

**WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING COALITION (WETC)  
PARTICIPATING FOR CHANGE PROJECT 1999**

**WETC Participating for change project' will develop :**

- A herstory of WETC .
- Consult with community groups, government, institutions, to identify current issues
- Develop a action plan for future of WETC.

**What is the Women's Employment and Training Coalition (WETC) ?**

WETC is a coalition of individuals and groups in the Lower Mainland and BC involved in women's employment and training issues. Formed in 1985. Membership is open to all women and groups concerned with women's employment and training issues and who support the equality rights of all women. Meetings have been held regularly at Douglas College Women's Centre. Members share information and determine what coarse of action need to be taken and plan strategies.

**Some of the major accomplishments of WETC are :**

1. WEAC (Women's Employment Advisory Committee) : In 1985 , the informal and ad hoc meetings began with HRDC and became formalized in 1989 to WEAC . This build a consultative dialogue with BC regional representatives of what is currently called the Human Resources Development - Canada. WEAC'S model of regular consultation is unique in Canada.

2. BCLFDB (British Columbia Labour Force Development Board ) : WETC led the way to establish a equitable and fair process to select the representative for all the designated groups on the BCLFDB . It also organized a provincial consultation and selection process to select the women's representative for the Board.

3. ITAC (Industrial Training And Apprenticeship Commission) : WETC organized a provincial campaign which resulted in legislation being passed to increase the representation of under represented groups in designated trades and occupations within the mandate of ITAC.

4. Advocated to establish National Training Standards in collaboration with CLFDB.

5. LINC ( Language Instruction for Newcomers ) : Raised the concerns and changed the profile of this policy at the national level.

**Why you should get involved ?**

- Advocate and influence the future direction of women's employment and training opportunities .
- To promote increased access to all women's education and training.
- To create a stronger voice for women's issues.
- To ensure women receive their fair share of federal and provincial training dollars.
- To monitor government policies and programs and assess their impact on women.
- To explore a plan for a provincial WEAC.

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