

Centre for Diversity Peace & Justice

Restorative Justice Community Powell River



Peacemaking Circle Keeper Training Part I With Barry Stuart
Tla'amin Nation Governance House
June 1-3, 2018



"Come to MY side"...

A communication activity...attempting to convince the other person to come to your side. Persuasion? Sheer force? Induce fear? Trickery? Or...collaborative resolution?



Verna Francis

Tla'amin Nation Justice Worker

Upcoming! Training & Events

Quarterly Group Gatherings

Fourth Saturday of February, May, August, November

Graciously hosted at Tla'amin Government House

Saturday February 23

9am - 4pm

An opportunity to connect as a group. Gatherings will include continued practice with peace-making circle process as well as an educational component. This may involve role-play, film showings and focused discussion on justice-related topics.

All are welcome to attend group gatherings.

Please rsvp to Pat Thompson
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Peace-Making Circle Keeper Training Part II with Barry Stuart **April 27-29, 2019**

Open to anyone who attended June 2018 training as well as those with experience in peacemaking circles, conflict resolution methods or mediation.

Please re-read the Peacemaking Circle Book with special attention to chapters 3 and 5

Please submit any questions and topics you would like Barry to address during training.

Please rsvp and submit topics to Pat Thompson
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Widening the Lens: Inclusion and Diversity in Restorative Justice Symposium **March 8th, 2019 from 9am-4pm. Gathering Place in Douglas College, New Westminster Campus**

From Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives:

"In hosting this symposium, we hope to increase awareness of diversity needs, and the importance of inclusion for marginalized individuals and communities in restorative justice. Our keynote and panel speakers from various communities will provide an opportunity for dialogue around the topics of access needs, meaningful participation, and culturally-sensitive practice. Diversity workshops will provide opportunities for practitioners in the field to reflect on experiences of power and privilege. The breakout sessions will invite participants to engage in critical discussions regarding current approaches in restorative justice, and consider ideas for steps forward in building a more inclusive and diverse practice.

To confirm your attendance at this FREE symposium,
[Click Here](#)

Events Across The Water **Ongoing seminars and training in Courtenay, BC**

<http://www.communityjusticecentre.ca/events/>



Our circular classroom

New!
Five Sub-Committees Kicking into Action!

You are needed!

Please get in touch with the committee contact for further details or to join the team!

Steering Committee

PURPOSE

To act in a board-like capacity, providing oversight and direction to the organization

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee program coordinator
- Approve all policies, mandates, financials, and annual budgets
- Receive and evaluate reports from all sub-committees
- Maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PREP



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Program Development

PURPOSE

To facilitate the effective provision of services and develop community-based policy and programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop a policies and procedures manual
- Determine job descriptions and responsibilities, develop preparation checklists for each volunteer role
- Maintain and develop appropriate forms, records, etc,
- Maintain statistics and reports regarding RJ models and case success rates
- Research a variety of resources to build policy and share with community
- Develop an effective evaluation procedure
- Utilize Critical Incident Response model and OARH structure

Volunteers & Training

PURPOSE

To select, train, supervise, and support volunteer staff.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop a recruitment system including screening and application processes
- Develop a comprehensive and appropriate training policy/orientation package for new volunteers
- Organize and facilitate continued training for all volunteers
- Maintain interest and involvement among volunteer staff; conduct volunteer appreciation events
- Maintain volunteer personnel files, including a tracking system for hours, training received, interests and skills
- Work with the funding and steering committee to provide community access to educational events and guest speakers



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Marketing

PURPOSE

To communicate the brand and vision to the community

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage all communications materials (newsletter, social media, brochures, info booths, etc)
- Conduct recruitment and information sessions and facilitate community engagement
- Manage lists of community partners, communications, subscriptions, etc
- Conduct market research to communicate to other sub-committees and best serve community needs
- Collect photos, videos, general content for communications, respecting permissions and informed consent at all times

Marketing committee on hold until there is further development within the other four committees.

Funding & Partnerships

PURPOSE

To maintain sustainable funding and continuously build relationships with community partners

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and maintain a network of community partners
- Research and obtain funding from a variety of sources
- Organize fundraising efforts
- Develop an operating budget with projections for expenses and income



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PREP

As will be outlined in the MOU, PREP will be the legal entity that the Centre for Diversity, Peace and Justice will operate under, giving us the ability to apply for and receive funds and have adequate insurance. PREP's role will be the administrative partner for the Centre and provide services such as financial management and accounting, payroll and benefits, and general administrative support.



News & Updates

**Program Development
Committee Update**

Funding Update

The Program Development Committee (PDC) has been meeting bi-weekly since September.

Priorities have included developing short and long term goals, gathering information about community resources and partners, and creating a policy and procedures manual for the program.

Meetings will be held monthly from here on in.

PREP and the funding team have been hard at work preparing grant applications. Applications have been sent to BC Community Gaming Grants, BC Civil Forfeiture Grants, and the Federal Community Support, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Initiative Program.

Take a peek at our grant application!



Ideas...Initiative...Action...
Various members of the Program Development Committee

Minutes

[October 4th, 2018](#)

[October 18, 2018](#)

[November 1st, 2018](#)

[November 15, 2018](#)

[January 7, 2019](#)

[Questions PDC](#)

[January 21, 2019](#)

History of Peacemaking and Community Justice Powell River & Texada

The Powell River Region's experience with formal Restorative Justice processes began 14 years ago on Texada Island. Since then, it has consistently adapted and expanded to suit the needs of our community. It began as the Texada Island Restorative Justice Program (TIRJ), and evolved into Texada Island/Powell River RJ (TIPRRJ) in 2010. The program has

conducted four training sessions in two different Restorative Justice models, namely Community Justice Forums and Peacemaking Circles. Thirty cases have been handled since it began.

Upon the request of various Powell River community groups, including the RCMP, an expansion meeting was held in 2017 to see how the program could grow to better suit our community needs. The decision was made to move the program under the guidance of PREP Community Programs (PREP) - a long standing community services provider in Powell River with expertise in developing community programs.

Presently, the program is in the process of evolving to the Centre for Diversity, Peace, and Justice. This evolution will allow justice and diversity initiatives in our community to move forward hand in hand.

Formal diversity programming began 13 years ago with the creation of the Powell River Anti-racism and Multiculturalism Initiative (PRAMI), later the Powell River Diversity Initiative (PRDI). Over the years, PRDI has conducted multiple workshops and forums, sponsored numerous diversity-related projects/community events, and created programs and films to encourage an inclusive community for all people.

PRDI is also the local coordinator for the Organizing Against Racism and Hate (ORAH) program. Check out their website for more great information. <http://prepsociety.org/PRDI/>

We look forward to working together as a community in this exciting new venture!

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