

# VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK MAY 12 - 18, 2024

## EVENTS CALENDAR

There are several events being held across British Columbia throughout Victims and Survivors of Crime Week. Join in the local efforts to help recognise victims and survivors of crime.

### Province-wide

#### Launch of "Violence is Preventable" Program PSA

BC Society of Transition Houses (BCSTH) is launching a 'Violence is Preventable' Public Service Announcement to raise awareness about BCSTH's Violence Is Preventable (VIP) Program. VIP is a free, confidential, school-based, 'violence prevention' program for students K to 12. 'Violence Is Preventable' or VIP, teaches students how to stay safe and build healthy relationships, and reminds them that they are not alone.

**Where:** Global BC and BC1 Channel

**When:** May 12 to 18, 2024

**Contact:** For more information, please contact BC Society of Transition Houses at [info@bcsth.ca](mailto:info@bcsth.ca) or visit [www.bcsth.ca/vip](http://www.bcsth.ca/vip)

### Kamloops

#### Postcards of Courage

Have fun during [Westcoast's Amusements](#) at Aberdeen Mall this Mother's Day! Among the rides, food and festivities, participants will have the unique opportunity to learn, grow, and create postcards of hope and healing in honour of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week 2024. Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre will be located next to Blenz Coffee on the ground floor of Aberdeen Mall. By creating vibrant and beautiful postcards, we aim to inspire hope and healing for survivors and victims of violence and crime. No artistic experience is necessary! Everyone is welcome.

**Where:** Aberdeen Mall - 1320 Trans-Canada Hwy, Kamloops, B.C.

**When:** May 12, 2024 from 11:00am to 5:00pm

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Lindsey Johnson, Education, Outreach and Prevention Coordinator, at [lindsey@ksacc.ca](mailto:lindsey@ksacc.ca) or 250-372-0179.

### Surrey

#### Roots of Safety Toolkit Training for Community Agencies

Roots of Safety Toolkit- Culturally appropriate approaches and tools to supporting immigrant and refugee clients who have lived or living experiences of survivors of violence. DIVERSEcity Community Resource Society is hosting a comprehensive one-day education and training workshop for service providers focused on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Co-led by Community Champions (Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence) from our Stories of Strength team, will bring a distinctive cultural perspective to the discussions. Our community champions are Survivors of Crimes and represent our three largest visible minority communities in Surrey Punjabi, Farsi and Swahili communities. The goal is to foster open dialogue, share personal stories, and dispel misconceptions surrounding the aftermath of crime.

**Where:** 13455 76 Ave., Surrey, B.C.

**When:** May 13 and May 14 from 8:30am to 4:30pm

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Becky Majoor at [bmajoor@dcrs.ca](mailto:bmajoor@dcrs.ca).

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## Burnaby

### National Victims and Survivors of Crime 2024 - Cyber Crime Awareness and Prevention

Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services Society is proud to host a 3 day event to raise awareness about cyber crimes and ways in which the public can protect themselves online. On May 13, 2024 we will be launching our virtual event through our website and social media. On May 14 and 15 there will be in-person events which include panel discussions and resource sharing.

**Where:** Burnaby Public Library (Tommy Douglas), Burnaby Public Library (Bob Prittie Metrotown)

**When:** May 13 (virtual event), May 14 and May 15 (in person).

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Hyzel Bhambhoria at [hyzel@vlmfss.ca](mailto:hyzel@vlmfss.ca) or 604-436-1025.

## Parksville/Qualicum and Nanaimo

### Power of Collaboration

Police Based Victim Services will be hosting a community event to highlight the various victim services, community-based and police-based, that are provided within the Oceanside and Nanaimo catchment areas. We will introduce the new Sexual Assaults Services Program which provides services to both communities as well. This event brings community partners together, providing an opportunity to understand the different roles, mandates, and objectives of each program, and to share how the programs will be working together to ensure best practices to avoid revictimization.

**Where:** Tigh-Na-Mara Sea Side Spa Resort/Conference Centre, Parksville, B.C.

**When:** May 14, 2024

**Contact:** This event is open to community service providers. For more information, please contact Sharon Helpard – RCMP Victim Services Program Coordinator at [sharon.helpard@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:sharon.helpard@rcmp-grc.gc.ca).

## Prince George

### Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success

Prince George RCMP Victim Services is hosting a variety of events during Victims and Survivors of Crime Week. May 14: all-day workshop with community agencies. May 15: coffee talk. May 16: Gala dinner for frontline workers, supervisors, and community dignitaries. May 17: team building scavenger hunt with frontline workers

**Where:** Prince George

**When:** May 14 - 17, 2024

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Aralee Hryciuk, Victim Services Coordinator, at 250-561-3328.

## Kamloops

### Postcards of Courage

Join [The Stir](#) in their monthly craftivism series! This guided art workshop will fill you with the spirit of advocacy by guiding you through creating postcards of hope and healing in honour of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week. By creating vibrant and beautiful postcards, we aim to inspire hope and healing for survivors and victims of violence and crime. No artistic experience is necessary! Everyone is welcome.

**Where:** 235 1st Ave, North Shore Kamloops, B.C.

**When:** May 14, 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Lindsey Johnson, Education, Outreach and Prevention Coordinator, at [lindsey@ksacc.ca](mailto:lindsey@ksacc.ca) or 250-372-0179.

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## Greater Victoria

### Building on Relationships, Reconciliation and Renewal: The Power of Collaboration

Celebrating Victims and Survivors of Crime Week through the "Power of Collaboration", Greater Victoria Police Victim Services Society aims to focus on relationships, reconciliation and renewal through building knowledge and bridges within the Victim Services community. Activities will include KAIROS Blanket Exercise, networking lunch and Indigenous Canoe Paddle with the West Shore RCMP.

**Where:** Songhees Wellness Centre - 1100 Admirals Road, Victoria B.C.

**When:** May 14, 2024

**Contact:** This event is open to victim services workers, police, and other community partners. To register, or for more information, please contact Jacquelyn Carter at [jacquelyn.carson@gvpvs.org](mailto:jacquelyn.carson@gvpvs.org).

## Penticton and South Okanagan

### Awareness Video

South Okanagan Women In Need Society (SOWINS) will be sharing a video to promote awareness of intimate partner violence and how SOWINS supports victims and survivors.

**Where:** Virtual - social media and SOWINS website

**When:** May 14, 2024

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Liz Gomes at [liz.g@sowins.com](mailto:liz.g@sowins.com).

## Lower Mainland

### Justice After Exploitation: Supporting Youth Victims Navigate the Criminal Justice System

Join Family Services of Greater Vancouver (FSGV) as Brenda Lochhead, a long-time Victim Support Worker and counter-exploitation expert, shares her insights into how best to support exploited youth as they navigate the justice system – whether you're a support worker, family member, journalist, or donor. Learn about the specific issues exploited youth face and how FSGV is walking with them every step in their journeys.

**Where:** Online - Zoom Webinar

**When:** May 15, 2024 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Moe Suwanaratana at [rsuwanaratana@fsgv.ca](mailto:rsuwanaratana@fsgv.ca) or Ariel Blaser at [ablaser@fsgv.ca](mailto:ablaser@fsgv.ca).

## Vancouver

### The Power of Collaboration, Eliminating Barriers in Victims Support and Advocacy

Chinese Community Policing Centre will be hosting a round table event to bring community partners together to share client support experiences. The purpose is to build a trauma-informed network to support our community. Discussion topics include victim services and community support, challenges supporting victim, psychological first aid, and cross agencies collaboration.

**Where:** Online - Zoom

**When:** May 17, 2024 from 10:00am to 12:30pm

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Joshua Leong, Victim Services Worker/Project Manager, at [info@chinesecpc.com](mailto:info@chinesecpc.com).

## Kelowna

### Victim Service Coordination/Collaboration Workshop

Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society will be hosting a two day workshop on victim services coordination; how information is shared between organizations, responsibility, mandate and roles of each program, ensuring the victims voice and experience is heard/considered and their safety is paramount before determining plea etc.

**Where:** TBC

**When:** TBC

**Contact:** This event is open to community and police based victim services workers, RCMP, and other community partners. For more information, please contact Chantal Banman, Executive Director, at [executivedirector@efryokanagan.com](mailto:executivedirector@efryokanagan.com).

## Kamloops

### Postcards of Courage

This event is specifically designed for those who wish to attend an evening of like-minded individuals who are or know someone who has experienced violence or crime. By creating vibrant and beautiful postcards, we aim to inspire hope and healing. By registration only.

**Where:** Heritage House - 100 Lorne Street, Kamloops, B.C.

**When:** May 15, 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Contact:** To register, please contact Lindsey Johnson, Education, Outreach and Prevention Coordinator, at [lindsey@ksacc.ca](mailto:lindsey@ksacc.ca) or 250-372-0179.

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**When & Where:**

May 18, 2024 from 8:30am to 12:00pm at Kamloops Farmer's Market - 200 block of St Paul St. and the Stuart Wood schoolyard, Kamloops, B.C.

May 18, 2024 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at 465 Victoria St #100, Kamloops, B.C.

**Contact:** For more information, please contact Lindsey Johnson, Education, Outreach and Prevention Coordinator, at [lindsey@ksacc.ca](mailto:lindsey@ksacc.ca) or 250-372-0179.

## Department of Justice Canada: Virtual Victims Week

The Policy Centre for Victim Issues will be hosting a virtual Victims Week, including an opening ceremony and keynote presentation on Monday, May 13, workshops throughout the week, and a plenary session and closing ceremony on Friday, May 17.

To see a list of the workshops that will be offered, please see the [Virtual Agenda](#).

To register for the Victims Week virtual events, please visit the [Registration Form](#) page.