

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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Nominations open for Gert Beadle award

The Gert Beadle Award recognizes the value of invisible work done at the community level to enhance women's equality.

The nominee can be a woman or a group demonstrating commitment to women's equality and social justice. To qualify, the woman must be a Kelowna resident and 18 years of age or older. The group must either originate in Kelowna or be a local chapter of a national or international group.

Criteria for this award are broad because the process of change towards women's equality is slow and requires perseverance, determination, commitment, and above all solidarity and teamwork.

A completed nomination package contains a narrative of no more than 500 words explaining how the nominee has contributed to the struggle for women's equality.

Submissions can be mailed, hand delivered or emailed to the Kelowna Women's Resource Centre at 1492 St. Paul Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 2E6. Emailed submissions may be sent to coordinator@kwrc.net.

The deadline for nominations, clearly marked Gert Beadle Award, is February 25, 2011.

The winner will be chosen by the Gert Beadle Nominations Committee. The award will be presented on International Women's Day, March 8, 2011.

Gert Beadle was in her sixties when she joined the struggle for women's equality. She received the "Person's Award" in recognition of improving status of women, as well as the "Order of Canada" in 1986.

Gert helped establish the Women's Crisis Homes Incorporated, which grew to include a women's centre, rape crisis line, women's health collective, a women's credit union, and a feminist newspaper.

Gert published three poetry books and donated proceeds to various women's centres, including the Kelowna Women's Resource Centre.

We you to nominate a woman or group for this award. Should you have any questions, please phone us at the Kelowna Women's Resource Centre 250-762-2355.

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