



Social Planning Council  
of Winnipeg



**April 5th, 2019**

**For Immediate Release:**

Sorry Not Sorry: Unapologetically Working for Social Justice

### **New Venue Announcement and Response to Criticism**

**Time:** 7pm (Doors open at 6pm). After dinner refreshments will be served

**Date:** April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Venue:** The Ukrainian Labour Temple, 591 Pritchard Avenue. Please note as renovations are pending, this venue is not fully accessible. Please contact [info@spcw.mb.ca](mailto:info@spcw.mb.ca) for more details. ASL interpretation will be provided. All tickets sold for the original venue will be honoured at the door.

The original venue cancelled the booking for this event due to reaction to one of our panel speakers, Linda Sarsour.

“We’d like to thank everyone for their patience.” says Kate Kehler, executive director of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, “We have delayed our announcement to ensure we took the time to listen to the concerns raised. We hope our follow-up website statement goes some way to allay those concerns.”

Other than the usual disputed accusations made against Ms. Sarsour, some concerns were about polarizing or dividing Winnipeg. The guiding questions/themes for the panel are how to organize across communities/cultures, what role education has in movement building, how to connect across generations, and how to survive and grow through controversy.

“The best way to avoid division is to commit to the relationship in which we all share as Winnipeggers.” says Tyler Blashko, SPCW board president. “The best way to remain in relationship is through respectful and caring dialogue.”

“CMWI is pleased to sponsor the 100th anniversary event of SPCW, to celebrate its continuous efforts, and achievements towards social justice. We are happy to be part of this event as it aligns with our work of helping the newcomer and refugee women who are among the most marginalized of our society.” Humaira Jaleel, CEO, CMWI.

“The Winnipeg Council of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians welcomes the opportunity to provide the Ukrainian Labour Temple for this important event celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg and its work for social justice.” Glenn Michalchuk, president, Winnipeg Council AUUC.

“This event is planned and designed to talk about building inclusive communities. The organizers of the event are bringing together 3 amazing women to talk about the work they have done in building such communities. Ms. Sarsour is coming to Winnipeg to talk about her experiences doing that work, and we would encourage everyone to join in that conversation.”  
Harold Shuster, Independent Jewish Voices-Winnipeg.

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Background:

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