About Us

Youth & Society is an interdisciplinary research centre that links researchers from several academic areas with community representatives, service agencies, all levels of government, youth, and media. Our partners have extensive experience in basic research, community action research, and direct service to youth.

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There are four membership categories within the Centre for Youth & Society: Research Fellow, Research Affiliate, Community Affiliate or Student Affiliate.

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Victoria's Vital Signs survey open for 2017

It's time for Greater Victoria's annual checkup! If you live or work in the Capital Region (including the Southern Gulf Islands, Salt Spring Island, and Juan de Fuca up to Port Renfrew), take the 2017 Victoria’s Vital Signs® survey and share what you love about living, working and playing in Victoria.

The survey helps the Victoria Foundation to create the annual Vital Signs report, which in turn helps non-profit organizations, civic leaders and individual donors make decisions about granting, policy-making and charitable giving. Learn more.

ISBNPA Conference to be held in Victoria in June

University of Victoria is hosting The International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Conference in June 2017. This is a great opportunity to attend an international conference here on the island. Learn more.
Membership is free. Members support the mission and goals of the Centre and are expected to adhere to high ethical principles in the conduct and dissemination of research.

To apply for membership status, download the application package here and email to: cys@uvic.ca

Sparking Conversations: Turning the Tide on the Opioid Crises

Hear the evidence and join the conversation on Wednesday, May 24th, about action and responses to the overdose emergency. Led by a diverse panel of experts, this event will cover a broad range of topics, from the impact of the crisis on Vancouver Island to the role of stigma, the changing service landscape, the power of peer and family support, and the case for innovation in the way we view and treat addiction.

Learn more.

2017 Fresh Voices Awards nominations are open – Deadline May 17

Vancouver Foundation’s Fresh Voices Awards recognize the leadership of immigrant and refugee youth in British Columbia and across Canada working to advance social change. Awards provide $1,000 to an inspiring young immigrant or refugee, or to an adult-ally who has excelled in addressing issues of concern for newcomer youth. Nominations must be received Foundation via email to freshvoices@vancouverfoundation.ca by 5 pm on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Learn more.


Presented by the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, this multi-disciplinary conference shares the latest law, knowledge and practice tips to help you better support children affected by justice and administrative decision-making. Speakers include young people such as Tru Wilson and Cormac O’Dwyer, and Bernard Richard, BC’s representative for children and youth. Join the free CLEBC webinar that launches the CBA Child Rights Toolkit on Thursday, May 11, 9-10:30 am. Learn more.

Job posting - Youth Strategy Assistant

The City of Victoria is searching for a Youth Strategy Assistant to join their team. Appealing to someone who thrives in a fast paced environment, this is a rewarding position filled with opportunity to work with youth. The ideal candidate is passionate about the community, and brings fresh ideas. If this sounds like you, and you are eager to support youth in Victoria, apply now! Learn more.

The Sacred Circle - an Aboriginal Cultural Presentation

Join the students from Craigflower, Shoreline, Esquimalt and Spectrum schools for an Aboriginal Cultural Performance on Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00
pm. The performance takes place at the Esquimalt High School Theatre, 847 Colville Road. The entrance fee to the performance is by donation and it should run approximately 1 hour long. For more information, please contact srhude@sd61.bc.ca