



MCVI'S POLITICAL POSITIONS AND ANALYSIS

As a member, I pledge to:

1. Adhere to a feminist analysis of sexual violence. **We define sexual assault as an act of domination, humiliation, violence and abuse of power.** Whether committed by an individual or by an armed group, gang members, or by members of a police force, sexual violence acts as a form of social control to maintain women in fear and to sustain uneven power relations between genders. We aim to eliminate inequalities created by patriarchy and other hierarchical structures that reinforce a myriad of discriminations.
2. **Work toward developing the Centre's analysis in order to take into account different sources of oppression experienced** by adolescent girls and women survivors of sexual violence: patriarchy, capitalism, neocolonialism, racism, and "heterosexism". **We center our actions on fighting these oppressions and their impact** on adolescent girls and women survivors of sexual assault, whether manifested through discrimination or exclusion, **in a perspective striving toward real and substantial equality for and between women.**
3. **Oppose racism and all forms of discrimination** based on an idea of any one group's superiority over another, which foster oppression and hostility towards certain individuals or groups of people.
4. **Counter all forms of exclusion and discrimination against lesbian women.**
5. The MCVI upholds all women's autonomy over their bodies, and their right to choose to have an abortion if they deem so necessary. **We identify ourselves as being pro-choice.**
6. We hold an **abolitionist position regarding prostitution.** This means:
 - A. We believe that **prostitution results from sexual exploitation and the commodification and objectification of women** and that for the vast majority of the women who work in the sex industry, **this does not result from a full choice.**
 - B. We regard **prostitution as a form of violence directed primarily against women**, teenage women and young girls **but that also implicates men**, teenage men and young boys.
 - C. That **people in prostitution should not be criminalized** under any circumstance, nor targeted by discrimination in any form.
 - D. That **women are rendered vulnerable to poverty and violence by forms of discrimination based on social factors** such as age, ethnic origin, or problems relating to physical or mental health;
 - E. We believe that **government and society must assure the means and resources** to address the precarious socio-economic status of women and different constraints or barriers that they face **so they have a real choice facing prostitution.**

MEMBERSHIP FORM



CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

VOTING MEMBERS:

- ♀ Being a woman 18 YEARS OLD AND OVER
- ♀ Adherence to MCVI's Base of Unity and agreement to promote its principles
- ♀ Apply by completing the application form provided by the collective (C.A.)

SUPPORTING MEMBER:

Anyone (including all donors) or any group who shares the goals and objectives of MCVI and who contributes to the annual membership fee.

**YES, I support the MOVEMENT AGAINST RAPE AND INCEST
and wish to become a supporting member:**

I wish to become:

- Voting member**
(No woman will be refused if she cannot make a contribution: 0,00 \$ à 5,00 \$)
- Supporting member**

PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

TELEPHONE(s) _____

E-MAIL _____

WEB SITE _____

- I enclose my membership fee of \$0 to \$5.00 payable to MCVI
- I wish to volunteer and become an activist for MCVI
- I would also like to make a voluntary donation of _____CAD to the MCVI Foundation*
- I would like to receive occasional emails informing me of MCVI activities

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

THANK YOU!

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A tax receipt will be issued for all donations. If you wish to become a member, the \$5.00 fee can be deducted from the total amount of your payment.