



UPHOLDING HOPE

& WITNESSING RESISTANCE TO TRAUMA & VIOLENCE

PRESENTED BY VIKKI REYNOLDS (CANADA)

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FOOTSCRAY
COMMUNITY ARTS
CENTRE

9:30AM-4:30PM

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In this experiential workshop, internationally known presenter, Vikki Reynolds, offers an alternative approach to work with 'trauma', from a decolonizing anti-oppression stance, which focuses on the resistance of victims of violence and oppression. Honouring the wisdom of the people we work alongside in their responses to trauma brings forward their agency and wisdom - creating identities of knowledge, autonomy and strength, as opposed to victim/survivor identities, or other spoiled identities. An activist analysis resists the neutral and medicalised language of 'trauma', and names the contexts of social injustice that create the conditions for suffering.

Vikki Reynolds PhD RCC is an activist/therapist who works to bridge the worlds of social justice activism with community work & therapy. Vikki is a white settler of Irish, Newfoundland and English folks, and a heterosexual woman with cisgender privilege. Her experience includes supervision and therapy with refugees and survivors of torture, sexualised violence counsellors, mental health and substance misuse counsellors, housing and shelter workers, activists and working alongside gender and sexually diverse communities. She has written and presented internationally on the subjects of resistance to 'trauma', ally work, justice-doing, a supervision of solidarity, ethics, and innovative group work. Vikki's book *Doing Justice as a Path to Sustainability in Community Work*, is available free on her website along with articles and addresses (www.vikkireynolds.ca).

