

# Charter for Public Education Network

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The Charter for Public Education Network is a non-profit, non-partisan organization promoting the importance of universal, free, accessible public education.



John and some enthusiastic volunteers have been very busy spreading the news about the Charter... In May, at the *Youth Leadership Conference*, we distributed over 700 posters of the Charter. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, John participated at the *Triennial BCGEU Convention* and was the guest of the Dean of the Faculty of Education from SFU at *The 3rd International Conference on Imagination and Education* July 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. That same weekend, John, his wife Gill, Miriam Tratt and a host of volunteers set up shop at the *29th Annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival*. Then on August 7<sup>th</sup>, John took



part in *Under the Volcano*. No doubt a busy time and we plan to continue to promote and advocate for fully-funded, equitable, accessible public

education...we have big plans...look for us in your neck of the woods soon!

**Public Education is Not for Sale!**

**We need your help...**

If you, your organization, union or business would like to become a part of the Network and support our work towards the principles of the **Charter for Public Education...Join us today!**

[www.charter.publiced.ca/membership](http://www.charter.publiced.ca/membership) and sign up online.

## Meet our new team...



### Linda G. Coyle - President

Currently, Linda is the Vice-President Emeritus of Kwantlen University College. She is committed to social justice and has worked on women's, aboriginal and multicultural issues in both the public and private sectors. As an effective public speaker and with many years of designing and developing training programs, Linda is recognized for effectively facilitating organizational change.

A life-long learner, she is pursuing her PhD. in Organizational Development in Higher Education and has an MA in Administrative Leadership in Education. Linda has three children, one grandchild, two dogs, two cats, a bird and spends many hours volunteering in the community.



### Dr. John C. Moss - Executive Director

John was born and educated in England before spending 24 years in Manitoba as a teacher, school and district administrator. From 1992 until 1999 he was Superintendent of Schools in District No. 69 (Qualicum) on Vancouver Island.

Dr. Moss has a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of British Columbia and currently does sessional instruction for the Faculty of Education in addition to operating his own Educational Consulting business.

John was an original member of the panel which toured BC in 2002-2003 and wrote the Charter for Public Education. He served as the Charter Network's first Chair and has recently been appointed its first Executive Director.



### Miriam Tratt - Administrator and Webmaster

Professionally, Miriam is a researcher in social and political. She received her B.A. in political science from the University of British Columbia in 1999, specializing in the study of developing nations and Eastern European politics. Miriam instigated and oversaw an aid project at the time of the Rwanda genocide, and has worked with various activist organizations and NGO's; she sits on the board of directors for several other nonprofits.

Miriam is also a visual artist specializing in printmaking and last, but certainly not least, she is enjoying the best-unpaid job in the world - motherhood - to her little bean, Caleb, now one!



### Coreen Douglas - Fundraiser

Coreen has fundraised for non-profits for almost 20 years. She finds the work challenging, but very fulfilling. Her clients have included such diverse organizations as the National Children's Bureau in London, England, the BC Positive Women's Network, the UBC Alma Mater Society, The Kettle Friendship Society and the BC SPCA.

Coreen believes in "relationship fundraising" - in the value of building long-term relationships with donors, supporters and corporate partners to create sustainable organizations. Working with CPEN to develop more diversified funding and public support is the kind of challenge she loves. What sustains her is spending time at my cottage in Point Roberts with Mr. Ripley, her crazy SPCA adopted dog.

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