

report

**MEDIA DEMOCRACY DAY VANCOUVER
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Dear Catherine Murray, and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies,

I just wanted to take a moment to personally thank you for your support of Media Democracy Day Vancouver. This year's event marked our tenth consecutive celebration of the local media community, and we are very grateful for funding from the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies. It is support from groups like yours which has helped to make 2010 the largest, best-attended, and most successful MDD to date. We are honoured to have had the pleasure to work with you, and are ever so thankful for your contributions.

This year, the Media Democracy Day team came to an early consensus that we wanted to expand the project of media democracy to a wider audience; to engage those not directly involved in political, media, or activist circles in the work of creating a diverse and representative media landscape that serves the interests of citizens ahead of profit and advertisers. To achieve this goal, we worked continuously to partner with a number of interesting, diverse, and in many cases, up-start organizations, so that Vancouverites of all stripes could see what a vibrant community they live in. Based on a count by the Vancouver Public Library, we had a record-breaking +2800 people in attendance at this year's MDD, by far our largest crowd to date, and with ample media coverage. Thank you once again, and we hope you found Media Democracy Day as empowering as we did. We look forward to working with you again next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Milne'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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