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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CFYS Fellow featured on CBC’s *The Current*

CFYS Fellow, Dr. Donna McGhie-Richmond, and a team of researchers across Canada involved in the *Beginning Teacher Study* were featured on CBC’s *The Current* with Anna Maria Tremonti. The study examines beginning teachers’ beliefs and knowledge concerning inclusion and students with special needs that spans teachers’ formal education in their faculties of education as well their first few years as practicing teachers. The focus of the radio program was: *Is the public school system working for kids with special needs?* Anna Maria fielded calls and interviewed researchers. Click here to listen to the entire feature.

CFYS Research Assistant Opportunities

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

Must be work study eligible. See details here.

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Become a Member

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

Victoria Foundation Vital Signs 2017

The latest Vital Signs report is now available. The Victoria Foundation produces a report annually to connect philanthropy to current concerns and opportunities. Tellingly this year, less than 40% of youth state that they feel connected to their community. See details here.

Office of the Representative – New report

Missing Pieces, a new report by Representative Bernard Richard, calls for improvements to the child and youth mental health system. The report identifies significant and systemic gaps in child and youth mental health services. Read more here.

McConnell – Student Well Being System Change Fund

School districts, groups of schools, and organizations working within the education system are invited to apply for projects that are dedicated to both improving student social and emotional well-being AND addressing barriers to longer-term, deeper impact. These grants are for a 3-year term, with request amounts anywhere between $75,000 and $300,000. Webinars are available for more information on funding process. For more information click here.

Canada Green Corps Employment Programme Extended

United Nations Association-Canada’s innovative youth employment programme, Canada Green Corps, has been extended until March 2019. Green Corps provides remarkable work experience for youth, and provides employers with a meaningful wage subsidy to hire talented young professionals for six-month Work-Integrated Learning placements in their organizations.

In its pilot year, Green Corps successfully bridged 250 Canadian youth into meaningful green jobs across the country. For more about the eligibility requirements and application process for youth and employers see here.