

# Coalition to **BUILD** **A BETTER B.C.**

March 15, 2010

## **Provincial Coalition formed to fight funding cuts and work together to build a better BC**

More than 25 groups have joined together to oppose provincial government funding cuts and to work on real solutions to build a better province for all British Columbians.

The **Coalition to Build a Better BC** continues to grow and already includes groups from the arts community, first nations, health care, community services, organized labour, post-secondary students, youth, environmental and faith groups.

“This Coalition has come together to say with a united voice that our province is on the wrong course. Instead of the growing inequality we see all around us, we know we can build a province that provides opportunities for everyone,” says Irene Lanzinger of the BC Teachers Federation.

“Over the decades British Columbians have worked hard to build public, community and cultural services that make crucial contributions to the diversity and vibrancy of BC. They add tremendous value to our society and this coalition will work to defend and enhance them,” says Sylvia MacLeay of the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations

“Public, community and cultural services are the cornerstones of our society, especially in tough economic times. The government should be protecting them not systematically dismantling them,” says Adam Lynes-Ford of the BC Health Coalition.

“Funding cuts and chronic underfunding have eliminated important public services and threaten even more. The most vulnerable people in our communities are the people most affected by these cuts,” added Lynes-Ford.

The coalition is calling on the provincial government to:

- Stop eliminating public and community services;
- Fulfill their legislative responsibility to provide adequate, fair and consistent funding to support public services and community groups; and
- Consult with groups and individuals to build public and community services that give every individual the opportunity to participate in building a better BC.

For more information on the Coalition including a list of Coalition partners visit [www.betterBC.ca](http://www.betterBC.ca) or contact Irene Lanzinger (604) 871-2283 , Adam Lynes-Ford (604) 681-7945 or Sylvia MacLeay (604) 921-7823.

JU/sm  
1000-10pr-ju-Coalition to Build a Better BC (CBBBC)

