2013 was \$358,486.

2013 Sustaining Partner commitments represented 57 per cent of rabble's total income. Membership support increased to 17 per cent of the annual budget, donations were up to 13 per cent and advertising sales and services accounted for 11 per cent of our total budget.



Forty five per cent of rabble's expenses covered editorial costs, including nearly \$50,000 in writer fees. Eighteen per cent of rabble's budget was spent on fundraising staff and 18 per cent on tech staff and server fees. Nineteen per cent of our 2013 budget was spent on administration costs, which included in postage, printing, promotion, rent and legal and accounting services.



# Measuring website traffic

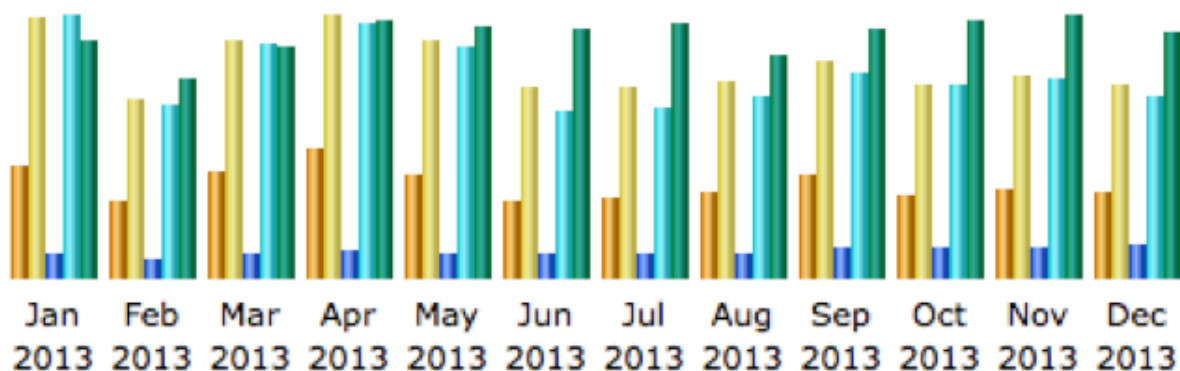
rabble uses AWStats and Google Analytics to measure website traffic. While the programs measure different variables (log files vs. javascript), together they provide a helpful view of traffic trends.

Both analytics programs continue to improve on the robustness of their measurements. In particular, AWStats' metrics improved to reduce the presence of non-human driven traffic on the site (search bots, etc). As a result, the real numbers in AWStats reports are reduced from previous years, however, the trends continue to reflect a similar story to the measures provided in Google Analytics.

In 2013, rabble had an average of 225,000 unique visitors per month, an average of 368,000 visits per month and about two million page views per month<sup>1</sup>. The website reached a high of 515,000 visits during in January 2013, with our coverage of Idle No More.

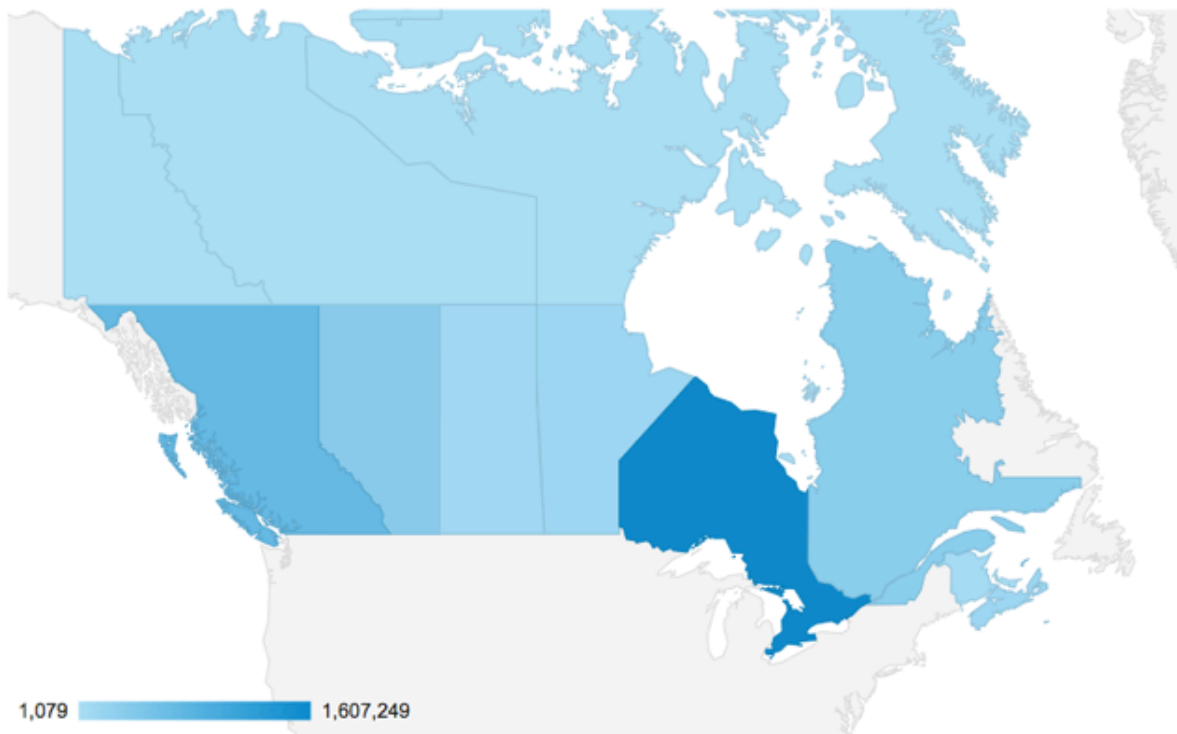
The average time spent on the site in 2013 was 2.08 minutes per visit.

The graphic below, drawn from AWStats, is an indication of the traffic trends over the seasons of 2013.

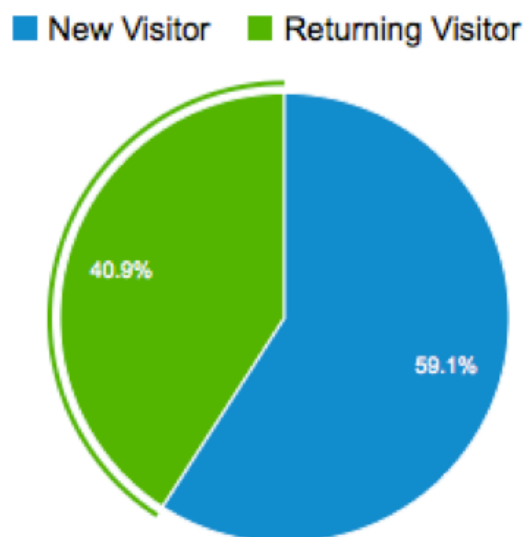


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<sup>1</sup> What is the difference between unique visitors and visits? In simple terms, unique visitors refer to the number of IP addresses, or individual computers, that visited the site over a period of time. The number of visits represents the number of individual sessions initiated by all the visitors. From a Google Analytics standpoint, visits are the most basic measure of how effectively a site is performing.



In 2013 *rabble.ca* had 4,419,421 visits from 229 countries/territories. Seventy seven per cent of traffic to the site came from Canada. Of those, 59.1 per cent were returning visitors, with 40.9 per cent new visitors.



# people at rabble.ca

rabble operates with a dedicated crew of part-time staff and volunteer staff, and our work is supported by interns, volunteers and a volunteer board of directors.

You can read biographies at:

[www.rabble.ca/about/bios](http://www.rabble.ca/about/bios)

There is no central office to rabble -- we are a virtual organization with staff located around the country. In 2013, we had editorial staff in British Columbia, in Ontario, in Quebec and in New York. We have columnists, bloggers, podcasters and video makers coast to coast and beyond the Canadian borders. In 2013 the staff got together in person for a retreat to reflect and plan. Special thanks to our hosts in Ottawa!

rabble is a member of the [Centre for Social Innovation](#) in Toronto, where we have access to work and meeting space and can connect with other progressive organizations and businesses. In Vancouver, rabble was a member of the [W2](#) Community Media and Arts Centre and in Ottawa you can find us at [25One Community](#) centre in Ottawa

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# rabble by the **numbers** 2013

# of feature contributors **390**

# of columns **approximately 400**

# of livestream video minutes watched on rabbletv **174,073**

# of podcast shows **24**

# of community events sponsored by rabble **28**

# of podcast episodes **over 600**

# of posts on babble in 2013 **Way, way too many to count. You try it.**

# of original book reviews **49**

# of sustaining partners **13**

# of Not Rex videos **13**

# of blog posts on rabble **over 2,400**

# of supporting members **over 740**

# of average unique visitors a month **225,000**

# of visitors to rabble in 2013 **4,419,421**

# of countries/territories visitors came from **229**

## Appendix A: rpn shows 2013



### **Africafiles: The Pulse**

News from Africa produced and compiled by Heather Yundt



### **Constructing change: The activist toolkit**

Showcasing tools from the activist toolkit



### **Alert Radio**

Weekly Canadian news and current affairs not heard on mainstream radio



### **Democracy North**

A grassroots, independent Canadian and global news hour.



### **Alternatives Journal**

Canada's informed voice on environmentalism



### **F Word**

Explores varied aspects of feminism through discussion and interviews



### **Asia Pacific Currents**

News from the Asia Pacific region with a labour and grassroots perspective



### **Film Festivals in Toronto**

Focusing on community film festivals



### **Aw@L**

Peace and social justice discussions from campus radio Waterloo



### **Feminist Current**

A progressive, feminist perspective on everything



### **Citizen Science**

A special series by the Western University Citizen Science Project



### **Habitat**

Conversations about how we live



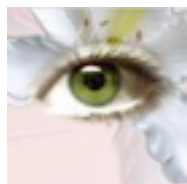
### **John Bonnar Audio Blog**

Independent journalist with social justice stories in and around Toronto Ontario



### **Progressive Voices**

Riaz Sayani-Mulji and Ryan Sparrow, examine Canadian domestic and foreign policy



### **Living On Purpose**

Ideas, music and talk in a spirit of health and well being



### **rabble radio**

Our own mix of politics, music, art and more



### **Migrant Matters**

The issues that limit people moving across borders of all kinds



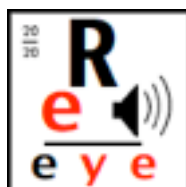
### **radio book lounge**

Author readings, interviews, book reviews, storycasts and more



### **Needs No Introduction**

A series of speeches and lectures from some of the finest minds



### **Redeye**

On the political social and cultural issues of the day



### **No One Is Illegal**

The right to self-determination for migrants, refugees and indigenous people



### **Talking Radical Radio**

Grassroots voices from across Canada



### **People's Health Radio**

A weekly conversation about how racism, sexism and class shape health



### **Watch me: Movie reviews with Cathi Bond**

Cathi Bond talks about unusual new releases not to miss

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And more!

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