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Community Updates

16 February 2023



Dear Chamber members,

To celebrate International Women's Day, the Williams Lake & District Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing women in our community and region throughout the month of March on our social media pages. The posts will include a photo of the business owner, and a short write-up about their business and experiences as a woman in today's world. We will also be featuring a number of these women at a Chamber of Commerce event at the end of March, where the photos and information will be displayed, along with some featured speakers and a wine-tasting evening.

Are you interested in participating in this promotion? Would you like to nominate other influential women in the Williams Lake region? If so, please contact Karena Sokolan at (250) 250-392-5025 or Jason Ryll at 250-392-5025. There is no fee to participate, but you will be asked to submit an appropriate photograph (headshot, portrait orientation, full-resolution image at 300 dpi).

To give us time to put the posts together for March, we are asking that you please respond to us by next Friday, February 24th.

Sincerely,
Karena Sokolan
Events Coordinator
events@wlchamber.ca
or
Jason Ryll
Executive Director
j.ryll@wlchamber.ca





Ministry of
Social Development
and Poverty Reduction

In partnership with the
BC Chamber of Commerce

BCMindReader™ Platform
A BC Chamber of Commerce Inight Community

IS YOUR BC BUSINESS STRUGGLING TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN WORKERS?

Take the [Addressing the Labour Market Gap Survey](#).
Hear what job seekers in your area are looking for.





The Williams Lake Film Club presents

EMILY

EMILY imagines Emily Brontë's own Gothic story that inspired her seminal novel, "Wuthering Heights." Haunted by the death of her mother, Emily struggles within the confines of her family life and yearns for artistic and personal freedom, and so begins a journey to channel her creative potential into one of the greatest novels of all time.

"A stark and plaintive elegy for the best of all Brontës." 5/5 - Times UK

Thursday March 2nd

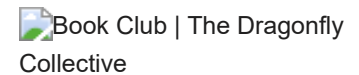
Doors 6:30 | Show start 7:00pm | Paradise Cinemas

**Tickets \$10.00 Advance tickets at the Open Book and for sale
before show in theatre lobby**



New Book Club

A new book club geared towards essential service providers! *Create, Move, Read* Book Club Series geared towards Cariboo Chilcotin Essential Service workers– with Martina Page from CCPL. The most common response to the question, “What do you like to do in your free time to relax and rejuvenate?” is currently, “I’m too tired to do anything after work except watch television”.



The first book, “Phoebe Unfired”, will start in mid-March. The book club will also be incorporating free art classes and free fitness in-person activities, and utilizing the Bookship app (optional). Hosted by CCPL and funded by Red Cross.

Contact Martina at createmoveandread@gmail.com or 250-609-3664 for more information.

Action: Distribute information to invite all essential service workers throughout the Cariboo and Chilcotin; others (18 and older) are welcome to join as well.

Resources & Training

#AgeWithRights

Register for the Virtual Event Here!

- † Hear stories of inequities in elder years!
- † Stand up for human rights of older people!
- † Join the global movement for an international legal instrument!

MONDAY
27 FEB 2023
10 AM - 11:30 AM
PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

Canadians Rally to Age With Rights!

Sharon Johnson
BC Association of
Community Response
Networks (Moderator)

Grace Hann
Jewish Seniors
Alliance

Ken Kuhn
BC Association of
Community Response
Networks

Kerry Gibson
ZiphyCare

Margaret Young
Age Knowble

BC ASSOCIATION OF
Community Response Networks
Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect ... Together.

Age Knowble™

THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE
FOR THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE

Organized by BC CRNs and Age Knowble

CRN Coordinators--

Older adults need a **UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons** to protect their rights to housing, health care, social well-being, finances, and more.

<http://bit.ly/3lrJYeT>

On March 3, 2022, as part of the **#AgeWithRights** campaign, people organized the first Global Rally to raise awareness and build support for drafting a new UN Convention on the Rights of Older People ahead of the 12th session of the UN Open Ended Working on Ageing on April 2022. This Global Rally reached 4.2 million people on social media and 10,000 people interacted directly with the campaign. Hundreds of people participated in dozens of events and activities in about 30 countries around the world, some securing TV and radio coverage. Here is the Global Alliance for Rights of Older People link for more information: <https://rightsofolderpeople.org/>.

To build on the momentum of this **#AgeWithRights** campaign, this year the **BC CRN** and Age Knowble are hosting a “**Canadians Rally to Age With Rights**” **free webinar** event on **Monday, February 27th** from **10:00 am to 11:30 am Pacific time**. We hope you will join us and share this webinar information notice, promotion flyer, and webinar link with your networks.

Thank you for sharing this important webinar information. **Please register** and join the conversation and momentum so older adults can **#AgeWithRights**.

Ken

COME JOIN US!!

Marvene & Margaret are inviting you to a Community Gaming Grant Workshop, please come and join us to

discuss the changes to the 2023 Guide.

Topic: Community Gaming Grant Workshop

Time: Feb 23, 2023, 02:00 PM



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86396691368?pwd=VjEyK2hldUVycDZBY3BXNXRwSUtRZz09>

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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kxjGW2Jby>

Margaret - Coordinator

Marvene - Facilitator

"The Only Way to Do Great Work Is To Truly Love What You Do"

Steve Jobs

[Le Villazh Maachi Kashkihtow - The Village of Learning](#)

Winter 2023 Edition | Issue 2

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) aims to bring culturally relevant information and highlights from the Ministry of Education, to inform your practice of cultural inclusion, emphasizing the Métis Way in each edition of Le Villazh Maachi Kashkihtow - The Village of Learning, Newsletter.



SI Canada is excited to announce the launch of the Impact Dashboard and an Impact Measurement Survey.

We are undertaking this effort through our project, [Adopting Common Measures](#), with our partners Centre for Social Innovation, Canadian Community Economic Development Network and Common Approach to Impact Measurement. Supported by the Government of Canada's SDG Unit, the project assists Social Purpose Organizations (SPOs) to align with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and measure their social impact.

Impact Dashboard

We want to make impact measurement accessible for organizations - social enterprises, non-profits, charities, co-operatives and businesses with a social mission and the like. We have built a free-to-use platform where organizations can input their company's profile, impact metrics, align with UN SDGs and generate elegant reports to unlock growth. Learn more about Impact Dashboard.

We are conducting live onboarding sessions to help you smoothly log on to the platform and build and track your impact journey.

[Sign up for the live onboarding session](#) for any of the following times (EST):

- [Feb 23rd, 1-2 PM](#)
- [March 2nd, 1:30-2:30 PM](#)
- [March 9th, 11AM-12 PM](#)
- [March 16th, 1:30-2:30 PM](#)
- [March 23rd, 1:30-2:30 PM](#)
- [March 30th, 1:30-2:30 PM](#)

What's in it for SPOs?

- **Tell your story:** We'll help you focus on the right questions and find the right metrics - so you can tell a compelling story that we know, from experience, will speak to the sector.
- **Own your numbers:** This is a free, simple, and centralized tool for tracking, organizing, and visualizing the impact metrics that will keep your organization sustainable.
- **Share your impact:** We'll help you align your impact with the frameworks like the UN SDGs and help you generate elegant reports that will take you to the next level of growth.

[SIGN UP TODAY!](#)



NEWSLETTER

Employment & Volunteer Opportunities



RFP - Climate Change Resilience Planning Services

An RFP request on behalf of **the Public Health Association of BC**. PHABC is looking for an Independent Contractor, or Independent Contractor team, that will provide **climate change resilience planning services** to up to 10 non-profits that collectively provide social services/community development services in a diversity of BC communities--across the rural, urban, and suburban spectrum. This project is being delivered in partnership with

The work is expected to be delivered remotely, and PHABC is considering contractor(s) located anywhere in BC.

Below is more information on the types of services PHABC is looking for, through this contract. And, here's the full Request for Proposals--if you know of any contractors who might be a good fit for this, please, feel free to share this for consideration.

<https://phabc.org/request-for-proposal-climate-change-adaptation-with-npo-partners-project/>

Proposals are due on February 28, 2023.

Contract term: April 24, 2023, through January 2024.

Any questions, please reach out to Lovey Dhesi at admin@phabc.org.

Community-based, non-profit, social services and community development organizations (NPOs) can complement the emergency management efforts of government agencies and contribute to more effective emergency preparedness and response at a community-wide level. NPOs can also be a vital part of long-range work to build community resilience to climate change.

Working in conjunction with government agencies that provide community services, NPOs can contribute to reducing the health-related impacts of extreme weather events by:

- Continuing to operate and offer their services during extreme weather events;
- Reaching and/or providing outreach to marginalized (identifying and/or equity-denied) community members, particularly those at higher risk of weather-driven mortality and morbidity, to share safety information or coordinate support for isolated individuals;
- Operating physical spaces that are culturally safe, accessible, and dependable during extreme weather events--and that complement the programs and facilities of government agencies.
- Contributing to systemic changes that will mitigate the negative impacts of extreme weather events, and reduce the need for emergency response.

There is an opportunity to accelerate climate change adaptation and resilience in the non-profit, social services and community development sectors. To this end, in 2023, PHABC is looking to hire an Independent Contractor (or team) to deliver the following outputs:

• **A culturally safe, evidence-informed methodology** that:

- Assesses a non-profit's susceptibility to and preparedness for extreme weather events;
- Guides the development of an action plan to increase and/or optimize the NPO's climate change resilience and capacity to effectively contribute to the community climate change emergency management; and,
- Provides a capital and operating cost estimate of the revenue needed to implement the action plan developed above.

• **8-10 "climate resilience action plans," one for each of the 8-10 NPOs involved in this project**, and that would be developed through the application of the culturally-safe methodology above.

• **8-10 "business cases" or "cases for support," one for each of the 8-10 NPOs involved in this project**, and that clearly communicates the opportunity to invest in the implementation of each of the NPOs' climate change resilience action plans.

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Job Posting No. Program Manager-20230217

Job Category Full-Time term position 35 hours per week

Position Title Programs Manager

Department Housing and Harm Reduction

Location Jubilee Place/ Hamilton

Shift Monday to Friday 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. May require some evening and weekend work on occasion to respond to workplace emergencies.

Wage Range \$26-29 per hour depending on experience

Other Factors - Skills and abilities:

- Demonstrated management and leadership skills
- Excellent oral, written, facilitation and interpersonal communication skills
- Knowledge of local and provincial resources as they relate to the program
- Ability to function independently in high-stress situations
- Ability to manage multiple projects and deadlines
- Ability to manage program budgets and write proposals

Description of Duties

- Develop the direction, activities and components of the program
- Provide support, guidance and direction to program staff
- Oversee the daily operations of the programs
- Perform assessments, develop action plans and refer clients to appropriate supports
- Ensure that up-to-date client and program records are maintained
- Responsible for the administrative duties, statistics and budgets for the program
- Assist in personnel activities such as hiring, staff training and disciplinary issues
- Keep open communication lines with other agencies and resources as they relate to the programs

Qualifications Required

- Two years experience in program management and supervision of staff
- Two years of experience working with individuals living with multiple persistent barriers to health including mental illness, substance use, poverty and homelessness
- Some experience in proposal development, report writing and grant application
- Exceptional Computer based skills
- Previous experience in using detailed database systems

Application Instructions

Please forward a resume to Tereena Donahue @ tereena.donahue@cmha.bc.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association B2.12 – 1

INTERIOR CRISIS LINE TRAINING

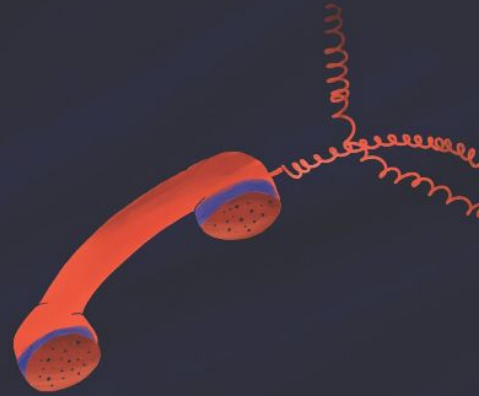
We are looking for

Volunteer Crisis Line Responders

If you are looking for an exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity then this is for you!

TRAINING FEE:

Refundable \$100 fee upon completion of your required annual volunteer hours



FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT

 **Evan Pantanetti**
250-302-9232

evan.pantanetti@cmhacariboo.org

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Notable Quote

The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water, and food.

[Dean Ornish](#)





Social Planning Council

Williams Lake and Area

2023 Community Meetings

January 23

July 24

February 27

August - **summer break, no meeting**

March 27

September 25

April 24

October 23

May 29

November 27 - **AGM & Community Meeting**

June 26

December - **winter break, no meeting**

Meeting minutes can be found [HERE](#)

Join Today, Become a Social Planning Council Member!

Social Planning Council is a member-supported organization. Your membership fees are critical to supporting our work connecting, collaborating, and bringing our community together for a better quality of life for all.

For more info contact info@wlspc.ca
or find a membership form [HERE](#)



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