



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Meet the Team

The faces behind the
Communications Task Force and
your Monthly Newsletter!

We are a group of young and passionate women who have seen a need to bring about restorative change to our community. In spite of the global pandemic we are working toward building connections and creating spaces for dialogue in the way we know best: through the power of media and technology. We hope you will enjoy our newsletters, stay connected to NSRJ and learn a little more about Restorative Justice each month! And be sure to check us out on Social Media (found at end of Newsletter).



Top: Leila, Kelly, & Maaza
Bottom: Elysia & Ma todison



For the 6th year running NSRJ has partnered with the Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon and 5km race to raise money toward our community initiatives. Sign up now to join our cause!

Scotiabank Charity Challenge

Register [here](#)
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NSRJ in the community

NSRJ has partnered with several parent advisory councils in North Vancouver to put on the *Building Community Belonging* parent series to showcase the experiences of diverse communities and provide parents with the tools to educate their children on how to be inclusive and anti-racist. The first session was held on Feb. 25th, 2021 and led by Parker Johnson (pictured left) of [This is Table Talk](#). Please email queensburypac@gmail.com for more information about April's session.

The Canadian Bar Association of BC recently released a report [Agenda for Justice](#) which is meant to be a "a roadmap for action to improve BC's justice system and modernize provincial legislation for the benefit of all British Columbians". Increasing the use of restorative justice across the province was highlighted through the following actions:

1. Development of a Restorative Justice Strategy and Action Plan in consultation with the Restorative Justice Association of BC, First Nations Justice Council and Métis Nation BC Justice Council, BC Community Corrections, police, Crown Counsel, as well as other legal stakeholders and restorative justice providers.
2. Increased funding to restorative justice associations and societies to enable services in all parts of British Columbia, not just in urban areas or where by luck programs exist.
3. Continued funding for education of police, Crown Counsel, criminal defence counsel and BC Community Corrections teams about the benefits of and access to restorative justice programs.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

At NSRJ's AGM Leila was highlighted as the Volunteer of the Year! She has been the Volunteer Coordinator since May of 2020 and has already become an essential member of the NSRJ community. She is



active in many Committee's, supports all our volunteers and has a strong background in RJ.

Some words from Leila: *It has been an absolute delight working with NSRJ and bringing RJ to the North Shore. Every day I am amazed at all the incredible & passionate work that each person brings to our community.*

NSRJ News

> On March 1st, our RRP volunteers participated in an advanced training on Sexual Assault cases and the use of Restorative Justice. This is an incredibly important and sensitive topic that affects 1/4 women in Canada!

> This month we welcome new Board Member: Hollis Lucky! Check out his bio [{here}](#)

> Staff members Anne-Marie and Rowena, began teaching *Restorative Justice in Education* course at Capilano University this month! This is

the first one of its kind put on by NSRJ, but we hope its certainly not the last! [Check it out here!](#)



Local News Story

These three Indigenous women have been bringing elders and learners together to support the continued teaching of Kanien'kéha (Mohawk language). Using virtual calling platforms and social media they "have a fighting chance of saving [their] language".

Learn more about their incredible journey [here.](#)

Let's talk about **self care**... March 20 marks the beginning of

Spring in BC and with that brings a chance to start fresh and think about your self care!

Tip 1

We are so blessed to live on the beautiful North Shore, so find time this Spring to get out and enjoy nature's playground.

To discover trails near you, check out this [link!](#)

Tip 3

Nothing does self care like throwing out the old!

Do you remember the Marie Kondo faze from a few years back? Well its never too late to join the masses and practice some of her Spring Cleaning tips!

Find out more [here.](#)

Tip 2

RJ is all about dialogue, so reflect and think about your voice and where you feel safe to share and be bold about what you believe in. Check out our [Instagram](#) to connect with our community!

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