CFYS E-News – April 30th, 2020

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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.
More information

Free Entertainment and Virtual Access to Culture during COVID-19
Children, youth and families are now able to access virtual entertainment during the period of physical distancing. The Centre has provided links on the resource hub to virtual museum exhibits, arts and entertainment events, community workshops and festivals, which can all be accessed online.
More information

Online Education Resources to Support Parents, Children and Youth
Resources for parents and students have been collected by different organizations to facilitate online education during COVID-19. Information for parents, elementary and secondary students is available on the resource hub.
More information

Maintaining Physical and Mental Health at Home
Maintaining physical health and well-being is important for children, youth and families during this period of physical distancing. Visit the resource hub for more information on how to manage stress and
anxiety, free online yoga and meditation videos, and free counselling and mental health support.

More information

Workshops & Events

National Child and Youth Mental Health Day – FamilySmart
FamilySmart is committed to acknowledging National Child & Youth Mental Health Day on May 7, 2020. Having good interpersonal, close relationships is above all other social determinants of health - and there is no health without mental health. For over 10 years, May 7th has been about building caring connections between young people and caring adults in their lives. Participate, this year, using FamilySmart’s online resources and join the three live events that they will host.
Location: Online
Date: May 7, 2020
More information

Youth Virtual Activity Night – Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society (VIRCS)
VIRCS’ Enable Youth Activity Night is a safe and fun space for newcomer youth to connect. Youth ages 12-19 can join online every Tuesday night from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Activities include Kahoot, discussions, recipes, games and yoga.
Location: Online
Date: May 5, 12, 19 & 28, 2020
More information

Youth Mindfulness Groups - YMCA
The YMCA Youth Mindfulness Groups are now being offered online. These free 7-week psycho-educational and support groups allow youth ages 18-30 who experience anxiety to receive support in a safe and friendly environment. Participants learn healthy coping skills while connecting with other young adults in the community. The program is facilitated by trained mental health professionals who use evidence based approaches such as Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). The Youth Mindfulness Group is available to youth who live anywhere in the Vancouver Island region (including Gulf Islands). Participants can attend an online information session and do a phone intake to register. Information sessions are scheduled for April 30, May 6 & 7. The 7-week program is scheduled to start May 13, 2020, running on Wednesday evenings.
Location: Online
Date: May 13, 2020
More information

ICA Game Changer: Employment Project for Immigrant Youth – Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria
ICA’s Game Changer program is an 8-week virtual employability skills training program for immigrant youth. Youth will learn essential skills, job search skills, labour market information, networking and self-marketing skills, job maintenance skills, and more. Classes run Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Youth who sign up will get paid to learn. Contact Gaeun Lee (glee@icavictoria.org) to register.
Location: Online
Dates: June 8 – July 31, 2020
More information
Job and volunteer opportunities

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:
UVic Learning in Motion
UVic Careers
WorkBC
Volunteer Victoria

Conferences
All conferences postponed until further notice.

Scholarships and bursaries

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).
Student-Parent Child-Care Bursary – University of Victoria’s Student Society (UVSS)
One or more bursaries are given to students who demonstrate financial need based on British Columbia Student Assistance Program standards and average costs normally paid for child care. Applicants need not be receiving government funding to be considered for this bursary. Eligible services may include: private child care, UVic child care, and child-minding services. The bursaries are used solely to fund actual child care costs which are not paid from other sources such as Provincial government agencies. Recipients must be registered in at least 3 credit units of a degree program at the University of Victoria and be in good academic standing.
Application deadline: May 31, 2020

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.

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.

Funding Opportunities

CIHR Operating Grant: COVID-19 May 2020 Rapid Research Funding Opportunity
This funding opportunity is part of Government of Canada’s continued rapid response to address the health challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will enable rapid and timely research responsive to the current phase of COVID-19 pandemic in Canada and around the globe, which is focused on slowing and stopping the spread of SARS-CoV-2.
Application deadline: May 6, 2020 @ Noon

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

SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant: COVID-19 Special Initiative
The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges globally. While much needed focus to date has been on developing and testing effective countermeasures to control the spread of the virus, examining the longer-term impacts of the pandemic—and the ensuing economic slowdown—on individuals, businesses and communities is just as important. Through Partnership Engage Grants (PEG), the PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative provides short-term and timely support for small-scale, stakeholder-driven partnerships. It will allow researchers and their partners to address urgent and specific needs, challenges or opportunities through collaborations. It will also provide a unique opportunity to foster a knowledge exchange on COVID-19 crisis related issues, challenges and impacts between postsecondary researchers and different sectors of society, including graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and other highly qualified personnel.
Application deadline: June 15, 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.

Application deadline: Ongoing

More information

**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

For more funding opportunities:

*SSHRC*
*CIHR*
*Mitacs*
*UVic Awards*
*GSS Grants*

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