



**Monthly Bulletin – September 2014**

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### Modified KCR Bulletin

KCR will be running a modified Bulletin with reduced categories and topics from June until October.

### Workshop: Fund Development Overview 2014

**Dates:** September 29th & 30th and October 6th & 7th

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$199

**Location:** KCR – Training Room, #120 – 1735 Dolphin Avenue

[Register Now](#)

This is a brand new 4-day course for the Central Okanagan will help you increase revenue to your organization. Content is based on Canadian research and best practices in the field.

#### *Course Goal*

You will participated in a hands-on learning experience around the process, components, goal setting and best practices associated with non-profit fundraising activities.

#### *Course Length*

Eight 3-hour modules for a total of 24 hours spread over four days.

#### *Special Features*

Learn from talented specialists who have worked or are working in the field.

Learn with a network of peers faced with the same challenges.

Learn from valuable reference materials and record your thoughts in a participant handbook.

#### *Learning Activities*

You will engage in:

- Role play
- Small group discussion



- Large group discussion
- On-line research
- Watching videos
- Case scenarios
- Viewing Power points

[Register Now](#)

*-Source: Stephanie Moore, Project Manager, KCR, July 2014*

## Workshop: Overview of Volunteer Management 2014

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**Dates:** October 27-28, November 3-4

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Location:** 120 – 1735 Dolphin Ave, Kelowna, BC

**Cost:** \$199 Includes materials and light refreshments

[Register Now](#)

This 4-day workshop will help you attract and retain volunteers. Content is based on Canadian research, best practices and the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement. Read more about the 8 modules



### *Payment*

Up to 4 days prior to the workshop: non-refundable amount = \$50.00 (Effective July 31, 2012)

3 days or less: non-refundable amount = \$100.00 (Effective July 31, 2012)

[Register Now](#)

*-Source: Stephanie Moore, Project Manager, KCR, July 2014*

## Workshop: PREB Website Training (October 8 / November 5 / December 3)

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3 Date Options: October 8; November 5; December 3;

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00 pm (Same for all 3 workshops)

Location: KCR – Training Room, #120 -1735 Dolphin Avenue, Kelowna

Cost: \$20 – Max 20 participants per workshop

[Register Now for October 8](#)

[Register Now for November 5](#)

[Register Now for December 3](#)

Become certified to use the PREB Website. This is Volunteer Canada's volunteer recognition program.

Nonprofit organizations must participate in training and then agree to be listed on the [PREB website](#) as part of their agreement to gain access to this secured site.

[PREB](#) allows your organization to:

- Provide recognition to their volunteers by highlighting their skills and showcasing the tasks accomplished
- Help volunteers in their job searches by describing, in specific professional terms, their volunteer experiences to potential employers
- Draft job descriptions that are clear and well constructed in order to increase the recruiting, managing and retaining of volunteers

Laptops will be provided to enable participants to set up accounts, navigate the PREB site and begin creating certificates for their volunteer programs.

*Facilitator: Dawn Wilkinson*

Dawn Wilkinson, B.H.Ec., M.Sc. is the Community Services Manager for Kelowna Community Resources and AVRBC Regional Representative. She is passionate about supporting the non-profit sector's role in making our community a healthy and vibrant place in which to live, work and play.

*-Source: Stephanie Moore, Project Manager, KCR, July 2014*

## **Adoption Centre – Information Session**

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Next information session will be held on September 24th at 7:00pm.

Please contact our office to register at 250.763.8058, or by email to [adoption@kcr.ca](mailto:adoption@kcr.ca).

*-Source: Jennifer Wall, Manager, Adoption Services, KCR, July 2014*

## **KCR's Mailing List**

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*-Source: Kelsey Chmilar, IT Coordinator, KCR, June 2014*

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## AGM's

- [OKANAGAN CAR SHARE CO-OP](#)
- [PATHWAYS ABILITIES SOCIETY AGM](#)

### **Okanagan Car Share Co-op**

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Your co-op would like to invite you to save the date and join other co-op members at this year's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday September 30th at 5:30pm. This business-focused meeting is a chance for all members to review the co-op's financial reports, hear updates from staff and directors, and elect your board representatives. More information will be shared with members soon.

*-Source: OGO Newsletter, 27 August 2014*

### **Pathways Abilities Society AGM**

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[Pathways Abilities Society](#) Annual General Meeting is September 15, 2014 at 4:30pm at 123 Franklyn Road, Kelowna.

*-Source: Charisse Daley, Pathways Abilities Society (formerly KDSCL), 24 July 2014*

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## **The Central Okanagan Foundation 2014 Fall Grant Cycle**

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The Central Okanagan Foundation is pleased to announce it will be accepting applications for their fall 2014 granting cycle. The fall intake deadline is 3:30pm, Wednesday, October 1st.

Organizations are invited to apply for funding in the following eight areas:

- Environment
- Global Initiatives
- Arts & Culture
- Children, Youth & Family
- Education
- Health & Community Services
- Heritage & Historical
- Animal Welfare

Prior to submitting your grant application, it is recommended applicants contact Cheryl Miller, Director of Grants and Community Initiatives to discuss your grant proposal at 250.861.6160.

Grant application package available at [www.centralokanaganfoundation.org](http://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org).

Grant submissions must be delivered to the Central Okanagan Foundation's office at #225 – 1889 Springfield Road prior to or on October 1st, 2014.

*-Source: Joanne Carey, Grants Coordinator, Central Okanagan Foundation, July 2014*

## **Harlem Ambassadors Fundraising Event Opportunity**

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The world famous Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team is coming your way! The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team has performed fundraising events throughout the United States and 20 foreign countries since 1997. The Harlem Ambassadors feature a "Harlem-style" basketball show, including ball handling tricks, slam dunks and amusing comedy routines.

We have worked and continue to work extensively with non-profit organizations including, but not limited to: Rotary Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Boys & Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis Clubs, Lions Clubs and many other service organizations. Our main goal

is to help your community organization reach its fundraising potential through these unique basketball events.

We will be touring through your area on our NOVEMBER 2014 tour and wanted to inform your organization of this opportunity to host a special fundraising event with the Harlem Ambassadors.

With this inclusive package we supply media and promotional tools. We will send you a fundraising guide that consists of a step-by-step process to help plan, promote and advertise the event. We provide you with 1,000 game tickets printed specifically for your organization to use and Harlem Ambassadors' press releases, photos and logos to distribute to your local media.

Additionally, you will receive an autographed Harlem Ambassadors team basketball, which is great for a fundraising raffle. Then, the Harlem Ambassadors play a team your organization assembles, making this an event the whole community can rally around. Please let us know if you are interested in receiving our fundraising package, which includes video, reference letters and all financial information regarding the Harlem Ambassadors show and make sure to check out our website at [harlemambassadors.com](http://harlemambassadors.com)!

*-Source: Tim Fjestad, Assistant Sales Manager, Harlem Ambassadors, 19 August 2014*

## **Webinar: Common Grantwriting Mistakes (and How to Avoid Them)**

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This webinar on September 17th is ideal if you have little-to-no experience with grantseeking or want to improve your expertise in this area. You will learn about the funding landscape in Canada as well as best practices in grant solicitation.

[Sign up now!](#)

*-Source: Imagine Canada, Grantseeker Monthly, 28 August 2014*

## **A Funder's Perspective on Grant Applications: First West Foundation Q&A**

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Want to know what funders really think? Over the next several months, the Grant Connect team is interviewing grantmakers! We'll discover what makes an application stand out, why certain proposals don't get funded, and ultimately how you can improve your fundraising (in their eyes!).

To kickstart the series, we spoke with Seline Kutan, Executive Director of the First West Foundation, and Kim Davies, the Foundation Coordinator. First West Foundation is the charitable companion of First West Credit Union, British Columbia's third largest credit union. Our conversation explored First West's decision-making process, how charities can strengthen their applications, and their biggest application pet peeves.

[Read More](#)

*-Source: Imagine Canada, Grantseeker Monthly, 28 August 2014*



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## Society of Hope – 25th Anniversary Open House!

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You are invited to our 25th Anniversary Celebration!

**Date:** Thursday, September 25th, 3:30pm – 6:30pm

**Location:** 2055 Benvoulin Court- Apple Valley Building

*Official Welcome: 4:30pm*

*Catered Appetizers will be served*

Join us for a visit, as we celebrate 25 years of Providing Quality Affordable Housing.

We will look at where we've been and look forward to where we're going!

[Click to RSVP](#)

*-Source: Society of Hope, Newsletter, 18 August 2014*

## A Storied Life Series September's Speaker – Sheila Lewis

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*Rental Housing for Stigmatized*

**Date:** Thursday, September 18th, 12:00pm – 1:15pm

**Location:** Metro Community, NB Learning Centre, 1476 Water Street, Kelowna

Sheila's passion for housing & addressing socio-economic disparities was born out of personal experience growing up in a single parent family in Vernon BC. She formalized her passion through obtaining a Master's Degree at UBCO, where Sheila further explored how a culture of 'whiteness' in Kelowna generated barriers for urban Aboriginal women accessing the rental housing market. Since then Sheila has been fortunate to take her cumulative knowledge and experiences and apply them to her current Outreach work in our community.

Please come join Sheila as she shares what she learned and what has been most valuable in her work with marginalized populations.

**A Storied Life Series** – An opportunity to get to know each other, to share the humanity of what drives us to do community work. Our interests, what we offer, would like other

community colleagues to know about our work and/or, share a topic of interest for peer knowledge exchange/support. Promoting our collective humanity via community service sector colleagues supporting & sharing with each other.

If you'd like to be a speaker, please contact [sandy@metrocommunity.ca](mailto:sandy@metrocommunity.ca).

*-Source: Christene Walsh, Social Development Coordinator, Regional District of the Central Okanagan, 4 September 2014*

## **Inn From the Cold – Chandler Street Housing Project**

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Inn from the Cold is a registered charity dedicated to addressing the issue of homelessness within its community of Kelowna, BC. Our mission is to respond to the needs of people who are experiencing, or are at risk of homelessness, in a welcoming, compassionate and mutually respectful manner.

Our most recent project – The Chandler Street Housing Project – is a house which will provide 8 men experiencing chronic homelessness in Kelowna, BC permanent housing in an effort to increase mental and physical health within our community.

Recently, we have run into some unexpected setbacks in regards to the renovations of our 1829 Chandler Street building and in order to get the house up and running we need the community's support.

### **What We Need**

In order to reach city requirements and obtain our occupancy permit, we need \$15,000. This money will be put towards:

- Building renovations  
Materials (drywall, t-bar) and labor (installation of t-bar and drywall, electrical) in order to meet fire retardant codes
- Operating costs  
Rent, utilities, staff wages

### **What You Get**

- Corporate Social Responsibility – improve your image within the community and have your logo or name added to our website
- Tax receipt and credit for your donation

### **The Impact**

According to last year's homeless consensus, there are about 400 people residing in Kelowna who do not have a permanent place to live. In the State of Homelessness in Canada report released in 2013, it was found that only 15-18% of shelter and homeless service users were experiencing chronic homelessness. This means that by targeting this vulnerable sub-population for housing, we can make a significant impact on chronic homelessness in Kelowna.

We will be basing our program around the Housing First philosophy—which promotes the idea that providing housing is the first step to transitioning out of homelessness, not the last. This approach uses principals such as a low-barrier, (no “housing-readiness” requirements) solution to housing with personalized care plans focusing on holistic recovery rather than

simply “sobriety”. We aim to provide physical and mental support for these individuals in hopes of creating a healthier community in the long-term.

[Donate Now](#)

## OPEN HOUSE

**Date:** Thursday, September 23rd, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Location:** 1829 Chandler Street

Please join us at our open house where you will be welcome to take a look at the finished renovated building before occupancy. We are hoping to have the house open to the residents on September 24th.

*-Source: Inn From the Cold, 4 September 2014*

## Seniors' Housing Information Session

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This free information session will cover the various housing options available to seniors, including Subsidized Housing, Supportive Living, Assisted Living, and Residential Care. An Interior Health nurse will also be present to help answer long term care questions. This session is provided monthly.

**Date:** Thursday, September 11th, 10:00am – 11:00am

**Location:** Seniors Outreach & Resource Centre, #102 – 2055 Benvoulin Court, Kelowna

To register for this free event please call 250.861.6180 or email [seniorshousing@telus.net](mailto:seniorshousing@telus.net)

*-Source: Meghan Derkach, Social Worker, Seniors Outreach & Resource Centre, 27 August 2014*

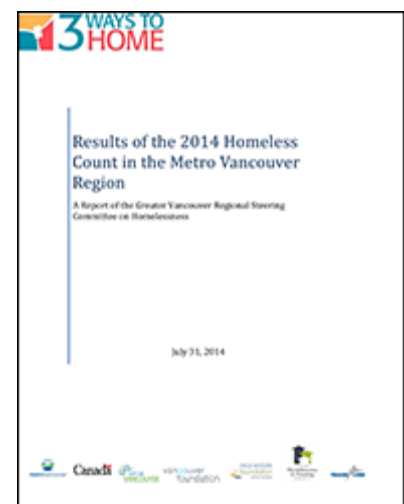
## Results of the 2014 Homeless Count in the Metro Vancouver Region

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This report presents the results of the 2014 Homeless Count in the Metro Vancouver region that took place on the evening of March 11 and the day of March 12, 2014. It provides information about people who were identified as homeless during this 24 hour period and compares the results with previous Homeless Counts where possible.

Some of the findings:

- A total of 2,777 homeless people were counted in the Metro Vancouver region. This included 2,689 adults and unaccompanied youth (under the age of 25) as well as 88 children (under the age of 19) who were accompanied by a parent during the count.
- The number of homeless people identified in Homeless Counts in the region has remained fairly stable since 2008 – increasing by 4% between 2008 and 2014.



- Emergency shelters, safe houses and transition houses reported 317 turnaways, including adults, youth and children.
- 582 homeless people identified as an Aboriginal person during the count, representing about one third of the total homeless population in the Metro Vancouver region. Aboriginal Peoples are over-represented in the region's homeless population given they represent 2% of Metro Vancouver's population.

[Read the Report](#)

*-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 7 August 2014*

## **Housing First in Rural Canada: Rural Homelessness & Housing First Feasibility Across 22 Canadian Communities**

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### **Critical Time Intervention Training**

This half-day training is targeted to service providers working with persons transitioning from homelessness or other institutions to the community. Critical Time Intervention (CTI) is a cost-effective, evidence-based practice designed to prevent recurrent homelessness, recidivism, and other adverse outcomes during the period following placement into the community from shelters, hospitals and other institutions. This time-limited intervention is delivered in three phases, each usually lasting three months. Each phase decreases in service intensity and results with the intervention ensuring the participant is linked to the appropriate community services to ensure housing and life stability. The training includes an overview of CTI and reviews the specific treatment areas supported by this intervention and is appropriate for individual and family practitioners.

### **1.4 Medicaid 101: The Basics for Homeless Advocates**

Some vulnerable adults and children may be newly eligible for Medicaid services. This session will outline Medicaid eligibility and benefits and the intersections with other low-income health care programs. Presenters will also provide a foundation for understanding how Medicaid services are reimbursed.

[Read More](#)

*-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 14 August 2014*

## Housing For All: Sustaining and Renewing Social Housing for Low-Income Households

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Housing For All: Sustaining and Renewing Social Housing for Low-Income Households ushers in a new plan for the revitalization of social housing in Canada, in the wake of expiring federal funding through operating agreements. The Report proposes to do things differently – to build an efficient, self-sustaining and innovative system of social housing in Canada. Three broad recommendations are articulated; two new investment streams, for affordability and for capital repairs, to be designed and delivered by the provincial/territorial governments through a negotiated cost-sharing framework with the federal government, and a third recommendation enabling a transformation of the social housing sector.

[Read More](#)

*-Source: Homeless Hub, Newsletter, 28 August 2014*



## Realizing Our Potential: Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy (2014-2019)

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In 2008, Ontario released its first Poverty Reduction Strategy, Breaking the Cycle, which set a target of reducing child poverty by 25%. Although the target was not met, 47,000 children and their families were able to exit poverty. The new plan builds on the progress made and sets out to continue to break the cycle of poverty.

Ontario is setting a new goal of ending homelessness. Research will be used to help define the problem, measure it and set targets. Lessons learned and best practices related to housing and homelessness from different communities will be used to inform progress. The report cites that investments in homelessness prevention will be made, which would include expanding access to supportive housing, and more investment in affordable housing. An annual report of progress will also be made available.

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*-Source: Society of Hope, Newsletter, 18 August 2014*

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## Free Legal Advice-a-Thon

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On September 5 (Vancouver), September 9 (Surrey), September 12 (Victoria), September 16 (Kelowna) and September 17 (Kamloops) over 100 volunteer lawyers will participate in the annual free legal advice-a-thon to raise awareness and funds for the provision of pro bono legal services in BC. All funds raised will go directly toward supporting the pro bono programs operated by Access Pro Bono.

In each free legal advice-a-thon location, volunteer lawyers will work in one-hour shifts throughout the day to advise individual clients in an open-air setting. Clients will be low- and modest-income individuals, including homeless people who may otherwise have limited access to traditional free legal advice clinics. Some clients will have pre-scheduled appointments, while others will simply drop in for free advice on a wide range of legal issues.

We need Vancouver, Surrey, Victoria, Kelowna and Kamloops lawyers to volunteer for a one-hour shift at the free legal advice-a-thon. We also need friends, family, co-workers and members of the public to pledge financial support for the participating volunteers. Our hope is that each volunteer will set a fundraising goal to raise as many funds as possible for our

cause. Our ultimate goals are to serve the public, spread awareness around lawyers' efforts to increase access to justice, and raise \$60,000 or more for BC's pro bono programs. We can achieve our goals with your support!

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16th, 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Location:** City Park – Rose Garden

### **I'M A LAWYER, HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE CAUSE?**

We need legal professionals in Vancouver, Surrey, Victoria, Kelowna and Kamloops to volunteer for one-hour shifts at the free legal advice-a-thon. Our ultimate goals are to serve the public, spread awareness around lawyers' efforts to increase access to justice, and raise \$60,000 or more for BC's pro bono programs. We can achieve our goals with your support, so please REGISTER NOW! And encourage your co-workers to sponsor you or register as well!

As a registered volunteer, you will be able to choose your preferred shift. You will see one or two low- or modest-income clients during a one-hour shift. The clients' legal issues will be matched to your areas of expertise, and we will conduct a thorough conflict check for each of your clients. We provide full insurance coverage for advice given at Pro Bono Going Public 2014, and your obligations to the clients end when your shift is over. Every registered participant will receive a registration package and a coveted 'I heart PRO BONO' t-shirt.

[Learn More](#)

*-Source: Mia Burgess, Community Entity Coordinator, Central Okanagan Foundation, 8 August 2014*

## **Pihl Law Corporation Golf Marathon in support of BrainTrust Canada**

JOIN US Friday September 12th at the Bear – for your LAST CHANCE to participate in the Pihl Law Corporation Golf Marathon in support of BrainTrust Canada. We will be switching it up next year so this your last chance to participate in the ULTIMATE day of golf! Plus it's for a great cause, and over the past few years we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for BrainTrust Canada for brain injury prevention and education.

We will have a MAXIMUM of 50 spots – and the course is yours for the day – you can golf a little or golf a lot – up to a total of 100 holes. Every golfer gets their own golf cart, dozens of golf balls and other goodies! In all cases this is READY GOLF and not about the score – it's about your personal best and trying to complete your number of holes.

The value per person is over \$500 and includes:

- Golf course to yourself all day! (well – with the other golfers that is)
- Breakfast, bbq lunch, dinner and snacks all day



The poster for the Pihl Law Corporation Golf Marathon features a golfer in mid-swing on a green field. Text on the poster includes: 'Pihl Law Corporation Golf Marathon', 'FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12 in support of BRAINTRUST CANADA brain injury education & prevention', 'Golf a little Golf a lot', 'GOLF! SPONSOR! VOLUNTEER!', 'The BEAR golf course is ours for the day!', 'Sign up NOW! www.braintrustcanada.com', and a list of sponsors including UBCO, UBC, and various local businesses.



- Personal golf cart
- Fun activities and themed holes
- \$50,000 in Hole in Ones for all
- Million Dollar Hole in One courtesy of Capri Insurance for 5 randomly drawn players
- Special Top Fundraiser Prizes
- Exciting GRAND PRIZE that includes car rental from Valley Mitsubishi, overnight in Vancouver, 2 nights at the Nita Lake Lodge in Whistler and golfing at Furry Creek and Nicklaus North golf courses courtesy of Golf BC
- Each golfer walks away with a PRIZE!

\$100 Registration and each golfer must fundraise a minimum of \$500 (all your donors get 100% tax receipt for their pledge for \$20 and over).

PLUS a chance for exciting “Top Fundraiser” prizes for those who raise over \$2000. Click on “Golfer Registration” to the right to register for this year’s event!

For more information contact Magda Kapp at [mkapp@braintrustcanada.com](mailto:mkapp@braintrustcanada.com) or 250.762.3233 ext 115.

SEE YOU ON THE GREENS!!

*-Source: Magda Kapp, Director of Communications, BrainTrust Canada, 7 August 2014*

## Theatre Kelowna Society Presents Pig & Whistle

Traditional British Pub Show written and directed by Jeff Samin

**Dates:** September 17 – October 5

**Times:** Evening shows Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm, Matinees Sundays only at 2:00pm

**Location:** Black Box Theatre, 1375 Water St, Kelowna

**Tickets:** \$25 in advance at [www.selectyourtickets.com](http://www.selectyourtickets.com) / Prospera Place Box Office 250.762.5050 / \$30 cash at the door

The Pig & Whistle show makes a welcome return to the TKS fall Black Box Theatre lineup after an absence of nearly 10 years. Based loosely on the successful Canadian TV series that ran from 1967-1977, it will be an evening of non-stop music and fun.

The setting is a traditional English pub and many of the songs will have a British flavor. There will be many opportunities for the audience to sing along and join the fun with a live band. The show is written and directed by Jeff Samin. Featured in the cast are TKS regulars Robin Jarman, Roger Ward and Corinne Marks along with newcomers Pamela Renzi, Jennifer Turner and Judy Dow. The band members are Sylvia Clerk, Jim Rhindress and Rob Crawford.

*-Source: Wendy Sanderson, Theatre Publicity, Theatre Kelowna, 11 August 2014*



## Songshine Kelowna – Weekly Singing Classes

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Songshine Kelowna is resuming its weekly singing classes on August 12, 2014. The voice therapy group (The Songshine Singers) meets every Tuesday at 2:00pm at St. Paul's United Church, 3131 Lakeshore Road. Classes are designed for those with failing voices from Parkinson's Disease or other vocal problems.

For further information please contact the group's choir leader Sylvia Clerke at 250.869.9323 or [sclerk1@telus.net](mailto:sclerk1@telus.net).

There is no charge to attend the meetings.

*-Source: Peter Baigent, 9 August 2014*

## September 2014 edition of the First Link Bulletin

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The [First Link Bulletin](#) is now available, which outlines the programs and workshops that the Alzheimer Society of B.C. is offering in September and October.

*-Source: Vicki Arnocky, First Link Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of B.C, 14 August 2014*

## Lake Country Health & Wellness Fair

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Some of you may have heard of the Health & Wellness Fair happening in Lake Country on Saturday October 4th. The theme is "Think well, Be well."

Many of you provide services in the Lake Country area and thought it would be a great way to share information but also support one of the catchments in the Central Okanagan.

Please note that the focus is for all ages and vendors must have a postal code that starts with V4V. Please contact the Lake Country Health Planning Society for any questions. Please forward this information to those who focus on encouraging health and wellness in the Lake Country area.

*-Source: Michelle Dickie, Executive Director, Kelowna Child Care Society, 13 August 2014*

## 6th Annual Reason for the Seasons

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**Date:** Friday November 7, 6:00pm – Saturday, 12:00am

**Location:** The Harvest Golf Club, 2725 KLO Rd, Kelowna

You are cordially invited to Elevation Outdoors 6th Annual Reason for the Seasons Gala fundraiser!

The evening promises to be a fun filled night with live entertainment, auctions, good friends,

great food and delicious wine all in aid of helping inspire Kelowna Youth, through exciting outdoor programs!!

Please click on the link below to register or RSVP

- [Get more information](#)
- [Register Now!](#)
- [I can't make it](#)

If you have any questions about the event or would like to purchase tickets as a group of 8 or 10 to make up a table, please [contact Christina](#) at Impact Events.

*-Source: Tori Hanson, Elevation Outdoors, 3 September 2014*

## **SPCA Strike Camps**

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Due to the teacher strike, the SPCA is offering an extension of our summer camp next week (September 8 – 12). Here is a little bit of information:

With the teacher strike still in full swing, the SPCA strike camp is a great option for any child who has a passion for animals, because it is both educational and fun. Students will participate in a variety of games, activities, and crafts throughout the day, in order to gain a better understanding of animals and animal issues. And if that is not enough, students will get to interact with the shelter animals on a daily basis, and even have the chance to train them to do a few tricks! Camp is open for registration for Sept 8 – Sept 12, and is open to anyone between the ages 7-12. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

- [More information](#)
- [Register Now](#)
- [Summer Camp Video](#)

*-Source: Sarah Korzinski, Humane Education Coordinator, BC SPCA Kelowna Branch, 2 September 2014*

## **Sugar Skull Strut Features Mazacote**

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Inspired by Mexico's El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

This traditionally festive time of celebration has inspired our second Sugar Skull Strut which will fill the building November 1st from 8PM-midnight. Dress it up or dress it down – if you wish to Strut your Sugarskull best, our red carpet photographer will snap and post your beautiful faces to the Sugar Skull Facebook Page for a week's worth of voting and prizes. The Mexican band LOCARNO who played last year, is touring Ireland and will join us for an all-new Feb 14th event, "Love Bomb", so mark your calendars! This year's Sugar Skull Strut features [MAZACOTE](#), a hard hitting six piece latin dance band, with horn-driven New York salsa dura and beats from Colombia, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Based in Vancouver, [MAZACOTE](#) features Nicaraguan singer-songwriter David Lopez, latin jazz trumpeter Malcolm Aiken and a groove-heavy rhythm section featuring Chris Couto on timbales, Miguel Benavides on Congas, Aaron McKinney on bass, and pianist Niho Takase. Powerful vocals combined with driving afrocuban percussion and brassy mambos, introducing their son-inspired take on some of salsa's hardest grooves.  
ALSO FEATURED:

- Kinshira Performance Troupe with magical fire poi show and black light lounge
- Complimentary Photo strips from OKANAGAN PHOTOSTAR
- Marigold decorated ofrendas and piñata décor
- Cash Cantina with beer, wine, sangria, margaritas and Mexican bites

### TICKETS

Limited "Big Enchilada" VIP tix: \$75/each. With early entrance 6:00pm – 8:00pm, makeup application, one drink and food voucher, early strut privileges and behind the scenes band soundcheck.

General tix (19+): \$25/each. Entrance at 8:00pm.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Please Note: This is a 19+ event. Costumes are optional.

*-Source: Rotary Centre for the Arts, Newsletter, 2 September 2014*

## Rotary Centre Day Camps for Kids \*strike coverage\*

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Each day will be a variety of supervised activities: i.e. art instruction (supplies included); 1.5 hour workshops taught by community professionals (drama, dance, no-contact martial arts); art inspired walks within the Cultural District (i.e. Rotary Marshes bird sanctuary; Kasugai Gardens)

Runs Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm until regular school officially returns.

First day – Tuesday, September 2nd

\$30 daily fee per youth; payable in advance or at morning sign-in.

*-Source: Rotary Centre for the Arts, Newsletter, 2 September 2014*

## UBC Okanagan Career Fair

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Registration is now open for our annual Career Fair in beautiful Kelowna, BC! We have timed our Career Fair event date, as last year, to be adjacent to Okanagan College's Business Expo, so you can consider attending both schools to gain exposure to thousands of students from both campuses.

UBC's Okanagan campus event is Thursday, February 5th – [More Info & Register Online](#) and Okanagan College's is Wednesday, February 4th – [More Info & Register Online](#)

Our UBC campus has grown to over 8000 students representing over 50 diverse majors such as International Relations, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Economics,

Engineering, Management, Biology, Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, Teaching, Creative Writing, and many others.

Please see link above or below in the Save the Date to link directly to our website: you'll find information about sponsorship opportunities and event details on the left-hand navigation bar, and a link to the online registration form.

In addition, on the left-hand navigation bar you will see our UBC Okanagan campus' fall event, Career Days, coming up in November. If you are interested in recruiting on campus in the fall, please [check the event out](#).

Presented by the Faculty of Management but open to all our students.

*-Source: Robin Whittall, Career Advisor, The University of British Columbia, 2 September 2014*

## September Food Calendar

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Please see the attached food calendar for the month of September featuring The Kelowna Food Forest. This is a project of the Regional District of the Central Okanagan and the Central Okanagan Food Policy Council, a local non-profit society. Please distribute widely to those who would benefit from this resource.

*-Source: Julia Gayler, Social Worker, Outreach Urban Health, 29 August 2014*



## OGO Newsletter

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### OGO Member Workshop

On September 10th, OGO invites our wonderful members to kickoff the carshare's very first member workshop.

Our aim is to use this session as a pilot to establish a series of future community building events. These events are created specifically for our members, with the goals of bringing our members together more often, helping build a stronger community and designing a more satisfying carsharing experience. These events also provide an opportunity for our members to provide feedback, become more involved in OGO's activities and help shape OGO's future.

We hope you are able to attend this event, it will be hosted at the [co+Lab](#), an amazing co-work space in Downtown Kelowna. It's simple — sign up, share your carshare experience with other members and have your opinions and ideas about OGO heard. Snacks and coffee will be provided and there is also a chance to win some driving credits!

We look forward to seeing you on September 10th at 06:30pm. Please sign up through our [Eventbrite event page](#).

## **OGO car #5 near UBC Okanagan Campus**

Next week UBC Okanagan students will be back to school, and with OGO carshare, living close to campus just got better.

Kicking off September 1st, UBC Okanagan students and University staff will have convenient access to carsharing right at Academy Hill. This easy-to-use service helps students with their weekly grocery trips, pick up a friend from the airport, or explore the wonders of the Okanagan. The costs of higher education are indeed expensive, but carsharing can help students focus on their midterms, not their tight budget. Carsharing helps student and staff to save money on their transportation expenses by eliminating costs associated with car ownership.

This was made possible through Watermark Group and Academy Hill. We are in discussions with UBC Okanagan and UBCSUO with the hopes of having car #6 right on campus.

*-Source: OGO Newsletter, 27 August 2014*

## **Bumbershoot Children's Theatre Presents: The Secret Garden**

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**Date:** September 18-21, 25-28, 6:30pm Thursday/Friday/Saturday, 2:00pm Saturday/Sunday

**Location:** Bumbershoot Children's Theatre, #125-1295 Cannery Lane

**Tickets:** Youth \$15 & Adult \$21

Tickets are available at The BUMBERSHOOT Box Office 778.478.0142 OR come in person to #125-1295 Cannery Lane (during office hours)

Audience recommendation 8+

A dark spell of sorrow and mystery hovers in the air as the young orphan, Mary Lennox, arrives at Misselthwaite Manor, the Yorkshire estate of her uncle Archibald Craven. The desolation of the surrounding moors, the puzzling reticence of the servants, and the grim demeanor of her uncle provide a less than warm welcome for the spoiled, friendless child. Left to her own devices, Mary takes to exploring the grounds and comes upon a walled garden, locked for over ten years. One day, a friendly robin helps Mary discover the key. Once inside, she finds what must have been the most beautiful garden in all of England. Now though, weeds grow roses once bloomed. Mary decides that this place will be her secret refuge and she begins to tend the garden alone. Inside the manor, another secret lurks. At night, strange, haunting sounds echo down the empty corridors-is it the wind howling or a child crying? This mystery is so deep that it will take all Mary's determination and courage to solve it.

"Thomas Olson's adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's familiar post-Victorian novel is a respectful one that effectively makes the point that love can erase the darkest experiences and memories." – Minneapolis Star Tribune

*-Source: Wendy Sanderson, Theatre Publicity, 25 August 2014*

## Press Release – Back to School Bash!

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Hotdogs Eaten + 450 Backpacks Received + Articles of Clothing + 60 Children's Haircuts = PUTS A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE!

Smiles were in abundance at this year's Annual Back To School Bash sponsored by Victory Life Fellowship on Saturday, August 23rd at the Parkinson Recreation Center. The FREE community event attended by 675 people was supported by; Save On Foods, Boston Pizza, Kiwanis, Juice, London Drugs, Can-Nor Electric, Sun-Rype, H2O Centre, Capital News, Walmart, Ricardo's Mediterranean Kitchen, Premium Label Outlet, Rona plus many others.

"Reaching People – Touching Lives – Making a Difference' is what motivates our community" says, Pastor Diana Tripke. "Everything was FREE at the event! Hundreds of families were helped with their 'back to school' budgets." 450 backpacks were given out at the event and another 275 will be given out to local schools.

A special 'Thank You' to all the churches, businesses and individuals that gave of their valuable time & resources to contribute to this year's event. Working together we can accomplish much!

Our next FREE Community event is on Christmas Day, held at the Parkinson Recreation Center. NO ONE should be alone on Christmas Day! Come enjoy a sit down 'Family Turkey Dinner' with all the trimmings!

For more information contact:

[Diana Tripke](#) – (w) 250.862.3044 (c) 250.864.3089

*-Source: Diana Tripke, Victory Life Fellowship, 25 August 2014*

## New Vintage Theatre Presents: Confessions of a Paperboy

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**Date:** September 24/25, Show – 7:00pm

**Location:** Waterfront Park

BYOBB; Bring Your Own Bike & Blanket

Admission by Donation (suggested donation \$10) / Draw Prizes for Those Who Ride To Site Courtesy of Cyclepath

**Date:** September 26/27, Doors – 6:30pm, Show – 7:00pm

**Location:** Benvoulin Historic Church

**Tickets:** Advance Tickets \$20

at [www.selectyourtickets.com](http://www.selectyourtickets.com) or 250.762.5050 / Door \$25 (cash only)

Wine tasting pre-show at this location



Ten year old Christopher Columbus learns a lot about his neighbours in his circa 1970s Calgary suburb when he delivers them their morning paper on his dream bike he names "Beautiful". One day though he has a near death experience that makes him feel like he is less alone in the world and that he can speak directly to God and do so much more. Don't miss this unforgettable play that revisits the humour, heartache and pure joy of the

childhood paperboy, performed at two of Kelowna's most beautiful locations, celebrating Arts and Culture Days with one of Canada's finest plays!

Starring: Graham Daley  
Directed by Bonnie Gratz

For more information about New Vintage Theatre or to request photos or interview, contact Bonnie Gratz at [info@newvintage.ca](mailto:info@newvintage.ca) or call 778.214.1456.

-Source: Wendy Sanderson, Theatre Publicity, New Vintage Theatre, 25 August 2014

## Lake Country Art Gallery – New Events this Fall

In its twenty-first year, ArtWalk has fast become the Okanagan's largest art show. In conjunction with Artwalk, the Lake Country Art Gallery is pleased to present a month long Artwalk Theme exhibition – "A Step Forward".

Every year since the Lake Country Art Gallery opened its doors to the public, it has enjoyed the opportunity to play host to one of the art festival's four main sites – 2014 will mark the gallery's fifth consecutive year as an ArtWalk venue.

"This is the second year where we're inviting any and all artists to submit work for this exhibition – you don't have to be participating in Artwalk to submit work", explains Lake Country Art Gallery Curator Katie Brennan. "We've opened this up to all artists as not everyone is able to be a part of Artwalk".

While the theme of the exhibition is "A Step Forward", Brennan invites artists to interpret the theme in any manner, style or medium. "I'm always intrigued by how folks approach a themed exhibition. I like to leave a lot of room for creativity of all sorts", she says. The "A Step Forward" exhibition runs from September 6th to October 3rd and will be open for extended hours during Artwalk on Saturday, September 6th and Sunday, September 7th from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

In conjunction with the Artwalk Theme exhibition, the Lake Country Art Gallery has many other exciting events planned for the fall.

### Outdoor Market

Date: Saturday, September 6th, 9:00am – 1:00pm

The third installment of the Lake Country Art Bazaar offers an intriguing mix of vintage wares, family activities, artisanal boutiques, glass and other giftware, art books on a variety of topics and outdoor artist galleries on the grounds of the Lake Country Art Gallery's Art House.

### Trivia Nights

Date: Thursday, September 25th, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The Lake Country Art Gallery presents the 3rd round of its very





popular pub-styled Trivia Nights. Co-presented by the Okanagan Young Professionals, this quiz night will test attendees knowledge on art, culture and more. Tickets are \$10 per person – includes a cash bar and prizes.

### **“PAINT WHAT YOU SEE, not what you think you see”**

Date: September 27th & 28th

To celebrate Culture Days, the Lake Country Art Gallery is offering one of its Signature Workshops. This two day workshop will focus on the power of observation with Jerry Markham. Spaces are filling fast. Please [contact the gallery](#) to register.

### **Annual Under 100 Exhibition**

Under 100 Info Session – Wednesday, October 1st, 6:00pm. This event is free and open to the public.

It may seem a bit early, but it's time for artists to start thinking about the event. This exhibition features hundreds of works available for purchase for \$100 or less. The deadline for submissions is at midnight on October 3rd. Artists interested in applying are invited to attend a FREE Under 100 Info Night to learn all about how to best prepare for this exciting exhibition.

*-Source: Katie Brennan, Curator, Lake Country Art Gallery, 22 August 2014*

## **Save the Date – CATCH Fall Network Gathering**

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**Date:** October 7th, 11:30 – 2:00

**Location:** Laurel Packinghouse

This Fall we will:

- Update on our Learning About Families Connections to Services research project. Come hear about what we have learned from families
- Plenary dialogue on our research presentation
- Opportunity for brief highlights from our partner agencies

*-Source: Community Action Toward Children's Health, Newsletter, 21 August 2014*

## **Fall 2014 Community Service Days**

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### **Clothes Closet**

Dates: Friday, September 26th, 8:30am – 12:00pm, Saturday, September 27th, 8:00am – 11:00am

Free, good quality used clothing for single parents, children and senior ladies in need.

### **Car Care**

Date: Saturday, September 27th at 8:30am, 9:30am or 10:30am

Free oil change and safety inspection. Car care for single parents and senior ladies.

Register in person at Trinity Church starting Wednesday, September 3rd

Trinity Church, 1905 Springfield Road, Kelowna

*-Source: Jennifer Woods, Administrative Assistant, Trinity Church, 21 August 2014*

## **Treasures from the Attic Evaluates your Art, Antiques, and Collectibles**

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Date: Saturday, September 13th, from 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Admission is free

Learn the value of your art, antiques, and collectibles from the professionals. Join local art and antiques appraiser Peter Blundell, for Treasures from the Attic.

If you have ever watched an episode of Antiques Roadshow on TV, you will know what to expect during this exciting day-long event. Book an appointment to find out what your items are worth, or just join as a spectator.

Throughout the day Peter Blundell will be giving opinions on the value of antiques, collectibles, and art, including reproductions or prints. Fifteen-minute-long evaluation sessions will allow for the viewing of up to three items with Blundell, depending on the time needed. Please note that he cannot appraise jewellery, coins, stamps, guns, and wristwatches, however, pocket watches and swords may be brought in. Individuals who wish to have large furniture pieces assessed are asked to bring in a portion of the piece, e.g., a drawer, along with a photograph, and the item's measurements. Items thought to be over four hundred years old cannot be assessed at this event.

The cost for a session is \$40.00 for members of the Kelowna Art Gallery, and \$50.00 for the general public. Partial proceeds from this event will support educational programs and exhibitions at the Kelowna Art Gallery.

To make an appointment, please call the Kelowna Art Gallery at 250-762-2226. Payment is required at the time of booking to secure your space. Assessments are verbal opinions on value, and are not suitable for insurance purposes. Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend this event for free.

The Kelowna Art Gallery is located at 1315 Water Street in the heart of the Cultural District in downtown Kelowna. For hours of operation, or for more information about programming, current exhibitions, or special events, please visit [www.kelownaartgallery.com](http://www.kelownaartgallery.com).

For more information, please contact:

Joshua Desnoyers, Marketing and Events Coordinator, Kelowna Art Gallery  
250.762.2226 ext.305  
[josh@kelownaartgallery.com](mailto:josh@kelownaartgallery.com)

*-Source: Joshua Desnoyers, Kelowna Art Gallery, 19 August 2014*

## Okanagan Small Dog Rescue Society – 1st Annual Gala & Silent Auction

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Date: Saturday, September 20th, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Ancient Hill Winery, 4918 Anderson Road

Tickets: \$25.00 (includes a glass of wine)

Tickets available at: Panorama Vet, 10051 Hwy 97, Winfield /  
Okanagan Vet, 3355 Sexsmith Rd Kelowna / Ancient Hill Winery

Join us at Ancient Hill Winery for an evening of fun entertainment and a silent auction in support of all our small friends in need of a home.

Silent Auction items include:

- Kelowna Rockets tickets and dinner for 4 valued at \$350.00
- Hyundai service package valued at \$597.00
- Black Mountain golf package for 4 valued at \$360.00
- Beyond Wraiture Spa pass valued at \$135.00
- Art work and much much more!

Our dogs will be there, WILL YOU?

*-Source: Tobi McNeil, Director, Okanagan Small Dog Rescue Society, 19 August 2014*



## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Circle

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Meets Mondays from 10:00am – 12:00pm

- Free
- Confidential
- Open to all grandparents raising grandchildren and other relatives raising a family member's child
- On-site child minding

Learn new ways to nurture your grandchildren and discuss:

- Changes in social life
- Financial concerns
- Health issues
- Retirement plans
- Concerns about the child's parents

For more information about registration:

Kelowna Community Resources, 250.763.8008 ext.125

Kelowna Family Centre, 250.860.3181

Or, call the GRG Support Line, 1.855.474.9777

*-Source: KCR, 21 August 2014*

## The Power of Women's Creativity – Past, Present & Future

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*We must remember the past to understand the present and face the future – Nellie McClung*

An exhibition by women artists from the Okanagan.

**Opening Reception:** Friday, September 19th, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Exhibition Dates:** September 20th – December 6th, 2014

**Location:** [Kelowna Art Gallery](#), 1315 Water Street



*-Source: Micki Smith, 4 September 2014*

## Day Camps Filling up Fast

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The City of Kelowna's Active Living and Culture division is offering two sport and activity day camps. The City's program leaders have engaging activities planned that will keep the kids having fun in a safe environment.

The day camp at the Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way, will run until the kids are back to school. Participants can be dropped off starting at 7:30am with pick up by 5:15pm and is suitable for ages 6 to 12. The cost is \$165 per week or \$40 per day.

Starting next week, there will also be a day camp at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse, 3975 Gordon Dr., for ages 5 to 12. Participants can be dropped off between 8:30am and 9:00am with pick up between 5:00pm and 5:30pm. The cost is \$150 for the week.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to register ahead of time as camps are filling up fast. Additional program information and registration is available in person at the Parkinson Recreation Centre, by phone at 250.469.8800 or online at [kelowna.ca/recreation](http://kelowna.ca/recreation) (search Sport & Activity Camp).

For more information on all Active Living and Culture programs, visit [kelowna.ca/recreation](http://kelowna.ca/recreation).

*-Source: City of Kelowna, Newsletter, 3 September 2014*

## 8-Week Adult Grief Group

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### **Kelowna 8-Week Adult Grief Group**

*Offered by the Central Okanagan Hospice Association (COHA)*

**Date:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Mondays, September 22nd – November 17th (No class October 13th)

**Location:** 104-1456 St Paul Street

The 8-Week Adult Grief Group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one, even if the loss occurred outside of Hospice House. The group is facilitated by trained COHA volunteers and counsellors.

This group provides an opportunity for adults to explore their feelings of loss in order to promote healthy living. Each week a new theme is discussed, so attendance at as many sessions as possible is preferred. There is no cost to participate; the only requirement is to protect the confidentiality of the group outside of meetings.

Registration is required as space is limited.

For more information, contact our office at 250.763.5511 or email [bereavement@hospicecoha.org](mailto:bereavement@hospicecoha.org)

**West Kelowna 8-Week Adult Grief Group**

*offered by Central Okanagan Hospice Association (COHA)*

**Date:** 10:00am – 12:00pm, Tuesdays, September 30 – November 25 (No class November 11th)

**Location:** Westwood Retirement Resort, 2505 Ingram Rd

Attending a group is an opportunity to connect with others who are also experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one. There is no right way to grieve and the group allows you to take your own journey, while travelling with and listening to others, in a safe and supportive environment. Every week a different topic is covered. Each session builds upon the previous week's discussions, so attending as many sessions as possible is preferred. West Kelowna is facilitated by a trained COHA volunteer and a professional counsellor. There is no cost to participate; the only requirement is protecting the confidentiality of the group outside meetings.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

To register contact Pauline Weninger, COHA Bereavement Services at 250-763-5511 x 106, or email [gro.ahocecipsoh@tnemevaereb](mailto:gro.ahocecipsoh@tnemevaereb)

Thank you to Westwood Retirement Resort for the use of its space.

*-Source: Pauline Weninger, Bereavement and Complementary Care Coordinator, Central Okanagan Hospice Association, 2 September 2014*

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# Training

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## Ages and Stages (ASQ) & Mother Goose Training

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### **Ages and Stages 3, Ages and Stages: Social-Emotional Training**

Date: November 8th

Facilitators: Okanagan College ECE Instructors

Who is this training for: Early Childhood and Family Support professionals

“Professionals rely on ASQ for the best developmental and social-emotional screening for children from one month to 5 ½ years. Highly reliable and valid, ASQ looks at strengths and trouble spots, educates parents about developmental milestones, and incorporates parents’ expert knowledge about their children.”

[More Information](#)

### **Mother Goose Teacher Training**

Date: October 17th & 18th

Facilitator: Lizanne Eastwood

Everyone is welcome to attend: Parents, Grandparents, Foster Parents, Early Childhood Development professionals

Workshop covers:

- The Philosophy and Objectives of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program
- The Material of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, including:
  - Rhymes – many examples of interactive rhymes; how they fit into the program, how to use interactive rhymes and, how to teach them to parents.
  - Songs – learn lullabies and dancing songs; when to use them and how to teach them to parents.
  - Storytelling – why it’s an essential part of the program; how to learn and tell a story, and enjoy it!
- The Logistics of how to run a Parent-Child Mother Goose Program – from setting up a group, to putting out the mats, to saying goodbye.

For more information on both of these workshops, email [resource@kelownachildcare.com](mailto:resource@kelownachildcare.com), visit [www.kelownachildcare.com](http://www.kelownachildcare.com), or phone 250.762.3536

*-Source: Michelle Dickie, Executive Director, Kelowna Child Care Society, 25 August 2014*

## Raising Awareness about Youth Suicide — Making the Connection

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In the next series of Youth Mental Health workshops, “E” Division RCMP Crime Prevention Services is taking a closer look at the critical topic of Youth Suicide. This workshop will bring together diverse stakeholders to share knowledge and experience, and encourage further collaboration.

**Date:** September 30th, 8:00am – 4:30pm

**Location:** Rotary Centre for the Arts, 421 Cawston Avenue, Kelowna

**Cost:** Free

**Workshop Hours:**

Registration 7:30am – 8:00am

Program 8:00am – 4:30pm

**Discussion topics include:** summary of the provincial landscape for children and youth; overview and recommendations from the Child and Youth Suicides Report 2008-2012; understanding the complexities surrounding youth suicide; how to effectively support young people; learning how technology is playing a role in youth mental health; and showcasing examples of effective community collaboration taking place in BC.

*Open Session:* RCMP detachments and their community partners are invited (including: government, education, youth and community agencies, municipal police departments, health); free; pre-registration is required.

**Register:** By email to [vijay.morancie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:vijay.morancie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) or by phone 778.290.4021 by September 12.

**Meals and Expenses:** Dependent on hospitality approval, it is anticipated that lunch and coffee will be provided.

**Accommodation Information:** Plenty of reasonably priced hotels are available in the Kelowna area. For information visit: <http://www.tourismkelowna.com/stay>. Parking is available in a nearby car park.

**Dress:** Business casual

For more information and to register contact:

Ms. Vijay Morancie: [vijay.morancie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:vijay.morancie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) 778.290.4021

Cpl. Rafael Alvarez: [rafael.alvarez@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:rafael.alvarez@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) 778.290.4017

*-Source: Fiona Lindquist, Okanagan Suicide Awareness Society, 6 August 2014*

## Calculating the Living Wage: Free Webinar for Local Communities

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Tuesday, September 9th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm (PDT)

The Living Wage for Families Campaign has received more than three dozen requests from communities around BC (and across western Canada) asking how the local living wage can be calculated. To help the living wage movement grow, you are invited to join a free one-hour webinar on how we calculate the annual living wage and how to adopt this methodology to use in your own community.

- Iglia Ivanova of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (BC Office) will walk through the data required to develop a local table of family expenses and show how to use the living wage calculation spreadsheet to calculate the living wage in your community. Iglia does the annual calculation for the Metro Vancouver living wage.
- Adrienne Montani of First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition and Catherine Ludgate of the Living Wage for Families Campaign will provide a history of the campaign as well as suggestions for how to find a local host to make the annual calculations.

To register for the webinar, please [fill in this form](#). We'll send information on how to connect to the webinar closer to the date.

*-Source: The Child and Youth Advocate, Newsletter, 21 August 2014*

## Evaluation Capacity Building in Public and Non-profit Sectors: Thoughts on Strategies!

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Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014, 3:15pm – 4:45pm (Doors open at 2:45pm)  
 Location: Crowe MacKay LLP Board Room, 500-1620 Dickson Ave., Kelowna, BC (Free parking available in two-hour visitor stalls in the parking lot and on surrounding avenues.)  
 Cost: CES member registration \$10.00, Non-CES member registration \$20.00.

[Register Now](#)

Does your organization have adequate capacity to carry out its evaluation function? And just what is “capacity” anyway? Evaluation capacity building (ECB) is a core element to “results-oriented management” as it is the process of improving an organization’s ability to carry out and use evaluation, learn from its experiences, and improve results. Currently a hot topic in public and not-for-profit sectors, ECB is one of the most complex and challenging facets of evaluation. In this session, the speaker will:

- Share experiences and approaches on ECB;
- Discuss a recent project as a case example; and
- Discuss strategies for enhancement of the effectiveness of capacity-building.

### *Who should attend?*

This seminar provides an excellent opportunity to learn about strategies for building evaluation capacity. The session is intended for evaluators who have experience in evaluation, those who are considering evaluation careers, public sector employees and managers and directors in nonprofit sector who is responsible for overseeing evaluation in their organizations. The discussion will be interactive and practical. The facilitator will deliver a presentation, pose questions and guide the discussion on this topic.

### *Presenter:*

Russell Graham is a management consultant providing planning, research, evaluation and performance management services to public and private sector agencies. Based in North Vancouver, Russ has more than 30 years’ experience managing and evaluating public programs in a variety of fields. He has prepared more than 100 evaluative studies as well as numerous program plans, strategies and feasibility studies. Russell’s formal education includes a MBA with a specialty in Policy and Planning. He is also a Certified Management



Consultant and Credentialed Evaluator. As a teacher, he has delivered management courses at several institutions and regularly facilitates the four-day Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) Essential Skills Series (ESS) evaluation workshops in Yukon and BC.. Russ has served on the CES National Board, was a multi-term treasurer of the CES BC & Yukon Chapter, and has served as a member of the CES Credentialing Board since its inception in 2010.

Note: This presentation was previously given in downtown Vancouver as part of the CESBCY Vancouver Seminar series on Feb. 19, 2014.

Questions? Contact Sandra Sellick, CESBCY Acting Interior Coordinator c/o the "Inquiries" link at [www.sandrasellick.vpweb.ca](http://www.sandrasellick.vpweb.ca)

*-Source: Sandra Sellick, 24 June 2014*

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## Evaluation Capacity Building in Public and Non-profit Sectors: Thoughts on Strategies!

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Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014, 3:15pm – 4:45pm (Doors open at 2:45pm)

Location: Crowe MacKay LLP Board Room, 500-1620 Dickson Ave., Kelowna, BC (Free parking available in two-hour visitor stalls in the parking lot and on surrounding avenues.)

Cost: CES member registration \$10.00, Non-CES member registration \$20.00.

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Does your organization have adequate capacity to carry out its evaluation function? And just what is “capacity” anyway? Evaluation capacity building (ECB) is a core element to “results-oriented management” as it is the process of improving an organization’s ability to carry out and use evaluation, learn from its experiences, and improve results. Currently a hot topic in public and not-for-profit sectors, ECB is one of the most complex and challenging facets of evaluation. In this session, the speaker will:

- Share experiences and approaches on ECB;
- Discuss a recent project as a case example; and
- Discuss strategies for enhancement of the effectiveness of capacity-building.

### *Who should attend?*

This seminar provides an excellent opportunity to learn about strategies for building evaluation capacity. The session is intended for evaluators who have experience in evaluation, those who are considering evaluation careers, public sector employees and managers and directors in nonprofit sector who is responsible for overseeing evaluation in their organizations. The discussion will be interactive and practical. The facilitator will deliver a presentation, pose questions and guide the discussion on this topic.

### *Presenter:*

Russell Graham is a management consultant providing planning, research, evaluation and performance management services to public and private sector agencies. Based in North Vancouver, Russ has more than 30 years’ experience managing and evaluating public programs in a variety of fields. He has prepared more than 100 evaluative studies as well as numerous program plans, strategies and feasibility studies. Russell’s formal education includes a MBA with a specialty in Policy and Planning. He is also a Certified Management Consultant and Credentialed Evaluator. As a teacher, he has delivered management courses at several institutions and regularly facilitates the four-day Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) Essential Skills Series (ESS) evaluation workshops in Yukon and BC.. Russ has served on the CES National Board, was a multi-term treasurer of the CES BC & Yukon

Chapter, and has served as a member of the CES Credentialing Board since its inception in 2010.

Note: This presentation was previously given in downtown Vancouver as part of the CESBCY Vancouver Seminar series on Feb. 19, 2014.

Questions? Contact Sandra Sellick, CESBCY Acting Interior Coordinator c/o the "Inquiries" link at [www.sandrasellick.vpweb.ca](http://www.sandrasellick.vpweb.ca)

*-Source: Sandra Sellick, 24 June 2014*

## **United Way CSO – Volunteers Are Needed**

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It takes every one of us working together to create change. We are currently recruiting volunteers to serve as United Way Ambassadors in our communities, contribute to the work of committees and assist with office administration.

Contact Angela Pomeroy at 250.860.2356 or [angela@unitedwaycso.com](mailto:angela@unitedwaycso.com) to find out how you can get involved.

*-Source: United Way CSO August 2014 Newsletter, 21 August 2014*

## **Mandatory Fingerprinting proposal by RCMP**

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AVRBC has learned the RCMP has proposed making it mandatory that all applicants applying for police records checks also be fingerprinted. This is a policy that would be put into effect as of July 2016.

This new policy would affect:

- Volunteers being checked by RCMP detachment or local police
- Volunteers being checked by the procedures of provincial government departments (such as the procedure of the security certificate online from the Department of Justice of British Columbia)

The Edmonton Police Service has raised concerns about the new policy that were published in the [Edmonton Sun](#).

On September 9th, there will be a National Dialogue on Screening Volunteers organized by Volunteer Canada. Decision-makers from the RCMP and Public Safety Canada will be there. A member of the [Volunteer Management Professionals of Canada](#) (our national professional organization with which we are affiliated) and Stacy Ashton, AVRBC member, will be in attendance and participating in this dialogue.

*-Source: Lindsay Baker, President, AVRBC, 2 August 2014*

## News Articles with the United Way

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United Way is going to be submitting regular stories and photos to the Daily Courier and Castanet over the coming months. If you have a story to share that is personal, timely (something is happening) and can link back to how your agency works with United Way, we're interested in hearing more and possibly setting up an interview. Please let [Avril Paice](#) at the United Way know. As always if you have volunteer needs or Days of Caring projects, we can feature them in the United Way Kelowna Capital News space when it is not otherwise scheduled.

*-Source: Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment, United Way Central and South Okanagan Similkameen, 19 August 2014*

## Seeing Is Believing Bus Tour

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These tours help supporters and potential supporters of United Way to understand the impact of donating and volunteering. We have 4 tours planned this fall, 3 of which are in the Central Okanagan – 1 walking tour that was delayed from August and will happen in September, our regular fall bus tour, and a custom bus tour for Costco Wholesale employees. United Way will be reaching out to some of you to be our visits on those tours. If you have indicated a particular interest in being part of a tour for companies who participate in our campaign, we are definitely going to try to get to you. Also, we are going to try to reach out to the general public for participation in tours this year, so please help spread the word when we send the invite. Agencies are also welcome to attend.

*-Source: Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment, United Way Central and South Okanagan Similkameen, 19 August 2014*

## Volunteering and the Test of Time: Essays for Policy, Organization and Research

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This book will help you:

- Explore how concepts of formal and informal volunteering have developed in this new century – including concerns that have emerged
- Understand how volunteering is connected to changes in the relationship between government and its citizens, becoming an important public policy issue
- “Get your feet wet” in the world of volunteering research with nine provocative, accessible, and useful essays

**Price:** US\$16.00

### **Description**

Volunteering and the Test of Time brings together a selection of articles first published in Voluntary Action, the international journal of the Institute for Volunteering Research (based in the UK), between 1998 and 2007 – a time of unprecedented public policy discussion about volunteering in the UK and around the world.. It provides a foundation for understanding the ways in which the volunteering is researched, organized and developed. Providing an in-depth exploration of topics like the management of disaster volunteers,

different cultural concepts of volunteering, and new styles of youth volunteering, this book will be of interest to the practitioner and academic alike.

-Source: *Energize, Inc. Volunteer Management Resources, Newsletter, 19 August 2014*

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