Youth, parents, caregivers, front-line workers, teachers, police and other community members are encouraged to attend these events being held across BC 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.

**Abbotsford Public Rally**

Come out and stand with the Abbotsford Community Action Team who will be hosting their annual Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Public Rally.

Where: SACRO (32700 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford, BC)
When: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Contact: For more information, call 604-556-4619 or email sheila.lum@abbotsfordcommunityservices.com

**North Vancouver**

**Lighting at City Hall**

City Hall will be lit up in fuchsia to commemorate the children and youth who have experienced sexual exploitation. A proclamation will be made at Council.

Where: City Hall, City of North Vancouver (141 W 14th St, North Vancouver, BC)
When: 6:00 p.m.
Contact: For more information, email agordontighe@cnv.org

**Langley**

**Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week at the Langley Youth Hub**

The event is focused on sexual exploitation awareness/prevention and youth wellness. The event is open to all youth ages 12-24. Drop-in admission and all activities are free. Dinner and swag bags with resources will also be provided to youth who drop in.

Where: Langley Youth Resource Centre (6275 203 St., Langley, BC)
When: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Contact: For more information, call 604-546-1130 or email jkawin@encompass-supports.com
**Vancouver**

**Sexual Empowerment vs. Sexual Exploitation in a Digital Age**
Want to learn more about healthy masculinity, your own sexual health, sex-positivity and empowerment? This event will provide you with tools/tips/information on how to own your power in a digital world.

Where: Friendship Centre, Chief Simon Baker Room (1607 E Hastings St., Vancouver, BC)
When: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Contact: RSVP by February 28th at Eventbrite

**Vernon**

**Open House**
The Oak Child and Youth Advocacy Centre will be hosting an open house and tours for the community in support of this week. The goal of the centre is to provide a coordinated response to crimes against children and youth and to support child and youth witnesses and their families.

Where: Oak Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (2400 46 Avenue, Vernon, BC)
When: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact: For more information, email Brooke.m@vwts.ca

**Maple Ridge**

**Postcards Home**

*Featured Sessions*

Postcards Home facilitated by Maple Ridge artist in residence Kat Wahamaa
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

An arts-based dialogue to raise awareness, build compassion and address stigma in our city. Attendees will be invited to show support to those impacted by the Sexual Exploitation of Children & Youth through discussion, reflection and the creation of collaged postcard for display. No art experience is necessary and all supplies provided. Participants will also have an opportunity to enter the SEY (Stop Exploiting Youth) Committee logo contest. Snacks and draw prizes will be provided.

Redefining Manhood presented by Hayden Averill -- Children of the Street Society 1:30 - 2:30pm
Addressing the demand side of sexual exploitation is a crucial step towards preventing boys from becoming buyers of illegal sexual services, and it reduces the number of males who groom children and youth into sexually exploitative situations. This 60-minute interactive workshop addresses topics including, consent, the #MeToo movement, “Locker Room” talk, and the stigma around being a male victim of sexual abuse.

Where: Humans of Maple Ridge Gallery (11979-224th Street, Maple Ridge, BC)
When: Free admission, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact: For more information, email wleung@plea.bc.ca
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.

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