CFYS E-News – January 24th, 2020

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

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CFYS updates and events

CFYS Community Advisory Meeting
The Centre for Youth and Society will be hosting our third Community Advisory Meeting on February 19th, 2020. This meeting will bring members of the CFYS and youth-serving community organizations together to discuss emerging issues related to children, youth, and family well-being. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle at cfysassistant@uvic.ca by January 31st, 2020.

2019-2020 CFYS Student Awards
The Centre for Youth and Society is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 Student Awards – Myer Horowitz Award (supports conference presentations on youth related research or community-based research).

More information

Events

Bell Let’s Talk Day
Bell Let’s Talk Day is an annual campaign to increase awareness about mental health across Canada. It is structured around four primary pillars: ending stigma, increasing access to care, investing in research, and leading by example through positive mental health in the workplace. Join the movement on January 29th by starting a conversation about mental health in your classroom or with your colleagues. Don’t know where to begin? Bell has created a toolkit including a conversation guide to help get you started.
First Call BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition Fundraising Gala
Every year, First Call BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition organizes a Fundraising Gala that brings together over 500 people from a range of sectors with an interest in the well-being of children and youth. Come and make new connections, celebrate, enjoy delicious food, and hear inspiring words from Dr. Melissa Lem, a board member of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, strategic advisor to the BC Parks Foundation, experienced journalist, Vancouver-based family physician, and much more.
Location: Vancouver, BC
Date: February 27th, 2020
More information

Workshops
SHIFT – Victoria Youth Empowerment Society
The Victoria Youth Empowerment Society's SHIFT group will be starting back up this month on January 23rd. SHIFT is a group for gender diverse youth age 13-19 to access support related to their gender identities. This group is activity based and includes art projects, outings, and guest speakers while also incorporating lessons around coping skills, self-esteem, and navigating medical services. Please note that this is not an Alliance Club program. This group is designed to be an inclusive and safe space where youth can access support related to their gender identity and come together for peer connections. Topics and activities include self-esteem building, coping strategies, navigating medical services, and much more. SHIFT meets twice a month for a total of six meetings per session.
Location: The Top Floor of our 533 Yates St. office
Dates: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 5:00 PM – 6:30PM starting from January 23rd, 2020
More information

Supporting Healthy Eating at School: What We Say & Do Matters
How can adults support children to eat well and nurture a healthy relationship with food in the school setting and beyond? Join this Farm to School Webinar series for an interactive webinar designed to reflect on what makes a child a “good eater”; describe roles of adults and children with respect to feeding and eating; explore how our language around food can impact children’s eating habits; and identify resources designed to support eating well.
Location: Vancouver, BC
Date: January 28th, 2020 @ 3:30PM – 4:30PM
More information

Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Group – James Bay Community Project and Quadra Village Community Centre
James Bay Community Project and Quadra Village Community Centre are hosting at Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Group for YOUNG parents starting February 3. This group is open to parents 21 years and younger who are parenting a child 0-5 years old. There’s FREE childminding available onsite, or the program can offer cash to pay for a baby-sitter at home. At Nobody’s Perfect sessions, parents learn about their child’s feelings, behaviours, body, and safety as well as sharing what it is like to be a parent. Sessions are based on what parents want to learn about, not step by step from a book. It is a 6-week program.
Location: Victoria, BC  
Dates: February 3rd, 10th, 24th & March 2nd, 9th, 16th @ 1:00PM – 2:30PM  
More information

**Good Beginnings Professional Development for Child Care Providers Course**
This course addresses the essential elements required for operating a quality home-based child care. It covers everything from child development, guidance, health and safety, to managing the business. You will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the course and parent package.  
Location: Surrey, BC  
Dates: February 7th, 2020 – March 13th, 2020 @ 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
More information

**Youth Policy Program (YPP) – LEVEL**
The LEVEL Youth Policy Program (YPP) provides training to 12 Indigenous/racialized immigrants/refugee youth from across BC. Through this program, LEVEL hopes to shape and advocate for public policy, addressing the issues that impact the lives of marginalized youth. YPP includes six modules, each takes place in Vancouver and Victoria. Dates vary starting in February and continuing into September.  
Location: Vancouver and Victoria, BC  
Dates: February 13th – 14th until September 24th – 25th  
More information

**Y Nexus 2020 – Reconciliation and Community**
The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is bringing together Indigenous, settlers and newcomers between 18 and 30 years old through Y Nexus. The program takes place February 24 to 27, 2020 at YMCA Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine Coast. It is rooted in reconciliation and awareness of Indigenous ways of being for young adults ages 18 to 30.  
Location: Sunshine Coast, BC  
Dates: February 24th – 27th, 2020  
Application deadline: February 3rd, 2020  
More information

**All Youth Matter Inclusion Training – Oaklands Community Association**
Based on deep consultation with nearly 250 youth and over 100 inclusion experts, All Youth Matter Inclusion Training was developed to equip sport and recreation leaders to make a difference in the lives of diverse youth in their community. In this workshop, one will learn about factors that contribute to an inclusive environment, how to identity and address barriers and biases, and steps to take to intervene and stop discrimination.  
Location: Victoria, BC  
Date: April 25th, 2020 @ 12:00PM – 4:00PM  
More information

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**Job and volunteer opportunities**

**Out-of-School Care Assistant – Panorama Recreation**
Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Program Coordinator and the Out of School Care Leader, the Out of School Care Assistant is responsible for assisting with the implementation and delivery of Panorama’s Out of School Care program for child/youth.  
Locations: Sidney, BC/ Brentwood Bay, BC
Youth and Family Counsellor – George Jay Elementary
The role of the Youth and Family Counsellor is to provide identification and intervention in the areas of counselling, skill development, advocacy, and support services to vulnerable children and their families. Children who are vulnerable are those who are experiencing familial, emotional, behavioural, and/or cultural issues which significantly limit their capacity to function effectively within their family, school, and/or community. The position at George Jay helps serve a dynamic group of students (and their families) including those with complex and significant challenges.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until-filled

Family Support Worker – Fernwood NRG
The Family Support Worker is responsible for the front-line delivery of Family Programs. This includes but is not limited to one-on-one support to individuals and families, co-planning program delivery, facilitating and evaluating Fernwood NRG’s Family Programs. When applicable, this position may be asked to backfill the Family Programs Coordinator during absences.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until-filled

Youthspace.ca Training Group – NEED2 Suicide Prevention, Education & Support
NEED2 Suicide Prevention, Education & Support is currently accepting applications for their next Youthspace.ca training group. Youthspace.ca is an online support network which extends preventative mental health support to anyone under 30 yrs. At Youthspace.ca, youth can anonymously reach out to professionally-trained volunteers and staff via a Chat (instant messaging or text messaging) service, a support Forum, or E-counselling.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: None

CEER Vocational Consultant – Victoria Native Friendship Centre
Working as part of the CEER (Career, Employment & Educational Resources) Team and reporting directly to the Director of CEER, the Vocational Consultant will provide direct services that include support and career counseling for Indigenous individuals to help achieve their employment, career planning, and/or educational goals.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until-filled

IMDEES Employability Coach – Victoria Native Friendship Centre
Working as part of the IMDEES (Indigenous Model for Delivering Employment and Economic Success) Team and reporting directly to the Program Director, the Employability Coach will provide one-on-one employment readiness support for program participants as well as facilitate group programming and team projects. Employability Coaches will mentor new workers and provide support and connections to both employee and employer.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until-filled

For more job listings and volunteer opportunities:
UVic Learning in Motion
UVic Careers
WorkBC
Volunteer Victoria

Conferences

Early Years Conference 2020
The Early Years Conference 2020 continues to lead the field of professional development in early childhood development, early childhood intervention, and family support. In this conference, participants will explore the complex factors impacting children’s development and highlight many of the considerations and practices in our work with young children and their families. This year’s theme – Listen Together, Learn Together, Act Together – is a call to action. It is a reminder that families and communities are central to the healthy development of young children. When Listening Together, Learning Together and Acting Together, one can create relationships that will best optimize the well-being and resilience of children.
Location: Vancouver, BC
Date: January 30th – February 1st, 2020

Scholarships and bursaries

Storytellers Competition
SSHRC’s Storytellers competition is opened to postsecondary student with a story to tell about a great SSHRC-funded project. Enter for a chance to win $3,000 and a spot in a special communications workshop at the 2020 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Western University. This is the chance to show Canadians, in three minutes or 300 words, how social sciences and humanities research is having an impact on our lives, our world and our future for the better.
Application deadline: January 28th, 2020

MSFHR 2020 Scholar Competition
The MSFHR Scholar Program allows early-career researchers to establish an independent research career, build a leading research program, and expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field.
Application internal deadline: January 31st, 2020
Application external deadline: February 7th, 2020 @ 4:30 PM PST

Teen Writing Contest
For grades 7-12. Try your hand at our fantastic contest for teens who write. This year’s contest focuses on writing that is inspired by Michael Nicholl Yahgulanaas’s book Flight of the Hummingbird, which challenges each of us to do our part, bit by bit, to make the world a better place. Enter your original
poem, short story, or something in our creative writing category. Entries have a limit of 1,500 words; works that surpass the word count may be disqualified. If your entry is selected by the judging panel, you will win a gift certificate to a local book store of your choice.
Application deadline: February 27th, 2020
More information

BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) Educational Award
BCCPAC is presenting the Educational Award to any Grade 12 student attending a BCCPAC-member school who is planning to pursue post-secondary studies (academic, vocational, technical or training).
Application deadline: February 28th, 2020
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 deadlines: February 1st and May 1st, 2020
More information

ParticipACTION’s Community Better Challenge
In the Spring of 2020, ParticipACTION will host its second annual cross-Canada Community Better Challenge. This challenge is open to all organizations, schools, sport groups and workplaces to participate and track their minutes as a team. If you host an event or program that helps your community get active during the challenge, you may be eligible to receive a micro-grant to support your efforts. Now is the time to start thinking about what kind of event your school would like to host.
Application deadline: February 28th, 2020 (Application opens on January 27th, 2020)
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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