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*Bi-weekly updates from the Centre for Youth and Society*

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**CFYS updates and events**

**Centre for Youth and Society’s COVID-19 Resource Hub**
In response to COVID-19, the CFYS has created a resource hub to centralize lists of community resources that have been created by different community organizations on Vancouver Island. The resource hub also provides additional resources shared by various networks, tips on maintaining physical health and well-being for children, youth and families, and resources for online education. 
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**Sharing Positive Stories during COVID-19**
The CFYS is collecting and sharing positive stories of people from our community and across the globe. The positive stories show examples of how community members and people positively react to the pandemic situation, showing support, compassion and generosity.
More information

**Community Voice Project**
The CFYS is conducting interviews with youth and community members to share their personal experience, what they have learned during the pandemic and share future goals and aspirations. The interviews are conducted online and videos of the responses are posted on the CFYS’s COVID19 Resource Hub.
More information

**Centre for Youth and Society Answers Questions From the Community**
CFYS Research Fellows from various disciplines and areas of expertise are happy to answer questions asked by youth- and family-serving organizations. We also have a group of graduate students who can
explore the available answers to various questions that community organizations may have about health, well-being, physical distance, homeschooling, parenting, support beyond COVID-19, etc.. All questions and answers will be posted in the Question and Answer section on the resource hub. Questions could be sent to cfyoffice@uvic.ca and a written and/or video response will be posted on the Resource Hub.

Workshops & Events

**Kids E-Reading Club – Victoria Literacy Connection**
The VLC has created a virtual book club for kids. The book club facilitates online reading groups for kids in grades 2 through 5. Group sizes currently compose of three children per session. This online program also offers volunteer opportunities for those who wish help children improve their reading and comprehension skills.
Dates: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 10:30AM, ongoing until May 1, 2020
More Information

**Creating Compassionate Community: Online Mindfulness and Self-compassion**
All are welcome to join this weekly online mindfulness and self-compassion practice. Each week a different practice will be explored and there will be brief discussions and sharing opportunities. The classes are facilitated by local therapists who discuss empirical research and the latest findings of neuroscience. Sessions will be facilitated using “Zoom” and are free to attend, though they encourage making donations to local charities such as the Mustard Seed.
Date: Every Wednesday from April 8th @ 7:00-8:30PM
More Information

**RBCM@Home (Kids) Go Fish with Dr. Gavin Hanke – Royal BC Museum**
Join Dr. Gavin Hanke, Curator of Vertebrate Zoology, to explore the different ways to look at, wonder about, and draw fish in this virtual event for kids.
Date: April 22 @ 11:00AM – 11:30PM
More Information

**RBCM@Outside with Dr. Ken Marr – Royal BC Museum**
Celebrate Earth Day by taking a virtual walk through the Native Plant Garden at the Royal BC Museum with Curator of Botany Dr. Ken Marr. Explore indigenous plants of BC and have fun with nature-themed activities for children (young and old).
Date: April 22 @ 2:00PM – 2:30PM
More Information

**BCalm Online Drop-In Meditation – BC Association for Living Mindfully**
This one-hour guided meditation is designed to bring peace, support and togetherness. It will be facilitated using “Zoom” and participants are invited to make a donation of any amount to the organization.
Date: April 23 @ 1:00PM
More Information

Job and volunteer opportunities
Casual COVID-19 Response Shelter Outreach & Support Staff – The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
Various emergency resources are being established to support individuals experiencing homelessness during the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness is currently recruiting individuals on a Casual Temporary basis to support temporary encampments and other shelter sites as they are opened.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until filled
More Information

School Aged Care Coordinator – The Cridge Centre for the Family
The Coordinator has the specific responsibility to provide administration, personnel management & financial management to the School-Aged/SunFun programs throughout the school year and summer as necessary. Some direct care will be required.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until filled
More Information

Virtual Youth Peer Support – Foundry BC
The Youth Peer Support Worker works as part of an interprofessional team providing online peer support services to youth and young adults with mental health and substance use issues. Provides a range of non-clinical, peer-based services including individual peer support, facilitating peer-based recovery groups and conducting peer information sessions on topics such as consumer-run services, recovery and wellness planning, strategies for symptom management and community resources.
Location: Online
Application deadline: Until filled
More Information

Child and Youth Behavioural Support Worker – IDM Youth Services
The Youth Support Worker is responsible for the following: providing an environment that is safe, comfortable, and homelike; attending to the daily functioning of the home, such as: cooking, cleaning, laundry, and driving; supporting the person served in attending appointments and/or school, day programs, and work; providing emotional and behavioural support when needed; administering medications as needed.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until filled
More Information

Summer Camp Leader – James Bay Community School Centre
Join the James Bay Out of School Care team as they embark upon their Summer Adventures program dedicated to providing a rich and dynamic experience for 5 groups of kiddos. They are looking for someone who will bring creativity, energy and a playful spirit. Someone with an abundance of exciting ideas and a supportive demeanor to help children develop, grow and discover how to be great humans.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until filled
More Information

For more job listings and volunteer opportunities:
Conferences
All conferences postponed until further notice.

Scholarships and bursaries

Youth Bursary – Adoptive Families Association of BC
The AFABC Youth Bursary awards financial assistance to youth who have joined their families by legal adoption and plan to pursue a vocational, trade or academic post-secondary program at an accredited BC institution.
Application deadline: Thursday April 30, 2020
More information

Youth Education Bursary – Federation of Community Social Services of BC
The FCSSBC Youth Education Bursary assists young people that are or have been in care and want to pursue a career in the field of Human and Social Services. Bursaries support students with the financial costs of tuition, books, and supplies for post-secondary academic education, training, or upgrading. The bursary is available to a maximum of $2,000 per academic year (two semesters).
Application deadline: Friday May 8, 2020
More information

COVID-19 Emergency Bursary Fund – University of Victoria
The university has created a COVID-19 Emergency Bursary available to all students—domestic or international, undergraduate or graduate—who are experiencing emergency financial need as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is intended to provide for students’ urgent and emerging needs and enable them to continue their academic programs in this rapidly shifting learning environment.
More information

Youth Get It Education Awards – Coast Capital Savings
The Youth Education Awards program supports students who have overcome adversity and personal challenge. The Standing Tall Award is open to students who have overcome challenges such as poverty, health, family issues, personal loss, and lack of support and demonstrate a commitment to continue their education. The Beth Hutchison Award is given to one individual who exemplifies a commitment to continuing their education in the face of considerable health challenges.
Application deadline: Varies by school district. Click here to find an updated list of deadlines.
More information

Funding Opportunities

SSHRC Connection Grants
These grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and
to engage on research issues of value to those participating.
Application deadline: Friday May 1, 2020
More information

**MSFHR COVID-19 Research Response Fund**
This funding call will operate on a rolling intake basis, with applications reviewed as they are received through to May 19th; successful applicants will be announced approximately every two weeks for three cycles. As an adaptive funding call, it will be monitored on an ongoing basis; the end date may change depending on demand and nature of applications. This first call will focus on high quality research that evaluates BC’s response to the first wave of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and informs ongoing response, especially strategies for avoiding or mitigating subsequent waves of transmission. Successful applications will build on BC-specific capacities and strengths, draw on available expertise and resources and include cross-institution collaborations where appropriate. Projects should have results available in time to help inform public health responses through the fall and winter of 2020/2021.
Application deadline: May 19, 2020
More information

**NSERC Alliance COVID-19 Grants**
NSERC is providing up to $15 million in total support to stimulate collaborations between academic researchers and the public and not-for-profit sectors, and industry to address pandemic-related research and technical challenges.
Application deadline: June 1, 2020
More information

**NRC Pandemic Response Challenge Program**
The NRC will receive $15 million to form dedicated teams to address challenges requiring further research and development for solutions to meet COVID-19 related needs. The NRC will build these teams drawing on internal-to-government capacity and academic researchers who register to indicate their interest, and related areas of expertise and capabilities. The Pandemic Response Challenge Program is currently structured around three main areas: rapid detection and diagnosis, therapeutics and vaccine development, and digital health.
Application deadline: Ongoing
More information

**Emergent Ventures Fast Grants for COVID-19**
Aims to jumpstart high-risk, high-reward ideas that advance prosperity, opportunity, and wellbeing. The fellowship provides participants with the short-term resources and support to quickly develop and test their ideas. Fast grants are available for scientists in an academic institution currently working on a COVID-19 related project.
Application deadline: Ongoing
More information

**Canada’s Digital Technology Supercluster Call for COVID-19 Solutions**
The Digital Technology Supercluster is leading the development of solutions to some of the biggest issues created by COVID-19. The COVID-19 Program is focused on unlocking solutions to protect the health and safety of all Canadians and our economy through the development, deployment, and scaling of digital technologies. Please contact Chris Flores, Industry Liaison Officer (engr.il@uvic.ca) for more details on next steps if you are interested in this opportunity.
Mitac Accelerate COVID-19 Program
Mitacs has launched a COVID-19 program that provides 3:1 matching funds to small and medium-sized businesses for hiring post-secondary interns (graduate students and postdocs) to work on coronavirus-related projects.
Application deadline: Ongoing
More information

Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant
The Elizabeth Greenshields foundation grant is for young artists pursuing their studies or are in the early or development stages of their careers. The grants are in the amount of $15,000 each, subsequent grants are in the amount of $18,000 each.
Application deadline: Ongoing
More information

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