



## **STRAIGHT TALK**

### **Take Back the Night march will shine light on violence against women in Vancouver**

#### **Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter plans "direct action" on Friday**

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The lack of attention paid to women's equality by the major political parties on the road to the October 19 federal election is "appalling", according to a feminist activist in Vancouver.

"In terms of violence against women, there has been no leadership from any of the federal parties," Daisy Kler, a frontline worker at Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, told the *Georgia Straight* by phone.

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"We hear women on our [crisis] line saying that there's many aspects of violence against women that have happened to them, and they're outraged at their own experiences but also incensed at the antifeminist backlash," Kler said. "So we're seeing a backlash against the backlash."

According to Kler, the "joyful" march will start at 7:30 p.m. outside the Vancouver Art Gallery and take over a downtown street that many women "hate walking down". Speakers will discuss resistance to "rape culture" on university campuses, issues faced by aboriginal women, and lessons from Rape Relief's work.