

Dear team leaders,

How much does life feel like Groundhog Day (the movie) right now? Well, take heart, because while we might feel stuck in an endless loop at times, there is plenty of movement happening.

I apologize for the flurry of emails over the past week. We've (Natalie, Lorna, Ruth and I) been spending most of January planning, adjusting to roles, deep-diving into NationBuilder, and generally sorting things out, and we're eager to share the outcomes with you.

## Team Leaders' meetings

There have been plenty of requests to make these meetings more regular and robust, with opportunities to meet and connect with more leaders across the network about what matters to you. So what we're proposing for this year is:

- four scheduled team leaders' meetings during the year that combine time to connect with each other, skill-building sessions, and breakout rooms where you choose the topic to discuss, and
- building in space at the NAC meetings in June and December for a team leaders' check-in

The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 27 - times and more info for all meetings [can be found here](#). I'll send an invitation a couple of weeks prior to each meeting; in the meantime, **please save the dates** in your calendar. If you're not able to attend one or more of the meetings, please try to find someone in your team who can.

**At the Feb. 27 meeting, Vanessa and Sarah from the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Accelerator (JEDI-Accelerator) committee will share the committee's plans to more clearly enact and reflect anti-racism and climate justice through FOK's behaviours, communications, education, training and campaigns.**

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## Events not to miss this month

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- **Electric School Bus Info Session/Campaign Roll-Out**

Tomorrow **(Thursday Feb. 3) at 7pm PT**. This session will focus on BC but is open to anyone. Please share if you know someone interested in in being part of bringing electric buses to their kids' school district. Anyone who would like to be involved but can't make the meeting can contact Ruth directly at [ruth@forourkids.ca](mailto:ruth@forourkids.ca)

- [Hear Molly Murphy talk about her frontline experience](#) with RCMP violence on unceded Indigenous lands, and why we need to connect the dots between the climate crisis and policing, and work together to call for the dismantling and defunding of policing as part of climate action work. **Feb. 10 at 8 PT**

The talk is hosted by For Our Kids Vancouver, with support from For Our Kids North Vancouver, For Our Kids Sunshine Coast, and Parents 4 Future Victoria.

- Jennifer, Alayne, Nancy and Graziela in the Montreal team are enrolled in the University of Alberta's [Indigenous Canada course](#) online, starting the **week of February 7th** and they're inviting anyone from the network to join them on a private Facebook discussion group, for asking questions, sharing learnings and exploring the weekly course discussion questions together. You can audit the course for free. The time commitment is 2-3 hours/week for 12 weeks. I highly recommend the course - and doing it collectively can feel more impactful, as well as provide support and encouragement along the way. You can [request to join the private Facebook group here](#).

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## Have friends or family in Nova Scotia?

Invite them to join the special provincial FOK [welcome call on Feb. 24!](#)

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## It's Black History Month

My local MP was elected for the first time in last fall's election. As a city Councillor, she spoke with passion, integrity, and vision about fighting Black racism, which is an issue this city continues to face. Listen to MP Arielle Kayabaga with her [first address to the House of Commons](#) yesterday. (note: the video incorrectly indicates she is an MPP. sigh.)

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## Up next

We've got changes to the FOK website functionality, NationBuilder, Slack and the team leaders' FB page to share with you, based on your suggestions and input from the communications survey. Thank you! And stay tuned.

Take care out there,

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