

Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week



March 6 to 12, 2017



EVENTS CALENDAR

Youth, parents, caregivers, front-line workers, teachers, police and other community members are encouraged to attend these events being held across B.C. during Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week. These events provide great educational and networking opportunities. Join in these local efforts to raise awareness and stop sexual exploitation!

**Monday,
March 6
through
Sunday
March 12**

Tri-Cities and Ridge Meadows Mindfulness and Empowerment Program

Each year, the Onyx Program helps raise awareness about youth in unsafe situations. Their ME Project campaign helps to build Mindfulness, and Empowerment amongst young people. The campaign includes a journal that features open spaces, lined paper, and simple illustrations to encourage creativity and individualism. Mindfulness and empowerment can mean something different to each person and youth are encouraged to make this booklet their own and focus on their own strengths and unique attributes. These journals will be available for youth during Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week at the Onyx Program office.

For more information please contact the Onyx Program.
www.asaferspace.ca

<p>Monday, March 6</p>	<p>Vancouver “Lend Your Voice” – A Youth Focused Event on the Issue of Sexual Exploitation The Vancouver Community Action Team (VCAT), a network of service providers working together to promote awareness and prevention of the sexual exploitation of children and youth will be hosting a free youth focused World Cafe focused on how sexual exploitation affects youth. Lunch and snacks will be provided and bus tickets are available. Where: Broadway Youth Resource Centre, 2455 Fraser Street, Vancouver When: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact: Please RSVP for this event to jsather@plea.bc.ca</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 8</p>	<p>Abbotsford Public Rally The Fraser Valley Community Action Team against the sexual exploitation of children and youth (FVCAT) will be hosting their annual public rally on Wednesday, March 8. Come out and join the effort to raise awareness about the issue of sexual exploitation of children and youth in the Fraser Valley. Where: Abbotsford Community Services, Jasbir Saran Room, 2420 Montrose Ave., Abbotsford When: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: 604-556-4619 or sheila.lum@abbotsfordcommunityservices.com</p>
<p>Thursday, March 9</p>	<p>Vancouver Children of the Street Society’s Annual Celebration of Success Join Children of the Street Society to celebrate the work they have accomplished throughout the year. Funds raised support their programs that help protect children and youth from sexual exploitation. The focus of this year’s event will honor and celebrate the law enforcement professional who help make the work possible. The early bird rate of \$35 per ticket applies until February 23, after which, tickets will be \$40 each. Where: Diamond Ball Room (1495 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver) When: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Contact: For more information and to purchase tickets visit: www.childrenofthestreet.com/celebrate</p>

Friday,
March 10

Langley

Miss Representation Screening & Panel Discussion

Written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, Miss Representation exposes how mainstream media and culture contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. This event is free of charge. Please register on [Eventbrite](#).

Where: Fraser River Presentation Theatre, Township of Langley Civic Facility, 20338 65 Ave.

When: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

Contact: For more information, contact phoenix@encompass-supports.com, jen@encompass-supports.com or text/call 604-723-5173.



The Fuchsia Ribbon Campaign



Fuchsia-coloured ribbons symbolize efforts in preventing the sexual exploitation of children and youth because it is a combination of red, for red light districts and purple, the provincial colour for violence prevention.

Communities and agencies across the province wear these ribbons in an effort to raise awareness about the issue of child and youth sexual exploitation.

List maintained by Victim Services and Crime Prevention
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