

E-Newsletter June 2022

BUILDING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Community Schools in B.C.



United Way
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Working with communities in BC's
Interior, Lower Mainland, Central
& Northern Vancouver Island

Welcome

This is our 13th Community Schools in BC e-newsletter and our goal remains to both inform and build networks in the field of community education and schools in B.C. In this edition we highlight resources and opportunities to enrich programs for children and youth. Please email Sukh Shergill at SukhS@uwlm.ca to contribute updates or join the mailing list.

Resources



Are you looking for solutions to alleviate these common issues?

- 1) Registration is an exhaustive process that involves many people
- 2) Parents are not aware of the programs offered
- 3) An online payment process does not exist
- 4) Potential or new partner organizations are not aware that they can contribute to support low cost or free programming

Tong Guan founded the **Do What U Luv** organization and created an online platform to remediate these issues. As a young person his personal circumstances required him to attend over 10 elementary schools. As an adult he is acutely aware of the critical role that after school programs played in his life. He wants to support young people to have opportunities to build friendships, explore interests, and connect with supportive adults.

Do What U Luv has been a key partner for the Coquitlam School District and their Community Schools Department. This partnership has resulted in a significant increase in opportunities for children and youth to participate in out-of-school time programs. These are some quotes shared by key stakeholders:

“It saves me not just hours, days, but months in program registration, promo, and admin. Everyone should be using this.” - Jacky, Music Adventure

“Why would I ever go back to the old way of doing things?” - Sean, Principal

Are you interested to learn more about all the functions of this platform?

Visit their website www.dwul.io/about or contact Tong at tong@dowhatuluv.ca or (604) 377 6057

Resources

ethos lab

youth space. reimagined.



Did you know that youth are...

- Creating their own virtual youth lounge
- Creating their own video games
- Learning from experts that work for EA Sports, Microsoft, Nike, and the NBA
- Creating their own Digital Art (NFTs)

Ethos Lab is a virtual and in-person space for teens 12-18 to discover, explore, and develop through S.T.E.A.M and culture based experiences.

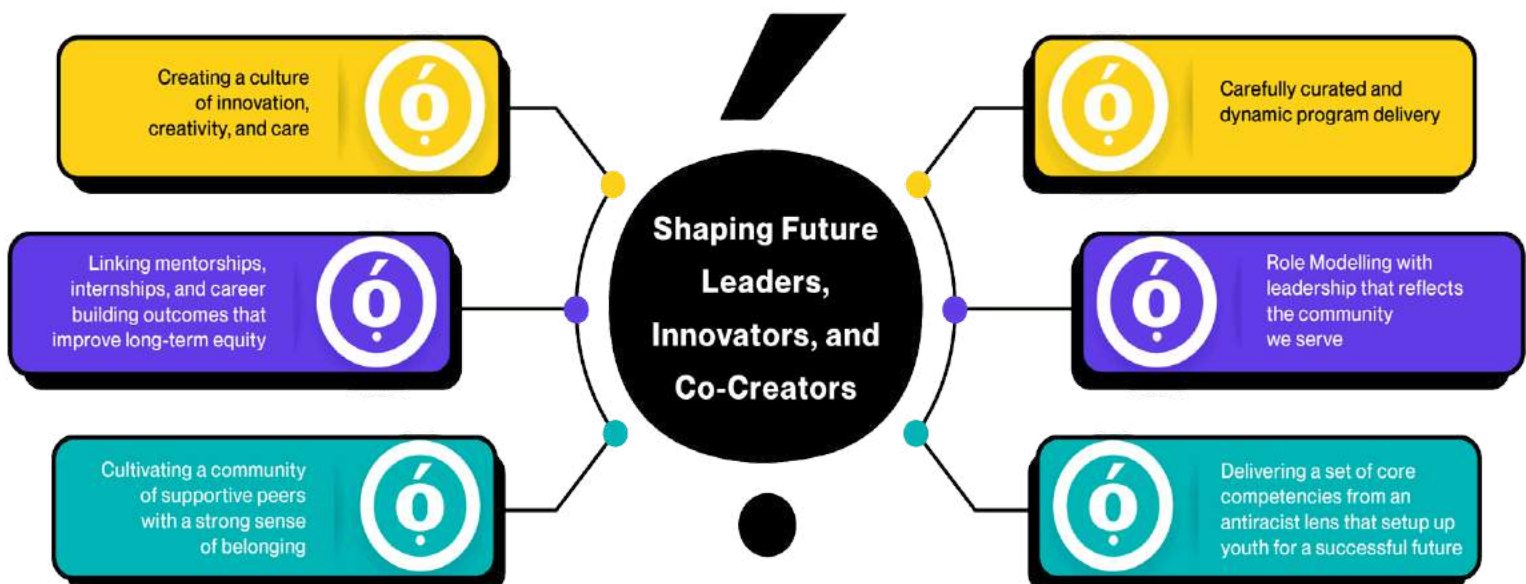
They are on a mission to increase representation in Innovation

Through weekly collaborative workshops, creative projects, access to emerging tech, and mentorship your child will develop core S.T.E.A.M skills for post-secondary admissions & future careers

Learn more, refer youth and look to partner by visiting their website.

www.ethoslab.ca

Special note: Coming soon is an "Ethos Box" in which partner organizations and Educators can request a ready made box of activities and equipment.



Resources

**Jumpstart
Bon départ**



Jumpstart Charities helps kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in an effort to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities.

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca>

Financial Assistance is currently being provided through grant streams.

- a) **Community Development Grants** - Apply now for funding for September for your local programming.
- b) **Individual Child Grant** - Have registration cost covered for up to \$300 per activity and each individual child can receive up to \$600 annually.

Your provincial contact for Jumpstart is **Katlyn Soanes** and she can be reached at katlyn.soanes@cantire.com. She has worked with Community Schools teams across the province and is aware of the model and impact.

We wish you a wonderful summer!
