



Reflection & Renewal

10 years — Grandmothers to Grandmothers

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



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Stephen Lewis



**“We will not rest
until they can rest.”**

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

Ilana Landsberg-Lewis



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

Reception Schedule

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| 3:30 p.m. | Marketplace set up begins in the cafeteria. |
| 5:00 p.m. | Doors open. Conference registration begins. Marketplace opens. |
| 5:30 p.m. | Reception begins in the cafeteria. |
| 6:45 p.m. | Reception ends. Marketplace closes during the talk. |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stephen & Ilana: “We will not rest until they can rest.” in the auditorium. |
| 8:30 p.m. | Marketplace re-opens. |
| 9:00 p.m. | Marketplace closes. |



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**Mariam Mulindwa,
PEFO, Uganda**



Mariam has lost many family members to AIDS and is the full-time caregiver for 24 orphaned and vulnerable children. As a member of PEFO, Mariam is a mobilizer and inspiration for other grandmothers. She is a member of the local Land Rights Council. Mariam testified at the African Grandmothers Tribunal in Vancouver in 2013.

Special Guests

**Siphiwe Hlophe,
SWAPOL, Swaziland**



Siphiwe is one of her country's most prominent HIV/AIDS activists. In 2001 she started SWAPOL with 4 other women. Siphiwe was the recipient of the 2006 African Women's Development Fund's Stephen Lewis Fighting Spirit Award. Siphiwe testified at the African Grandmothers Tribunal in Vancouver in 2013.

**Immaculate Nakyanzi,
KITOVU Mobile, Uganda**



After losing many family members to AIDS Immaculate assumed care for multiple grandchildren. Immaculate has become a voice for change around land rights, violence and lack of redress for property grabbing. Immaculate testified at the African Grandmothers Tribunal in Vancouver in 2013.

**Kintu Dan,
Kitovu Mobile, Uganda**



Dan works with Kitovu Mobile's Grandmothers and OVC Support Project. Since 2006, the project has supported grandmothers and the children in their care through 26 solidarity groups aiming to restore hope and to empower them to fight for justice.

**Ida Nambeya Makuka,
Grandmothers Campaign team**



Ida was a long-time field staff worker in Africa with the SLF. She is currently a full-time member of the Grandmothers Campaign team and just returned from visiting 4 projects in Zambia.

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Conference Schedule Saturday March 12, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Doors open. Registration continues for those who did not pick up their materials on Friday evening. Meet & Greet. Complimentary coffee/tea/muffins in the cafeteria.
NOTE: please bring your own mug.
- 8:30 a.m. Auditorium doors open. Choose your seat — sticky notes will be provided at the registration desk.
- 8:45 a.m. Enter the auditorium for singing with Tina Filipponi, Merville Grand Mothers.
- 9:00 a.m. Announcements and welcome activities.
- 9:30 a.m. **Keynote Speakers: Siphiwe Hlophe**, Swaziland Positive Living for Life (SWAPOL) Manzini, Swaziland, **Mariam Mulindwa**, Phoebe Education Fund for AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children (PEFO) Jinja District, Uganda, **Immaculate Nakyanzi** and **Kintu Dan**, Kitovu Mobile AIDS Organization, Kkingo Subcountry, Uganda.
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:55 a.m. **Grandmothers Resilience:** Graham Coultas and Ida Nambeya Makuka.
- 11:40 a.m. Premiere of Greater Van Gogos DVD.
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch in cafeteria. Check your name tag for your lunch colour.**
- 12:45 p.m. Workshop A
- 2:00 p.m. Workshop B
- 3:00 p.m. Reconvene for closing remarks in the cafeteria.
- 3:15 p.m. Door prize draw / Clean up / home.

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We welcome our SLF guests:

Ilana Landsberg-Lewis
Graham Coultas, Director, Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign
Sarah Dopp, Community Campaigns Manager
Lee Waldorf, Director of Policy
Ida Nambeya Makuka, Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign Team

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Saturday, March 12 Workshops

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

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

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

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Accommodation for Out of Town Guests

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

Vancouver's West End:

Best Western Sands Hotel \$95

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

Near the airport:

Vancouver Airport Inn Hotel Super 8 \$67

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

Not far from John Oliver:

Best Western Plus Uptown Hotel \$82.99

205 Kingsway, near Main Street
10 minute drive to JO and bus line available.
Ask for the “Corporate Rate” as you are in town on business.

Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre \$159.99

711 W. Broadway
Ask for the “Corporate Rate” as you are in town on business.

Billeting

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

Using Public Transit

See <http://tripplanning.translink.ca/>

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

