



JUNE NEWSLETTER

Hey {{firstname}}

Summer is here!

Support NSRJ either through walking 5k with us or donating to our [Scotiabank Fundraiser!](#)

Every single dollar raised goes towards our Youth Justice Initiatives, our Restorative Response Programs and our ever expanding [staff](#) team!

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Happy Pride!

NSRJ Updates:

We are pleased to welcome two new staff this month! Our new Community Liaison worker, [Victoria Lopatka](#), has joined the NSRJ team for the summer and [Kelly Chessman](#) has begun her role as our new Restorative Justice in Education Initiative Program Coordinator!





The Center on Poverty and Inequality

A recent study by the [Georgetown Law Center on Poverty and Inequality](#) found that implementing restorative justice practices in schools has a positive effect on the mental and physical health, as well as educational attainment for young girls of colour. Such practices include proactive community development and a focus on restoring harmed relationships. The participants in the study had increased school connectedness, created stronger peer and family relationships, felt more connected to their families, and experienced increased social and emotional literacy. Read more [here](#).

What to expect from the Youth Justice Lab:

- Learn about restorative justice as well as social, economic and environmental justice issues of interest to you
- Be matched to a mentor, based on your interests
- Be supported in creating a community project with a team
- Receive a bursary for full participation in six virtual sessions and one graduation ceremony
- Make lasting connections to other youth and local thought-leaders



**Are you
passionate
about making
change in
your
community?**

Apply Now!

Fill out the form at
[https://forms.gle/5K7p
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**Applications due by
5PM on July 7th 2021**

Do you know a young person who is passionate about justice?

Please invite them to apply to the Youth Justice Lab 2021!
We invite youth ages 15-19 who reside on the North Shore to apply and join this virtual seven-week cohort.

From July 22nd to September 2nd, approximately 15-20 youth will get together to learn about restorative justice, decolonization, youth justice issues and much more. Participants will hear from various speakers and develop projects to tackle issues they care about. Throughout the Lab, they will build useful interpersonal, conflict resolution and project management skills. They will receive a welcome package containing reading and preparation materials, be connected to mentors who are active in the community, and work in teams to develop projects. These projects will be presented at the cohort's graduation gathering to the wider community. We anticipate that this opportunity will lead to life-long connections within our local youth, restorative and social justice communities.

To apply, please click here: <https://forms.gle/yF26b1fzKmsWB8fL9>. We encourage applications from Indigenous and racialized youth, youth with disabilities and youth of all genders and sexual orientations.

The application deadline is July 7th 2021 at 5PM.

Any questions, please email Victoria at victoria@nsrj.ca!



215 small pairs of shoes were displayed on the steps of St. Paul's Church, Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumixw territory, honouring the remains of children found buried around the Kamloops Residential Institutional Site. Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation have held community drum circles and other private ceremonies for their members.

"Coming together like this is something that we have. It's medicine for us. We know how to take care of each other, so let's do it." Squamish Nation hereditary chief Janice George thanked everyone

for “coming here to hold each other up and to show each other love through these times.”

- c/o [Vancouver Is Awesome](#)

As more remains of children are found in unmarked graves at other institutional sites, NSRJ encourages folks to donate to the [Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#).



This month's Volunteer Highlight goes to NSRJS' Youth Advisory Council (YAC)!

This council is composed of 5 awesome young leaders who participated in our inaugural Youth Justice Lab in summer 2020. They generously continue to support NSRJS youth-related activities and have started organizing their own events. Please give them a follow at @nsrjyouth on Instagram and check out their post about the purpose, outcomes, and process of the group for more details about the exceptional work that they do! Thank you, Emma, Sierra, Graham, Sorchia, and Zora for being part of NSRJS's first YAC! We are thankful for your support of our organization!





Why support NSRJ?

“I liked that we could learn how other people feel. I think Circles really made me a better person.” – Gr 6 student

“I cannot stress enough how brilliantly the meetings were conducted. Should anything like this arise in the future for a loved one, I will have them contact the non-profit before they do the RCMP.” – Restorative Response participant



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Things to do in Vancouver... July 2021

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