CFYS E-News – May 14th, 2020

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

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CFYS updates and events

Centre for Youth and Society’s Community Resource Hub
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 community resource hub allows our community to stay connected, and shares information for children, youth and families during this period of physical distancing. 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

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 community resource hub.
More information

Workshops & Events

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
Teens & School – FamilySmart
Secondary School is an important time in a teen’s life, and for teen’s struggling with mental health and/or substance use challenges, it can be a tough time. This In the Know online discussion brings together a principal and a parent to discuss what they have done as adults to support things going well for teens in secondary schools.
Location: Online
Date: May 20, 2020 2:00pm – 3:00pm
More information

The Power of Play Workshop Series – Child Care Resource & Referral
The Power of Play workshop series will explore child development of children ages one to five. In this developmental period, play is the best way that children learn. The Power of Play workshop series shares research-based material on each topic in a fun and engaging way.
Location: Online
Date: May 25 – June 22, 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

Program Leader I - Youth Services – District of Saanich
Teen centre staff are responsible for planning and overseeing both registered and drop in programs and services to youth in our community. The Program Leader will work cooperatively and communicate effectively with youth participants, their families as well as coworkers and supervisors. The Program Leader’s role will be to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all participants by maintaining the program site, implementing safe work practices and leading well-organized activities.
Location: Victoria, BC
Application deadline: Until filled
More information

Settlement Client Navigator – Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria
As the first point of contact, the settlement client navigates newcomer clients through the intake process at ICA’s Welcome Centre or in schools in the Capital Regional District. Provide settlement/resettlement and integration services (one-on-one support to individuals or family units) to immigrants and refugees. Assist newcomer clients with needs assessment and referral; information and orientation; support services; and build community connections.
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
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 three credit units of a degree program at the University of Victoria and be in good academic standing.

Application deadline: May 31, 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.

More information

Funding Opportunities

COVID-19 Research Opportunities
UVic has created a COVID-19 Funding Opportunities website to list the various opportunities available in regards to research during the pandemic. During this time, there is a high need for research and development for solutions to meet COVID-19 related needs. Research opportunities are available to better understand the differentiated impacts of the pandemic, designing and implementing effective recovery methods, and preparing for future outbreaks.

More information

Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grants – Victoria Foundation
Public health orders to physically distance from others has had the unintended impact of creating more social isolation. The Victoria Foundation has partnered with the Vancouver Foundation and community foundations across Vancouver Island to bring the Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grants program to communities, to fund small-scale projects that involve reducing social isolation. The Responsive NSG grant stream provides grants up to $500 for projects that connect people socially or involve sharing skill or talents with each other. Projects must comply with public health orders for physically distancing.

Application deadline: Ongoing

More information

CIHR Catalyst Grant: Health Effects of Vaping
There are growing concerns with the rapid rise in vaping in Canada and the associated health effects. As vaping products continue to increase in popularity, particularly among youth, there is a growing need for
research evidence to advance our understanding of vaping behaviours, associated health effects (including vaping-associated lung illness [VALI] and other lung injury), vascular changes, and mental health and addiction impacts. Research on vaping will be directly relevant for healthcare workers, policymakers, parents, teachers, and youth, and help to develop the evidence base upon which to build future policies and regulations related to vaping. As a result, CIHR is launching a one-year catalyst grant opportunity to provide funding for research aimed at further understanding the health effects of vaping. 

Application deadline: June 10, 2020
More information

SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant: COVID-19 Special Initiative

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

Mitacs 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

For more funding opportunities: 

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