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# Vancouver Island – Sunshine Coast Gay Straight Alliance Conference Programme

## Friday, April 11, 2008

- 6:00 pm Dinner at Gabriola Elementary School
- 7:00 pm **Evening Social:** refreshments  
*"In Other Words"* a National Film Board film

## Saturday, April 12, 2008

- 8:30 am Breakfast at Gabriola Elementary School
- 9:30 am **Breaking the silence: Talking about lesbian & gay issues in schools:**  
Examine myths and stereotypes, link oppressions, and understand how you can make your school safer and more inclusive. Learn how to disrupt homophobic name calling.  
*Presenters: Faune Johnson & students from Centennial Secondary GSA*
- 10:30 am Snack break
- 10:45 am **Finding the Resource Within:** Sometimes life plays "kick the can" with our hearts. Join this experiential look at the mind/body connection.  
*Presenter: Dianne Glassen*
- 12:00 pm Lunch - provided
- 1:00 pm **Gay/Straight Alliance Clubs in your school:** Guest speakers will include students and their teachers from existing GSA's, as well as Molly Patton and two youth from Aids Vancouver Island, Greg Laing will talk about how he set up a GSA network in Prince George, with all the Secondary schools, rather than one club.  
  
They will provide practical tips, personal experiences and suggestions on how to set up and maintain a GSA club. Participants will have an opportunity to network with other locals and develop an action plan for their school and/or local and the zone as a whole.
- 3:30 pm **Closing Remarks**



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