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### **Research for Change: Participatory Action Research for Community Groups**

(Summer 1992 in English. End of Summer 1992 French version. \$15.00 plus postage & handling + GST)

Why should you do research? How can research and action go together? Which research tools should you use? **Research for Change** answers these and other questions often faced by community groups. It presents a step-bystep outline of a research method developed especially for community groups. Written in clear language, it has lots of examples and "how to" information. If you're thinking about doing research in your community, **Research for Change** is an essential resource.

Available in French or English.

### Taking Action: A Union Guide to Ending Violence Against Women

by the Women's Research Centre and the B.C. Federation of Labour

1992. 52 pp. \$10.00 plus postage & handling + GST

Violence against women is a workplace issue. Taking Action is designed to provide union members with the information they need to take action on issues of violence against women in the home, workplace and community.

This handbook provides: a description of issues based on women's experience; anecdotes which illustrate women's experience or actions unions across the country have begun; and recommendations for practical actions union members can take.

Women's groups, community groups, and organizations developing a workplace response to violence against women will also find **Taking Action** a useful resource.

## Strategies for Change: from women's experience to a plan for action

1992 (revised with facilitator's guide). 94 pp. \$15.00 plús postage & handling + GST

Strategies for Change is intended to assist women's groups in deciding on strategy. It takes the approach that how we work for change is as important as raising the issue itself.

The workbook is divided into two parts. The first part looks at women's experience in relation to three issues: wage discrimination, wife assault and custody law.

The second part, entitled Four Steps to a Strategy for Change, outlines the key questions that groups should answer in each step of strategy development, and offers some "how-to's." This part features easy-to-use exercises that draw upon popular education techniques.

Planning a strategy is not difficult. It's a matter of asking the right questions and building upon the answers. This workbook shows you how.

### Keeping on Track: An Evaluation Guide for Community Groups *or* Maintenir le Cap: guide d'évaluation pour les groups communautaires

1990. 84 pp. \$15.95 plus postage & handling + GST Do you want to know how your group can evaluate its work? Does your funder expect an evaluation?

Keeping on Track describes a method of evaluation called participant focused evaluation, which has been developed especially for community groups.

This guide describes how you can prepare for an evaluation, develop the evaluation design, and analyze and use the results. It has a chapter that provides a step-by-step outline on how a group can carry out its own self-evaluation. An essential guide for all community groups.

Available in French or English.

### Recollecting Our Lives: Women's Experience of Childhood Sexual Abuse

by the Women's Research Centre Published by Press Gang Publishers 1989. \$14.95 plus postage & handling + GST

Recollecting Our Lives is about the challenges women and children face in breaking free from the consequences of childhood sexual abuse. Based on first person accounts of adult survivors and mothers of children who have been sexually abused, the book describes the circumstances and consequences of child-sexual abuse, the steps women and children take in stopping the abuse and living beyond it, and the interconnections among issues of violence against women. Recollecting Our Lives is primarily intended for adult survivors; and mothers of sexually abused children as well as for support groups, counsellors, social service agencies and others working with survivors and their families.

## Patterns of Violence in the Lives of Girls and Women: A Reading Guide

1989. 96 pp. \$9.95 plus postage & handling + GST Reviews of some of the best and truest feminist texts on a range of issues of violence against women – rape, pornography, etc. Particular attention is given to the overall patterns of violence in women's lives – the links among issues, their similarities and differences, and their cumulative effect in creating a climate of everyday terror.

Front line workers, students, educators, community women's groups and others will find the book a useful addition to their libraries.

### Just Give Us the Money: A Discussion of Wage Discrimination and Pay Equity

1988. 136 pp. \$10.95 plus postage & handling + GST This book looks at the history of strategies to address wage discrimination, including legislated pay equity.

It examines the way in which the state responds to women's issues and, in the process, often takes control of them. Questions are raised concerning issues central to pay equity: Is there a gender-neutral method of determining the value of work? What are the problems with job evaluation? Is it a viable way to determine wages? How does the development of bureaucracy dealing with women's issues affect how solutions to wage discrimination are implemented?

In addition to analysing strategies that the women's movement, trade unions and others have adopted to date, the book also suggests alternatives for the future.

## In Women's Interests: Feminist Activism and Institutional Change

1988. 56 pp. \$6.95 plus postage & handling + GST A short, readable exploration of why and how feminist organizations work to change institutions. In part a history of WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre's work with police, in part a practical guide, in part a piece of theory, this book will be useful to anyone looking to change how institutions respond to women and women's issues.

### **Action Research for Women's Groups**

1987. 70 pp. \$10.95 plus postage & handling + GST This collection of articles, published in kit form, is designed to provide a guide to action research. It begins with a discussion of what research is and a description of action research. It includes sections on how to make the decision to do a research project – focusing on questions to ask and steps to follow; how to design and carry out an action research project – focusing on "how to" information; and concludes with suggestions for the uses of the research findings – including how to organize and write a research report and how to defend the research.

### Women and the Economy Kit

1986. 63 pp. \$8.00 plus postage & handling + GST This is a collection of material designed to stimulate discussion and add to the development of an analysis of women's role in the economy. The kit has several parts: an introduction; a list of grounding assumptions on women and the economy; articles which address women's work in the home, in the community and in the work force; and an annotated reading guide.

Designed as a series of separate pieces in a folder, making it easy to photocopy the articles for workshops and discussions, this kit can be used and updated with your own articles in order to continue the ongoing debate about women and the economy.

### Just Wages: a bulletin on wage discrimination and pay equity

by the Women's Research Centre in conjunction with the Trade Union Research Bureau

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### A Study of Protection for Battered Women

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Womens' Research Centre with research teams from Fort Nelson, B.C. and Whitehorse, Yukon.

1979. 252 pp. \$10.95 plus postage & handling + GST A study of the lives of women and their families in Fort Nelson, B.C. and Whitehorse, Y.T.; and an identification of the socio-economic concerns resulting from the proposed construction of the Alaska Highway gas pipeline.

The women commented on the effects on their lives of the environment, community planning, housing, the delivery of goods and services, transportation and changes in the labour force. Their comments made clear the link that exists between the public world of commerce and development and the private world of home and family.

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