YouthCO reduces 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.

YouthCO is located on the unceded traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.
This past year, we celebrated 20 years of youth-driven, peer-led support and education programs that reduce the stigma we often experience around sex, HIV, and Hep C. We are proud of the network we have built, the leaders we have trained, and the innovative ways we work to empower youth. We continue to be proud of our work, and grateful for the many way individuals, partners, businesses, and government show support for our work, year after year, by coming out to our events, helping to facilitate our programs, running outreach activities, and providing financial supports. Without our communities coming together, YouthCO would not be able to do the work we do to advocate for reduced stigma, and strong supports for youth in BC.

2014/2015 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. As we celebrated our twentieth anniversary, we focused on sharing the work we do more widely. To achieve that goal, we created a new website, expanded our programming to reach more youth throughout BC, and focused on strengthening our partnerships locally and across the province. Thank you for being a member of the YouthCO community and for your contribution to our work of engaging, inspiring and empowering young people.

Blake Stiltis, Chair & Jesse Brown, Executive Director YouthCO HIV and Hep C Society
Just in time for YouthCO’s 20th anniversary celebration, we launched our long-awaited website. It’s bright and bold and ready to take on the world! Many of us living in the Internet-era find our first instinct when we have a question is to search online for an answer. That’s why we totally revamped the YouthCO web presence and redesigned our website to be vibrant, exciting, accessible and informative to youth, service providers and the public.

It has a calendar stacked full of all our events, allows visitors to book workshops, showcases each staff and board member with a headshot and bio, lets supporters make one-time or recurring donations, and lists all our position statements and advocacy work. It’s even integrated with our Facebook and Twitter accounts! We’re delighted with how it has enabled us to communicate better with our donors, supporters, members and staff. A user-friendly website is such a fantastic tool! We’re using it to expand our reach to youth across BC—and even globally—with accurate information, resources and meaningful opportunities.
We hosted an incredible celebration of YouthCO’s 20th anniversary at Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese Gardens; where nearly 300 community members showed up to support the work YouthCO does in British Columbia.

Three local chefs and three Vancouver bars provided the food and drinks. There was a silent art auction sponsored by Initial Gallery and a live auction with an amazing spread of quality prizes supplied by our other generous sponsors.

The night was filled with great conversation, music and a moving address from one of our YouthCO members and scholarship recipients, Chris Sinclaire. Through this event we managed to raise our organization’s profile in the community, reconnect with alumni, and raise much needed funds. Overall it was a fabulous success!

We’d like to thank all our supporters, donors and sponsors for helping us put on such a fantastic event. YouthCO is so proud to have spent the last twenty years supporting, educating and empowering youth. We look forward to continuing this crucial work with the support of donors, our dedicated staff team, and the amazing members who make YouthCO what it is today.
Our indigenous-led program for BC’s indigenous youth is growing and becoming a powerful force in the HIV and sexual health world! Thanks to the great work by Jessica St. Jean, the Yúusnewas program manager, we have seen incredible movements made in providing programming across BC to indigenous youth and service providers. Yúusnewas has contributed to local and provincial conversations about HIV & sexual health and indigenous peoples of Canada.
Run Club

Yúusnewas started a run club this year to build community and address health from a holistic perspective. The group trained together for the Sun Run, completed the Grouse Grind, and meets regularly for runs and socials.

Accomplishments

- Published articles in the North Shore News & Bloodlines Magazine
- Assisted 2 Provincial Health Services Authority programs with curriculum development
- Presented to nurses & service providers from the BC Centre for Disease Control and the First Nations Health Authority
- Built a partnership with Red Road for their Moving Towards Healing workshop at the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network AGM
- This year Yúusnewas travelled to 14 different communities
  - Xeni Gwet-in First Nations
  - Yunesit’ìn/ Stone
  - Mount Currie (Lil’wat) Nation
  - N’Quatqua Band
  - Neskonlith Indian Band
  - Quatsino First Nation
  - Samahquam First Nation
  - Skatin First Nation
  - Sliammon First Nation
  - Tsleil-Waututh Nation
  - Lax Kw’alaams Band
  - Heiltsuk Nation
  - Esk’etemic First Nation
  - Adams Lake Indian Band
What brought you to YouthCO?

I wanted to work at YouthCO because of the organization’s longtime commitment to a value set that resonates with me, the focus on youth leadership, and the mission of reducing stigma relating to HIV and Hep C. From my first connections to the HIV sector, I have consistently seen the positive impacts of peer-based programming again and again, and the need for sex-positive, anti-oppressive approaches to education and support. I knew that coming to YouthCO would put me in an environment where my values would be shared by my peers and colleagues, and where I would learn a lot about myself, build new skills, and find new ways to support the HIV and Hep C movement.

Having spent most of my time in the HIV sector focused on gay men’s health, I also was really excited to have the chance to work with the Mpowerment Project, and to gain experience with the Yúsnewas program while continuing to be involved in education programming. Since I started, I have enjoyed getting to work with many of our programs, provide support in different ways and share leadership for YouthCO’s mission.

What are you most excited about for your time at YouthCO?

I am really excited to see Camp Moomba join the roster of programming at YouthCO. Many Moomba campers I’ve met with in my time at YouthCO are full of stories about the ways camp has positively impacted their lives, and I have also gotten to see the importance of the Moomba community to many people we work with. Welcoming Moomba to our programming at YouthCO also extends the opportunities we have to provide peer support and education to younger youth and creates new opportunities for youth most affected by HIV.

Sarah Chown, New Program Director
What positive changes can you see happening in 2015?

We have been working towards our goal of decolonizing and indigenizing our programs and presence across our programs at YouthCO, with the support and leadership of the Yúusnewas staff and volunteers. Our commitment to challenging the ways colonization operates day in and day out is part of our anti-oppressive values and our continued learning as individuals and a staff team. I am looking forward to continued positive change at YouthCO as result of this ongoing work.

I am also excited about our continued focus on creating more opportunities for youth living with HIV. Our scholarship program is one way we are supporting youth living with HIV in pursuing education or professional development. We also have a new collaboration on the go with the Oak Tree Clinic to host a youth group, and of course, are welcoming Moomba to our programs.

Both our Yúusnewas and Mpowerment program have grown in the past year, and the new additions to our staff team in both these programs mean increased capacity to connect with youth throughout the Lower Mainland, and in the case of Yúusnewas, across the province. The work we have done to build our staff team this past year means new energy and new ideas coming to YouthCO's solid foundation of peer-based, values-driven programming.
We combined art, activism and enthusiastic youth to throw our World AIDS Day event this year. It was an honour to have Tiko Kerr, a renowned Vancouver-based artist with an extensive history of HIV/AIDS activism, attend as our guest speaker.

To commemorate this important day we wanted to celebrate the success of HIV/AIDS activism now and in the past by bringing the community together in our space. Inspired by the iconic posters and artwork of AIDS activism in the 80’s and 90’s, attendees were invited to create their own art that speaks to the youth HIV movement today.

The event reflected the diversity of YouthCO members and our broader communities. We were thrilled to create a space for LGBTQ youth, indigenous youth and supporters of all ages from...
different organizations (including the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, the First Nations Health Authority and the BC Centre for Disease Control) to come together to build community, celebrate our successes, and reflect on the past, present and future of the HIV movement.

Tiko shared his history and experience with HIV, and touched on ways the HIV movement has changed over time. He talked about the development of the Internet and social media as powerful tools to drive social change, tools that previous generations of HIV/AIDS activists did not have. Tiko stressed the importance of community; his takeaway message to youth was for us to find our own outlet for expression and use that outlet the way he has used his art – for the good of the community and the HIV movement.
Distributed
200,250
Gearing Up to Get Down’s

Distributed
201,045
Hep C Handbooks

579
Shares on Facebook

96
New Volunteers

1,709
Likes

Awarded
2
scholarships to youth living with HIV to support their cont’d education & leadership

Yúusnewas visited
14
different communities outside Metro Vancouver
These financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements of YouthCO HIV & Hep C Society as at March 31, 2015 and the year then ended. Complete statements available upon request.

**Financials 2014/2015**

Year end March 31, 2015

**Statement of Financial Position (as Prepared by Management)**

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| Total                           | 262,414| 191,573|
### Statement of Operations (as Prepared by Management)

#### Revenue

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**Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year**

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Celebrities Nightclub
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Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

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