

2022-23 B.C. Multiculturalism Grant Recipients

Location	Organization	Project Name and Summary
Lower Mainland		
Burnaby	Corkboard MediaWorks	Map of Chinese Societies in Vancouver’s Chinatown & Strathcona —A one-of-a-kind comprehensive visual map of the Chinese societies and associations of Vancouver’s Chinatown and Strathcona districts both past and present. A multilingual resource in English and Chinese, this map will be accessible virtually and in print format.
Burnaby	Burnaby Family Life	Restorative Circles practice to Address Racism in Burnaby Businesses Pilot Project —This pilot project aims to address racism and discrimination through restorative circle practices that create community inclusion and a sense of belonging.
Burnaby	OURO Collective Society	OURO Collective 10-year Celebration —A four-day festival that includes an all-ages street dance battle, community workshops and performances by local and national street dance-based artists.
Burnaby	Vancouver Street Dance Association	Vancouver Street Dance Festival —An annual event that celebrates and shares the city’s diverse street dance culture, providing opportunities for the dance community to engage with the public. Through music and dance, the festival celebrates and shares Black culture and history with the public.
Richmond	Richmond Multicultural Community Services	Seeds of Change: A Food Security and Systems Change Project Empowering Racialized Newcomers to Dismantle Systemic Barriers —Combating systemic barriers to food security by empowering IBPOC newcomers and refugees to access food, gain food sovereignty and develop language and analysis for recognizing systemic racism through artist-led workshops on culturally informed small-space gardening and food preservation.
Richmond	Stop Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Advocacy Group Association of Canada	123 Anti-Discrimination Exhibition —By telling stories from the communities, the exhibition aims to build awareness about the challenges and resilience of Asian Canadians facing discrimination and confidence in defending multiculturalism and the rule of law.
Richmond	WS Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society	The 9th Canada Multicultural Creative Festival 2023 & the 18th Giving Heart Community Feast —To celebrate community and cultural diversity, the festival and feast will take place in Vancouver on Oct 18, 2023.

Squamish	Squamish Volunteer Centre Society	Translation Project: Recycling and Community Resources in Squamish —Translations of Squamish-specific educational brochures on recycling, compostin and waste reduction, and distributes them to linguistically diverse households in Squamish.
Surrey	B.C. Wildlife Federation	Wetland Conservation Illustration Project —As part of our partnerships with First Nations for wetland restoration projects, the artist-in-residence illustrates comics showcasing local Elders’ stories and knowledge. Comics are gifted to the Elder, and also incorporated in local social studies classrooms for educational purposes.
Surrey	DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society	Together Now —A community-centred & culturally responsive program led by and for 2SLGBTQ+ newcomers that reduces social isolation and provides access to specialized 2SLGBTQ+ resources. Utilizing a strengths-based and trauma-informed approach, participants share experiences and access group counselling.
Surrey	Muslim Food Bank and Community Services Society	Combating Islamophobia and Racism through Education and Awareness —Initiative of the Muslim Food Bank and Community Services Society to raise awareness about Islamophobia and other forms of racism, and to provide educational tools on how to combat such incidents.
Vancouver	Better Environmentally Sound Transportation Association	Building Bridges: Mobility Justice Through Understanding the Village —An experimental workshop where participants explore their own personal role in supporting the revival of the values that worked in Indigenous villages for thousands of years. This workshop will explore mobility justice through the lens of Indigenous cultures.
Vancouver	Diwali Celebration Society	Diwali Fest —Building a sense of community across the Lower Mainland by breaking cultural barriers and embracing diverse art forms (song, dance, visual arts, crafts, etc.) from all cultures, with a spotlight on South Asian communities, through performances as well as interactive workshops.
Vancouver	EYA Environmental Youth Alliance Society	Nature Stewards: Building youth capacity and cultural understanding through land stewardship —An accessible, trauma-informed, environmental education program in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside supporting local IBPOC youth to build capacity and intercultural understanding through land stewardship.

Vancouver	Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (British Columbia) Society	Workers Speaker Series —In-person speaker series featuring panels of experts on various vulnerable workers issues (migrant workers, domestic workers, gig workers, etc.) The series will conclude with a report to government and may also include an MP/MLA letter-writing session.
Vancouver	Foundation for a Path Forward	MAGIC Handbooks: Multicultural Awareness Guides for IBPOC Communities —To address systematic gaps in intercultural support and understanding between IBPOC and affiliated groups and communities, this project will produce a series of seven handbooks to guide anti-racism engagement. The purpose of MAGIC is to strengthen anti-racism capacity across racialized communities.
Vancouver	Historic Joy Kogawa House Society	QueerAsian Writing Circle —Co-facilitated gatherings held every two weeks for writers who identify as queer and Asian, many of whom participated in anti-Asian racism workshops hosted during the pandemic. These bi-weekly writing circles create a safe and supportive space to develop written work for publication.
Vancouver	Pivot Legal Society	#JusticeForJared Presents Honour Their Name —An Indigenous-led art and organizing space, challenging systemic racism. The exhibit commemorates the lives of Indigenous people killed by police, alongside workshops and panels. Public programming brings attention to police violence and its effect on Indigenous people.
Vancouver	re:Naissance Opera	100 Years of Exclusion / 100 Years of Hope —Through a series of artist-led workshops and performances in Vancouver’s Chinatown, this project empowers local communities to engage with the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act and the hopeful future of Asian-Canadian communities as defined by local Asian youth and established artists.
Vancouver	rice and beans theatre society	Flaca, Gorda y Chapara —FGC is inspired by real events of playwright P. Chamale’s aunt who fled Guatemala in the 1980s after learning she was on a hit-list for being a university political science professor. She and her sisters go from being a salon owner, professor and university student to working as chambermaids in Canada’s north.

Vancouver	Stanley Park Ecology Society	Stanley Park Ecology Society Queer Birding Club —Facilitating an all-ages bird-watching program for the queer community led by queer individuals.
Vancouver	Theatre as a Second Language Society	Find Your Voice Through Your Stories —Brings community members together through the art of storytelling. The project contributes to multiculturalism and strengthens intercultural understanding among Chinese-speaking community members, 2SLGBTQ+ youth, English language learners, immigrants and newcomers.
Vancouver	The Society of We Are Canadians Too	Pancouver Print Edition —Featuring local artists and creators whose art is inspired by the culture of their ancestral homelands to foster greater understanding of underrepresented artistic communities.
Vancouver	Vancouver Asian Film Festival Society: Elimin8Hate the social change arm of this organization	Eilmin8Hatea —A fee-based equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) curriculum for organizations to combat racism and promote racially equitable business practices. Eilmin8Hate is partnering with community partners, educators, and socially conscious organizations (private, public, and non-profit) to launch.
Vancouver	Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration Society (Operating as 5X Festival)	Addressing Hate against South Asian International Students —A multi-platform anti-hate campaign to address systemic racism and forms of discrimination unique to South Asian International Students in B.C. Meaningful opportunities for exchange and learning will be provided both in-person and online to ensure maximum reach and engagement.
Vancouver	Vantage Point Strategies Society	Equipping Diverse Leaders to Engage as Not-for-Profit Board Members in BC —This project will support community members from equity-seeking groups to build their knowledge, confidence and readiness to get involved at governance tables of not-for-profit boards across BC. This will support efforts across BC to meaningfully diversify representation of leadership.
Vancouver	Visceral Visions Society	Moving from Accommodation to Inclusion in CultureBrew. Art (CBA)'s Monthly BIPOC Chat & Chew —A monthly event for IBPOC artists to share challenges, supports and knowledge. This project is looking to improve the series' accessibility by moving from accommodation to true inclusion.

Vancouver	W.A.V.A.W./ R.C.C: Women Against Violence Against Women/ Rape Crisis Centre	Culture, Connection and Healing: Decolonized Practices for Racialized Survivors —Assists racialized survivors of sexual violence in finding community healing, resilience and reconnection to self, culture and land through self-exploration and traditional practices.
Vancouver	Women Transforming Cities	Building Civic Participation and Leadership —Six civic participation workshops that create pathways to meaningful civic participation for those who face systemic barriers to municipal democratic engagement and leadership. The project is being conducted in partnership with community organizations working with racialized communities.
West Vancouver	Canadian Iranian Foundation	Education, Empowerment, Recognition, and Celebration —A series of monthly empowering educational workshops on topics such as racism, violence, abuse and reconciliation. It will showcase multiculturalism through music, dancing and singing and its power in creating unity.
Whistler	Whistler Multicultural Society	Whistler Anti-Racism Response Implementation —Review and implement the anti-racism response protocol developed for the community of Whistler by engaging IBPOC and other community stakeholders in identifying roadblocks to usage and developing solutions for implementation.
Interior		
Blind Bay	Arts Council for the South Shuswap Society	Secwepemc Cultural Days —A week-long celebration of our region to engage in, learn and celebrate the rich Secwepemc culture in the Shuswap region. Activities such as storytelling, art, music, language, culinary and educational tours to better understand the culture will be shared.
Kamloops	Coalition of African, Caribbean and Black Nurses in British Columbia	African Black and Caribbean (ABC) Nurses Back to Basics: Wellness Event —Two wellness events that will support nurses of African and Caribbean descent and Black nurses in British Columbia.
Kamloops	Project X Theatre Productions Society	The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito —A production of Tomson Highway's <i>The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito</i> , as a part of Project X Theatre's outdoor theatre festival, Theatre Under the Trees, in Kamloops in July 2023, that will include Cultural Consultation with local nations and work with a Cree Language Keeper.

Rossland	Rossland Historical Museum & Archives Association	Recognizing Klwista —A project intended to support Sinixt resurgence and education of the Sinixt Way in the region to British Columbians. It will include the development and dissemination of information, including traditional practice and language revitalization by Sinixt knowledge keepers.
Vernon	Okanagan Screen Arts Society	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Educational Program —A presentation of culturally significant Indigenous stories and education to local students in the North Okanagan in support of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
Vernon	Vernon and District Immigrant and Community Services Society	Voices of Vernon World Café —Local students will have the opportunity to listen, learn and share in the stories and histories of culturally diverse community members. This project will encourage intercultural understanding and community connections through storytelling and creative expression.
Fraser Valley		
Chilliwack	Chilliwack Community Services	Distribution of Indigenous and Newcomer connection documentary —Three public screenings with panel discussions in Chilliwack, Hope and Agassiz of a documentary created by Indigenous filmmakers that celebrates cultural sharing between Indigenous and newcomer groups
Coquitlam	Coquitlam Public Library	Conversations about Race in BC —In 2021, the Coquitlam Public Library hosted the speaker series “Past & Present: Conversations about Race in BC,” which provided a foundation about the IBPOC groups who built B.C. Their goal for 2022 was to expand on this series by focusing on IBPOC and other marginalized groups to build intercultural interactions.
Vancouver Island		
Courtenay	Community Justice Centre of the Comox Valley society	Conversations with a Renegade Judge: A Recipe for Reconciliation —A public presentation by John Reilly, the author of a trilogy of books about Indigenous experience with the Canadian justice system. He has concluded that for true reconciliation, the criminal code should be repealed and replaced by Indigenous law based on restorative justice.

Duncan	Volunteer Cowichan	Advancing racial equity, diversity, and inclusion within Volunteer Cowichan —Comprehensive anti-racism training for all levels of Volunteer Cowichan, exploring barriers and solutions for equitable participation, establishing anti-racism policies across the non-profit, and building partnerships with local entities serving marginalized communities.
Nanaimo	Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce	Indigenous Business Directory —Support and promotion to bring profile to Indigenous-owned and operated businesses; will highlight Indigenous entrepreneurship, attract support/investment, normalize marginally represented groups, and focus on potential future success.
Nanaimo	Pacific Coast Stage Company	Youth Fringe Initiative —Workshops for students of diverse backgrounds/experiences to create a performance festival that explores the question: As we emerge from the challenges of the pandemic, how can we rediscover our connection to the land, each other and our unique voices?
Nanaimo	RISEBRIDGE society	Good Neighbour Project —An interactive workshop to educate community members young and old on topics, such as diversity, Inclusion, multiculturalism and cross-culture differences found in community. The workshop will include craft tables, activities, presentations and more.
Victoria	Afro Latin Cultural Exchange Society	Victoria International Kizomba Festival 4th Edition- Welcome Party —The Welcome Party (March 21 to April 6, 2023) boasts free public exhibitions, 15+ hours of educational workshops, Afro-Caribbean music, a live concert, performances, anti-racism and anti-discrimination presentations and cultural exchange activities.
Victoria	The Belfry Theatre Society	The Power of Storytelling: United in Diversity —As part of a long-range project designed to ensure that under-represented and racialized voices are empowered to take space within the Belfry Theatre and the community, this program aims to address anti-racism in the community through the power of storytelling.
Victoria	Culture Den Society	Red Power —This will include the development and production of the fifth Indigenous cultural performance premiering at the Belfry Theatre to be staged in May 2023.

Victoria	Pacific Opera Victoria Association	Arts Leadership Training Program for emerging IBPoC artists and administrators —Seminars and paid internships with professional music organizations for members of Indigenous, Black and people of colour (IBPoC) communities to help them assume artistic and administrative arts leadership roles in B.C. arts organizations.
Victoria	St. Bakhita Anakdiar Peace Foundation	Power of the ballot and information —A four-day workshop that will bring people of African descent together in Vancouver Island to learn and share their experiences. This day will educate participants on barriers and restrictions that keep the people of African descent from getting involved in electoral politics and civic participation.
Victoria	Victoria Sexual Assault Centre	Black Youth Empowerment (BYE) —a review to ensure the information about bystander intervention is culturally relevant. BYE provides a supportive space for Black youth and explores how community members can engage in bystander intervention to respond to acts of gender-based and racialized violence.
Victoria	World Inter-Faith Education Association BC (Victoria Multifaith Society)	Promoting Cultural Awareness through the Anti-Racism Toolkit —A rollout of the Learning Anti-Racism Toolkit in four regions of B.C. A project co-ordinator will contact organizations and individuals to promote this anti-racism and will offer online and in person training.
Gulf Islands		
Galiano Island	Access to Media Education Society (AMES)	Cross Roads: Next Level —A scenario-based interactive visual novel that supports equity-oriented reflexive work. This game is designed to help students (grades 5 through 12) increase their understanding of inherited biases/prejudices in everyday life and “flex” their noticing, naming and responding muscles.
Salt Spring Island	Salt Spring Arts Council	Expanding Representation of Indigenous Artists in Artcraft —B.C.’s longest-running, largest exhibit of its kind, featuring works by artists from the Southern Gulf Islands. This project expands representation and participation of regional Indigenous artists in Artcraft, removing barriers, providing professional development and promotional support.

Sunshine Coast		
Gibsons	PowHERhouse Women's Leadership Accelerator Inc.	FACING GOLIATH workshop series & multimedia impact campaign —Encourages a stronger sense of self, confidence and resilience to help at-risk youth navigate a rapidly changing world. Self-regulation tools and techniques are taught to manage emotions and maintain a proactive sense of grounded presence and empowered identity.
Okanagan Valley		
Kelowna	OCCA Communities Association	Empowering the Racialized Communities for Sustainable Systemic Changes in the Central Okanagan —This project aims to eliminate the residue of the historical exclusion acts and abolish systemic racism in the social service field by pursuing equal opportunities in employment and government funding for racialized communities, improved services, and better efficiency in using public funds.
Kelowna	School District #23 Central Okanagan Public Schools	Together We Explore “Looking through a Multicultural Lens” —To celebrate multiculturalism in SD23, students learn from other students about language, culture, food, attire and share their unique stories to promote empathy, understanding and community to help reduce stereotypes and racism.
Okanagan Falls	RosesLife Women Center Foundation	Understanding Racism and Dealing with Its Effects —This project aims to encourage people to share their experiences and understanding of racism. It will explore strategies to mitigate the prevalence and effects of racism on individuals and communities.
West Kelowna	Westbank Museum & Arts & Crafts Society	The Westside Multiculturalism Day —An opportunity for the city of West Kelowna to celebrate its rich cultural diversity and to take part in cultural exchanges including song, dance, music, food, activities, workshops and more.
Kootenays		
Nelson	Capitol Theatre Restoration Society	EMBARK —Designed to reflect the definition of the word (to begin a course of action, especially one that is demanding), EMBARK will engage community, provide information, trigger reflection and create dialogue focusing on celebrating diversity and building strong community bonds.
Bulkley–Nechako		
Vanderhoof	Nechako Healthy Community Alliance Society	Waking the Sleepy Middle: Good Neighbours Committee 7Active W8itnessing Ser9ies —The society aims to wake-up the “sleepy middle” folks in community, who are indifferent and complacent in anti-racism and anti-hate conversations and actions, by using video, audio and written text to demonstrate ways to engage in actions and be a community disrupter of racism.