

Biography of the producer:

Mehdi Latifi is a news producer and technical operator for Radio Pazhvak. He is also an activist for women's equality, workers right for a decent standard of living, and promotes organizing against oppression. He also trains new programmers and maintains that a better world for all is possible.

About the program:

Radio Pazhvak (Pazhvak means echo in Persian) has been broadcasting 1 hour weekly Persian public affairs programs in Vancouver, BC, on 102.7 FM since June 1988. The air time is 9-10 p.m. on Mondays. During the last 22 years, it has aired about 1200 hours of thought provoking radio broadcast on women's, children, workers, and sexual/reproductive rights. It has been advocating for a society free from racism and other inhumane acts. Pazhvak in ongoing programs has promoted communities basics human rights to universal education, healthcare, decent wages and the right for organizing. Also It has defended the rights of refugees and has demanded for abolition of capital punishment where ever it is practiced. The one hour weekly show is a tribune for the Iranian community to contact each other and raise issues about the ongoing movements for a better world. Environmental issues have also been discussed in different occasions. Also the history of first nations in Canada and specifically in BC has been presented in various programs to raise awareness about the demands of first nations in Canada.