This year YouthCO celebrated 20 years of reducing the impact of HIV and Hepatitis C on the youth of British Columbia through peer support, education and meaningful community engagement. We strive to foster inclusive communities where youth empower youth to make informed decisions about their own well-being and work to end the stigma surrounding HIV and Hep C.

VALUES

- Youth-Driven
- Sex-Positive
- Anti-Oppressive
- Inclusive
- Innovative

APPROACHES

- Shared Leadership
- Peer Education & Support
- Harm Reduction
- Community Engagement
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Freedom of expression and identity has been forefront of our news recently. Safe and inclusive spaces are more important now than ever for young people to feel empowered and make positive change in our lives and our communities.

We are so fortunate to live work and play in Vancouver where we have the strong support of individuals, partners, business, and government who see value in sexual health and harm reduction education for young people. Thanks to our communities’ support, YouthCO has fostered an inclusive environment for the past twenty years and is continuing to shape the leaders of tomorrow. The work YouthCO does to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding HIV and Hepatitis C for young people is an essential component towards achieving our collective goal of an AIDS-Free generation.

2013/2014 was a particularly great year for YouthCO as we continue our work with youth in communities most affected by HIV and Hep C, and integrate advocacy, support, prevention and skills-building into all of our activities. YouthCO’s programming has reached over 5000 youth, and we were thrilled to be able to offer scholarships for the first time to four amazing young people impacted by HIV.

Thank you for being a member of the YouthCO community and for contributing to our work engaging, inspiring and empowering young people across BC.

Jamie Forrest, Chair & Jesse Brown, Executive Director
YouthCO HIV and Hep C Society

Jamie Forrest
Jesse Brown
OUR TEAM
(AS OF MARCH 31 2014)

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YOUTH EMPOWERING YOUTH

Based on the successful, evidence-based Mpowerment Project developed by the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), MpowermentYVR aims to build a healthier, happier, and stronger gay community.

Through planning engaging events like karaoke nights, movies screenings, picnics, and parties, MpowermentYVR volunteers recruit participants to facilitated discussion nights where they share and explore topics surrounding relationships and HIV in a sex-positive and non-stigmatizing environment. Through these events, young men are invited to attend YouthCO workshops that support their education around HIV, safer sex and sexual well-being.

Young gay men are the core organizers and leaders of all Mpowerment events, backed up by YouthCO staff members who are also younger than 30 years old. The project has successfully reached hundreds of young gay men throughout British Columbia by empowering volunteers to become leaders within their own social networks.

Our Mpowerment Facilitator, Andrew Shopland, has been the recipient of much recognition for his work over the past year including receiving the Pride Legacy Award for Outstanding Youth.

This year we are also proud to introduce Christopher Yue as our MpowermentYVR Coordinator. Chris is passionate about the project because it “creates a safe place where gay youth can go and feel comfortable talking about sex health and HIV without judgment. At MpowermentYVR we aim to encourage youth to feel safe asking questions and give them the opportunity to develop essential leadership skills.”

YouthCO is excited for another successful year of empowering young gay, bi, and trans* guys to make informed decisions and ending the stigma associated with HIV.

For more information about Mpowerment, visit mpwr.ca
YOUTHCO SCHOLARSHIPS

Youth living with HIV have knowledge, resilience, and amazing ideas. This past year, for the very first time, YouthCO awarded scholarships for HIV + youth in British Columbia who met the criteria of having, “grown-up with HIV” and are pursuing post-secondary education. With this scholarship we intend to strengthen our community of young positive leaders who are making positive change.

We contacted one of our scholarship recipients, Chris Sinclaire, to find out how the YouthCO scholarship has helped him to reach his goals and propel him towards his future plans.

Where are you studying at the moment and what do you do with your time?
I am currently enrolled in Capilano University’s ABE university preparatory program. When I am not going in class, I’m working at cactus club, engaging in physical fitness, volunteering, and hanging with friends.

How did you get involved with YouthCO and hear about the scholarship?
I was referred to YouthCO by a friend. When I contacted YouthCO the staff let me know about the opportunity to apply for this scholarship.

You’ve spoken publicly about your experience growing up with HIV. How was that experience for you?
Speaking publically about my HIV was very scary.... but I felt so good after I had done it. Everyone showed their support and gratitude which boosted my confidence.

What message would you like to share with other HIV + youth?
I would like to tell all youth that HIV is not a crime and that it’s really not as big of a deal how the media stigmatizes it. I have been living with HIV my entire life and have never had additional problems with my health.

Why do you think it is important to educate young people about HIV?
It’s important to educate young people about HIV because of how much notoriety it has received over the last 30 years. HIV has been recognized as the “gay” disease which is far from right, so it’s necessary to educate everyone, really. It is such a unique virus....possibly one of the most!

Going forward, what are your future plans and where should we keep an eye out for you?
Future plans include going to UBC or BCIT for a computer science degree.

Congratulations Chris and thank you for your inspiring work!
TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER

Yúusnewas- which means ‘taking care of each other’ in the Squamish language, is run by and for aboriginal youth and offers free HIV, Hep C, and sexual health workshops throughout the province.

“It’s important for aboriginal youth to have culturally relevant sexual health and harm reduction information as our communities are disproportionately affected by these illnesses due to colonization and systemic inequality,” says Jessica St. Jean, Yúusnewas’ Program Manager. “We try to make our workshops fun and engaging so that youth can safely explore these difficult issues and ultimately take care of each other and their community.”

This year, Yúusnewas paired up with the Native Youth Sexual Health Network to host two forums. The first, Stand up Speak out: Indigenous Youth HIV Knowledge and Exchange Forum, was hosted by Yúusnewas in Vancouver. The workshop was an empowering experience where participants addressed root causes of HIV rates and decolonization of Indigenous sexualities. The next forum will take place at the end of August 2014.

As a staff team, YouthCO attended Reconciliation Canada’s Canoe Gathering at False Creek in September. Supporting each other’s programs and working against all types of oppression and discrimination is an integral part to YouthCO’s approach.

Yúusnewas also partnered with the Squamish Language Academy in November to host Talented Tongues, a fundraiser for healthy sexuality and language revival. There was storytelling, art for sale, music and a DJ. The guests taught each other different words about sex and sexuality in different languages. The event was a success and YouthCO was honoured to host such a creative and innovative evening.

Learn more about Yúusnewas by visiting www.facebook.com/yuusnewas

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YOUTHCO BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2013/2014 WE...

Nationally distributed
17500
"Hep C Handbooks" our resource for youth on Hepatitis C & harm reduction

Nationally distributed
45000
“Gearing up to Get Down” pamphlets, our resource for youth on HIV & sexual health

Trained & had the support of
70
active volunteers & students

Awarded 4
$1000
scholarships to HIV+ young people

Distributed over
5000
condoms to youth

Mpowerment hosted & conducted outreach at
24 EVENTS
& presented
20 WORKSHOPS
for young gay, bi, & trans guys

Yúusnewas travelled
1,620 KM TO 8
aboriginal communities across BC
(Bella Bella, Skatin, N’Quatqua, Samahquam, Xit’olacw, Neskonlith, Esquimalt, Songhees)

Reached
5500
individual youth with sexual health & harm reduction education

YOUTHCO ANNUAL REPORT 2014
FINANCIALS 2013/2014

These financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements of YouthCO HIV & Hep C Society as at March 31 2014 and the year then ended. Complete statements available upon request.  

Year End March 31, 2014

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
(AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT)

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
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**EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR**

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