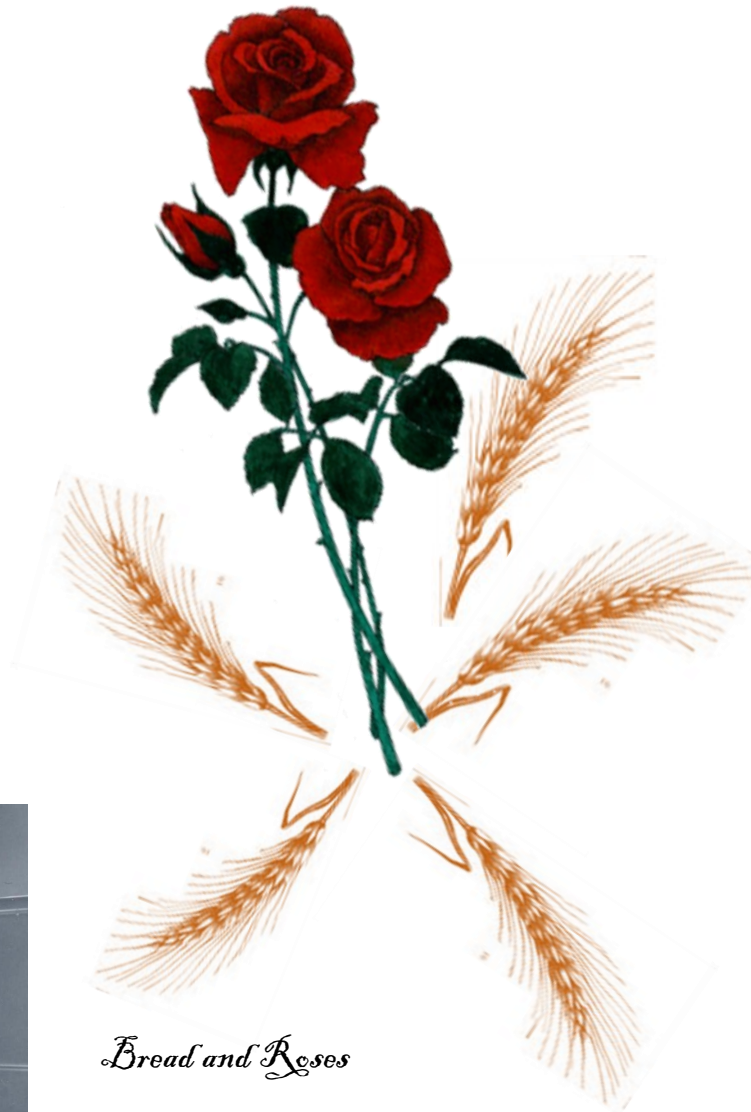


# Joy Langan Social Justice Award

An Award for a Woman who is

- A trade unionist and also a leader in her community;
- An activist and a leader in her union and community;
- Dedicated to equity and the application of a feminist lens in her union and community work;
- Dedicated to labour activism which may include holding an elected office or having held a position with her union and/or her community; and
- Dedicated to advancing these democratic principles through political activism or holding elected office.



*Bread and Roses*

*As we go marching, marching*

*In the beauty of the day . . .*

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## The Award

At the 2008 B.C. Federation of Labour Convention, delegates passed a resolution to establish the Joy Langan Social Justice Award. This Award will be presented at each B.C. Federation of Labour Constitutional Convention commencing in 2010.

This Award is to honour Joy Langan and the work, vision and leadership she provided to so many.

A Selection Committee has been created with representatives from labour, community, and family. The Committee will review all nominations and make a selection based on the criteria set out in this brochure.

The attached nomination form must be completed in full, signed and the original returned to:

B.C. Federation of Labour  
200-5118 Joyce Street  
Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 604-430-1421.



## Joy Langan

Joy's career began at Victoria Press in 1960, where she wrote a regular editorial column on women's issues. After working as a copy writer for nearly a decade, Joy went on to train as the first woman Apprentice Compositor at Pacific Press. As a member of the International Typographical Union (ITU), Joy was elected in 1972 to the union's Executive Board and began a career in the labour movement that would span over 35 years.



Not only was Joy the first woman apprentice at Pacific Press in 1972, she was one of the first women to join the newly - established B.C. Federation of Labour Women's Committee where she was elected Chair of the Committee. In 1976, Joy became the first woman on the B.C. Federation of Labour's Executive Council and two years later was elected Vice-President, representing the ITU. When the United Way of the Lower Mainland established the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Labour Participation Department in 1978, Joy became the first Labour Program Director.

Joy's involvement extends widely into many organizations and facets of community, labour and political life. She held positions in, or worked for, organizations including the CLC, the United Way, the B.C. Federation of Labour, the Labour Council, and the BC Federation of Retired Union Members (BCFORUM).



Woven throughout her working career, Joy was a tireless volunteer, champion and political leader for the NDP. She served as Vice-President and President of the BC NDP. In 1988, she was successfully elected as a Member of Parliament in the Federal Riding of Mission-Coquitlam, one of 19 NDP MP's from BC in the largest ever NDP Federal Caucus. Joy served as the NDP's Federal Labour Critic from 1988 to 1993. Shortly after leaving politics, Joy started a new career as a National Representative in the Lower Mainland for the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers' Union.

Eternally committed to the cause, Joy's passion for social and political engagement will continue through her legacy and the Joy Langan Social Justice Award.