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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New Youth Traffic Safety Research at CFYS

UVic CFYS is beginning a new research project in partnership with the CRD Traffic Safety Commission. Innovative Approaches to Youth Traffic Safety: Evidence and Education, principle investigator Dr. Frederick Grouzet, will investigate when and why youth and young adults (16-30 years) adopt (or not) safe traffic behaviors. It will explore with them (as well as adult practice and policy stakeholders) the foundation for effective educational materials to increase safe traffic behaviours as both driver/rider and passengers. Additionally, the project will reach out to local youth 12 to 15 years with adapted educational materials empowering them as passengers with the potential to influence adult traffic behaviors. Legacies of the project include new approaches for engaging youth/young adults in evidence based reflection on traffic safety, multimedia educational materials, and strengthened partnerships across youth traffic safety stakeholders.

Work Study Positions Available at CFYS

If you are an UVic student interested in youth related research find our 2017/18 work study postings here soon.

Must be work study eligible. See details here.
There are four membership categories within the Centre for Youth & Society: Research Fellow, Research Affiliate, Community Affiliate or Student Affiliate.

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

Narratives of Memory, Migration, and Xenophobia: An International Symposium - August 24-25

This conference on August 24th and 25th at the University of Victoria brings together scholars, students, and artists from Canada and Europe, to participate in an intercultural dialogue about how narratives of the past - or the politics of memory - can influence current political choices and policy decisions, and how we can talk more effectively about the past - as scholars, teachers, and citizens - in ways to foster more inclusive readings of the present.

This conference is free and open to the public and includes academic presentations, facilitated discussions and artistic performances. Come for two days and invite friends to join you in the evenings for concerts as well - all located at UVic for easy access. Daily panels and presentations in the David Strong Building (C108) and evening concerts in the Phillip T Young Recital Hall, B-Wing of the MacLaurin building. Learn more.

heART space: Call for Art Submissions

Make art? Have art by someone lost to overdose? We want to hear from you. Email marions@uvic.ca, text 250-857-4784, or find us online to talk about your submission or ideas. Works will be displayed at a pop-up public venue downtown Victoria in October, 2017. Learn more.

2018 Nurturing Hope Conference - January 15-18


Children, youth, and families - as well as those who provide care and support to them - are living in a time where hope for the future is needed. Hope is an integral part of the healing experience and is exactly what those facing difficult circumstances in life need. This conference aims to explore, restore, and promote hope for those involved in strengthening families around the world. Learn more.

Overdose Awareness Day - August 31
Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held annually on August 31st. The goals of Overdose Awareness Day are to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death; and to acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose. For more about Overdose Awareness Day and to find events near you click here.

Overdose can affect anyone. Time to Remember. Time to Act.