



City of Victoria Youth Council

A Year in Review 2016-2017

Overview

- We acknowledge the communities and nations on whose territory we live, work, learn, and play including the Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.
- The City of Victoria Youth Council (CVYC) is a youth-driven, grassroots program that offers opportunities for civic and community engagement to youth who live, work, hang out or go to school in the City of Victoria



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2016-2017 by the numbers

42 applications received
 18 members
 300+ youth reached through programming and projects
 17 social justice and capacity building workshops
 9 guest speakers
 \$26,000 budget



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Governance

Hosted by BC Healthy Communities

Funded by the City of Victoria

Delivered and facilitated by CVYC
 Coordinator: Tahia Ahmed

City Council Liaison: Jeremy Loveday,
 Margaret Lucas

City Staff Liaison: Bridget Frewer, Gary
 Pemberton



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Capacity Building

Anti-oppression Training
 Effective Campaigning
 Community Mapping
 Independent Publications
 Facilitation Training
 Arts-based Activism



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Workshops and Guest Speakers

History of Colonization
 Retail Action Network – Worker's rights
 Anti-Violence Project – Consent Culture
 Need2- Suicide intervention and Mental Health
 Access to Media Education Society - Digital Media Creation
 Social Enterprise and Food Security Solutions

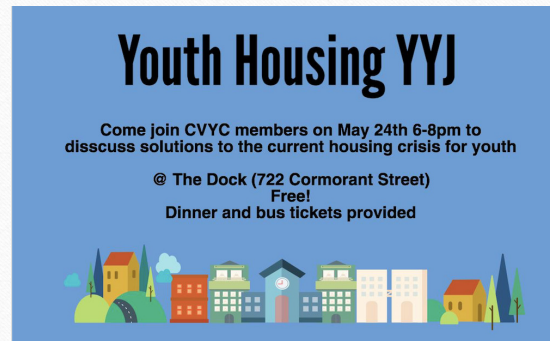


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Youth and Housing in Victoria

89 youth surveyed
Crowd Sourced Solutions
Grassroots Campaign



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Youth Housing Recommendations

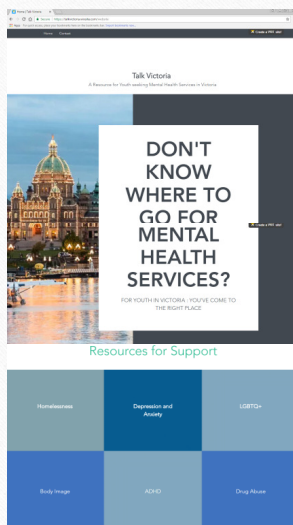
1. More year round "wet" youth shelters for all youth including LGBTQ2+
2. Government rent allowances for low income youth
3. Increased co-op, collective, and cluster housing for youth
4. Expand student housing provided by universities with extended tenancy rights
5. Create a Youth Tenancy Action Network to provide peer led support against discrimination, to understand the Tenancy Act, etc.
6. Implement rent control, ban on bidding wars
7. Create an integrated transit strategy (bus passes, location of bus stop, frequency of service)
8. Action plan from all levels of government on their strategy to address youth housing issues



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Talk Victoria: Mental Health Outreach



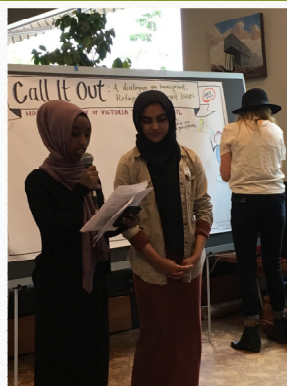
- Seeking to make mental health resources more accessible to youth
- We determined that there was no one website that organized mental health resources for youth who were seeking help on their own.
- Website : Next step is to survey youth and promote the site



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Call It Out: A Dialogue on Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Issues



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As an immigrant, refugee or migrant...we are too different for Western society and then too western for our home countries.
Does moving to Canada essentially strip us of any identity?

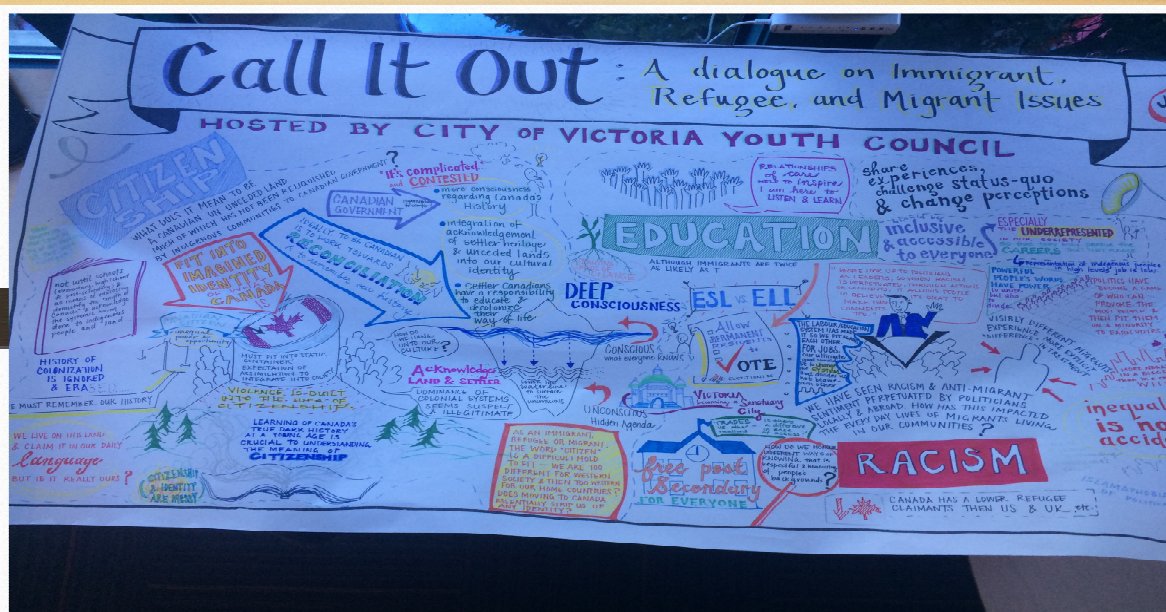
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- Dialogue Participant

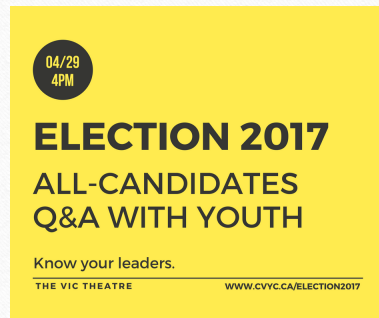
A dialogue to share experiences, challenge the status quo, and change perceptions.



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2017 Provincial Election



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What's next for CVYC?

- Yates St. Community Garden Mural Project
- Youth Recruitment
- Social Justice Tour – Embrace BC Grant
- City of Victoria's Youth Engagement Strategy



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Thank You!



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embrace the unexpected



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Yates Street
Community Garden

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