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*An ongoing dialogic project activated collaboratively
by Leah Decter and Jaimie Isaac*

Call for Sewing Action Hosts Vancouver: May 2nd-9th, 2014

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The project invites people to respond to Stephen Harper's statement of denial. When the project is presented in public people can contribute their response to the project book. **In Sewing Actions participants hand-sew collected responses onto the blanket and can also contribute a response to the books.**

For info on hosting a Sewing Action go to:

http://www.leahdecter.com/official_denial/how_to_participate.html or email Krista.McCracken@algomau.ca, leahdecter@gmail.com, Isaac.jaimie@gmail.com

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**Port Alberni Gym
3555 4th Avenue, Port Alberni**

May 14th 3:30pm – 8:00pm

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**Arts Centre at Cedar Hill
3220 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria**

May 11th 11:00am – 3:00pm

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**Comox Valley Art Gallery
580 Duncan Ave, Courtenay**

May 13th 4:00pm – 7:00pm

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**Downtown Eastside Women's
Centre
302 Columbia St, Vancouver**

May 9th 3:30pm – 8:00pm

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Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Health Centre

May 12, 2014 10:00am-12:30pm

Space is limited. To register for this FREE event call the Health Centre at 250-753-6578. Snacks and child minding are available. Transportation to the event is not included.

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**Saturday, March 29, 1-4 pm
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Shaw Convention Centre**

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