

NSG Learning Day

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead



OVERVIEW

2019 is a special year for Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) as we celebrate 20 years of community building. The NSG Learning Day is a one-day community event that brings together Project Leaders, Neighbourhood Grant Committee members, and Program Coordinators representing NSG communities from across the province.

Our time together will include skill-building workshops on social media, lighter living, and popular theatre. There will be project presentations from diverse NSG communities. There are plenty of opportunities for formal and informal networking conversations and a time to reflect on the last 20 years of the program while envisioning possibilities for the future.

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20周年纪念日快乐

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**Happy
Anniversary**

**neighbourhood
small grants** 

Joyeux 20e anniversaire aux NSG

**Feliz 20.º Aniversario del Programa de
Neighbourhood Small Grants**

Mabuhay ang Ika-20 Anibersaryo ng NSG

مبروك الذكرى السنوية العشرين

AGENDA

8:30 am Registration and Breakfast

9:00 am Traditional Welcome

Jolene Andrew, Gitksan Witsuwiten Nation

9:10 am Opening Remarks

- Laurie Mackenzie and Lorraine Holubowich, Masters of Ceremony
- Dara Parker, Vice President of Grants and Community Initiatives at Vancouver Foundation
- Bob Prenovost, CEO of Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC and Metro Vancouver NSG Regional Network Lead
- Brief introductions of the skill building workshops on Social Media, Popular Theatre and Lighter Living by the facilitators

9:30 am NSG Project Presentations

- *When I Grow Young*, Amber Dukart and Mary Zheng, East Vancouver
- *Overview of NSG in Salt Spring Island and Indigo Dying Workshop*, Taryn Hancock
- *Valleycliffe's Biggest Bike Party*, Carla Greer, Squamish

10:00 am Networking and Small Group Conversations

Using the Open Space Technology dialogue approach, join other attendees for an opportunity to participate in collaborative conversation on a topic of your choice. The topics can be widely diverse including, but not limited to, how to invite neighbours to NSG projects, grant decision-making, or sharing of resources.

11:00 am Break

Stop by the two interactive NSG project stations or the photobooth near the event rooms.

- Station 1: Indigenous cultural medicine bag making, with Victoria Bull
- Station 2: Photobooth, with Sarah Race



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11:15 am Skill Building Workshops



Concurrent Session One: Building Community through Social Media

Facilitator: Darrell Dean

Location: Segal Room, 1420-1430

Social media has provided a new platform for connecting individuals and groups with common purpose or similar interest to exchange knowledge and information, collaborate on community projects, and build capacity. In this workshop, Darrell Dean will provide information about diverse social media tools and how they can be used to build community.



Concurrent Session Two: Lighter Living

Facilitators: Dwayne Appleby and Nanaki Vij from One Earth

Location: Segal Room, 1400-1410

This workshop will help participants to better understand the concept and practices of Lighter Living and explore how individuals and groups can take action to live more sustainable lives. Lighter Lifestyles are about living better lives that enable human and ecological well-being, sustainable communities, and economic vitality.

12:30 pm Lunch

The interactive project stations and photobooth will be open for people to participate during lunch, including a board and card game station with Alycia Fridkin.

We also encourage you to participate in an informal *On the Table* style conversation with each other as you enjoy your meal. On the Table is a Vancouver Foundation province-wide event initiated last year with an aim for people to come together for face-to-face conversations to discuss issues that matter to them. This year's On the Table event will be on September 26, 2019 and we hope you register and hold conversations in your community. To learn more, visit <https://onthetablebc.com/>.



1:10 pm NSG Project Presentations

- *Surrey Soccer Tourney for Kids*, Dacious Richardson, North Surrey
- *Building Food Resiliency on the West Coast*, Leah Austin, Tofino

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1:40 pm Skill Building Workshops



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Concurrent Session Two: Community Building through Popular Theatre

Facilitator: Angelo Moroni

Location: Segal Room, 1400-1410

As created by Brazilian dramaturg and visionary, Augusto Boal, Theatre of the Oppressed, a form of Popular Theatre, uses the evocative language of theatre for people to share their insights, concerns and strengths on important topics related to their communities. Angelo Moroni will help participants explore and embody the concepts of “celebrating the local”, and our sense of “empowerment” through exercises and conversations. It’s a fun way of learning and engaging community.



Concurrent Session Three: Building Community through Social Media

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Location: Seminar Room, 1505

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3:40 pm Break

You're encouraged to stop by the interactive project station and photobooth.

4:00 pm Big Brand Reveal (BBR)!

We will be reflecting on the last 20 years of NSG through a brief presentation and small group discussion, and envisioning the future of NSG through the reveal of our new brand.

4:30 pm End - Thank you for coming to the 2019 NSG Learning Day!

Please fill out the feedback form and return it to us on your way out – it will help to shape future events and opportunities!

5-6 pm ****FOR NSG PROGRAM COORDINATORS**

Please note there is a meeting in Room 1420-1430.

THINGS TO KNOW

Cost

All sessions and meals will be provided at no charge to participants. Local participants are responsible for their own mileage, transit, and parking expenses.

Water Bottles

This is an environmentally friendly event and we encourage you to bring your water bottles. There are water filling stations and water fountains in the concourse.

Transportation

By Skytrain

The nearest SkyTrain stations are Waterfront and Granville Stations on the Expo line.

By Bus

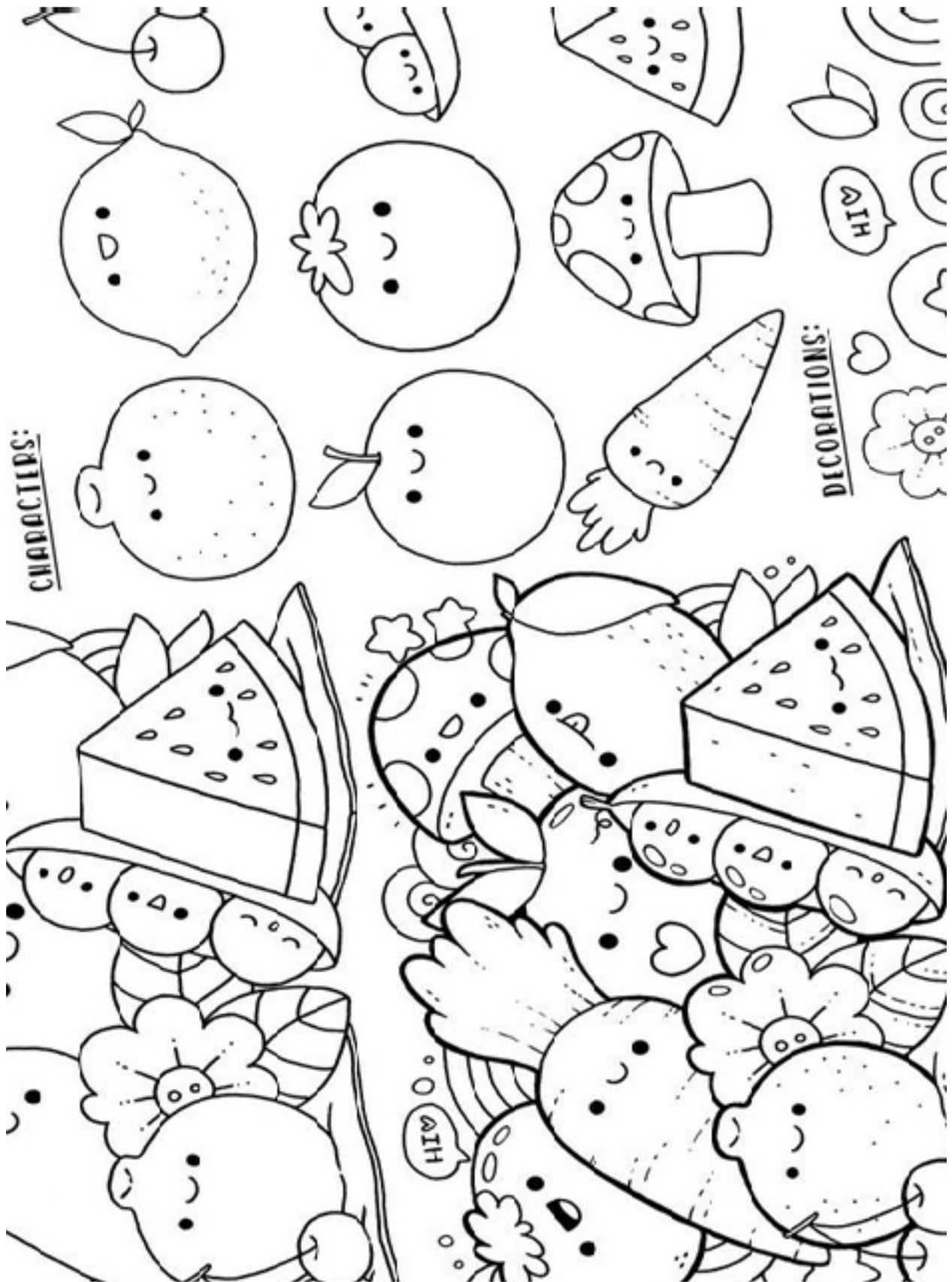
There are several buses that serve downtown and the campus. Please consult Translink's website for maps and schedules: www.translink.ca

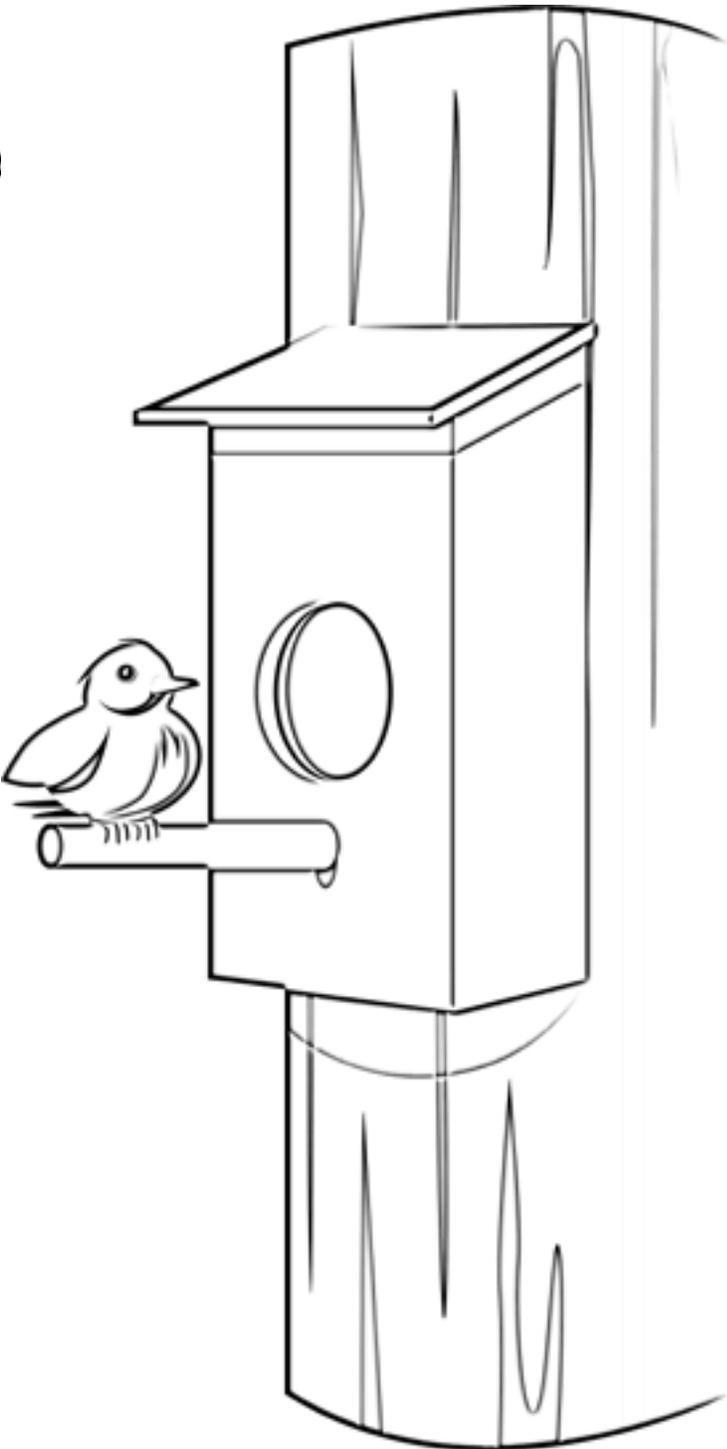
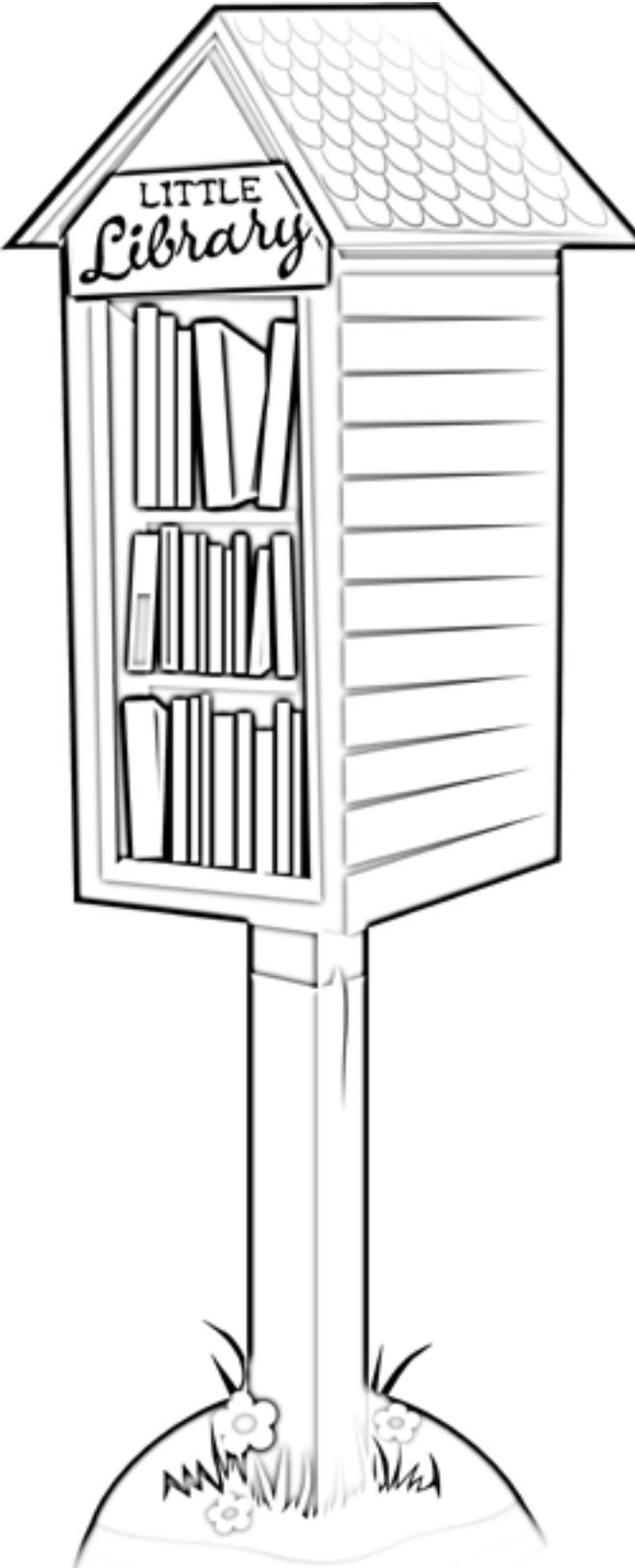
By Car/Parking

1. Harbour Centre underground parkade: Limited parking is available seven days a week from 5:30 am on.
2. Imperial Parking: Located half a block east of Harbour Centre at 450 Cordova Street parkade. The entrance is on Cordova Street.

Join us on social media!

Use the hashtag **#Happy20NSG** to contribute, follow, or share the conversation.







PRESENTERS

On behalf of Vancouver Foundation and the Association of Neighbourhood Houses, we would like to thank the wonderful individuals below who made this day possible!

YOUR CO-EMCEES OF THE DAY

Laurie Mackenzie

As an actor, teacher and event producer, I bring people together to create, learn and play. Ten years ago, I joined the NSG programs in the West End as a Project Leader and Grant Committee member and have since seen friendships made, skills shared and environment enhanced.

At one particular event, I delighted to see a connection grow between an elder Jazz Singer and a young fan. This about says it all. We've greened our homes and made new friends. And laughed. So. Much. I'm delighted to be your co-emcee here today. And, a neighbour, a warm welcome to you all.

Lorraine Holubowich

For the past 20 years, I have lived and worked in Strathcona, one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Vancouver. I am passionate about connecting people together in ways that create awareness of their gifts and bring a sense of belonging into their lives and to their community. Four years ago, through financial support from NSG, I've organized an annual World Food Day Celebration Event at Strathcona Community Centre.



INDIGENOUS WELCOME

Jolene Andrew

Jolene is Gitksan Witsuwiten and has worked with The Urban Indigenous Community in the Lower Mainland for 18 years. Her specialization is in strategizing to build resilient communities through Indigenous approaches. Community and systems engagement, community planning and designing initiatives, and organizational development are some of the ways she works in community. She is also an artist and has a passion for land-based practices to promote health and culture.

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

Angelo Moroni

Born in Chile and raised in East Vancouver, Angelo has been practicing and exploring the techniques of popular theatre or Theatre of the Oppressed (TO) for fifteen plus years. He is the founder and Artistic Director of SITE Theatre and has presented original works at the Vancouver Fringe Festival, Museum of Anthropology, and the Vancouver Art Gallery in 2017 and 18.

Contact Angelo at angelo@sitetheater.ca or angelo.e.moroni@gmail.com.

Dwayne Appleby

Dwayne is a Program Manager at One Earth with several years of experience working on sustainability, livelihoods and poverty reduction issues at the local and international levels. His work is focused on technological innovation, sustainable lifestyles, and economic development in developing countries. Dwayne holds an MSc. in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Visit: <http://www.oneearthweb.org/>

Nanaki Vij

Nanaki is an Associate at One Earth and has worked in areas of sustainable lifestyles and education at the UN Environment. Nanaki has BSc in Environmental Science and minor in Agricultural Economics from McGill University. You will often find her reading, running or part-time serving.

Visit: <http://www.oneearthweb.org/>

Darrell Dean

Darrell is a self-professed odd mix of scientist, communicator and designer. He works with political and corporate clients around the world, helping them create the best (and greatest looking) digital experiences possible. He led the brand development and execution as the Senior Designer and Creative Lead on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's 2015 federal election campaign.

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NSG PROJECT PRESENTERS

Mary Zheng and Amber Dukart

Mary is a Kindergarten Teacher in Vancouver. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Education from the University of British Columbia.

Amber lives in East Vancouver and works in social services at bc211 where she connects community members with the resources and support they need. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of British Columbia.

Amber and Mary are passionate about intergenerational learning, community building, and social justice. They will be presenting on their intergenerational program, *When I Grow Young*. Visit <https://www.whenigrowyoung.ca> to learn more.

Dacious Richardson

Dacious is a student perusing a degree in Sports Science and Coaching at Douglas College. He is also an outreach youth worker, a wrestling coach and mentor in public schools across Surrey and Delta. He organizes an annual soccer tournament for at-risk youth and refugee and immigrant youth in Surrey to engage and connect them to the community through sports. Dacious volunteers for many community initiatives and was recently nominated for a BC Multiculturalism Award.

Contact Dacious at dacious@hotmail.ca.

Taryn Hancock

Taryn is the Administrative Assistant at the Salt Spring Island Foundation and has been an island resident for almost 8 years. Since moving to Salt Spring Island, Taryn has been involved with various non-profit groups and has developed a growing passion for our community and the people in it. She is enthusiastic about helping to improve the quality of life for all Islanders through volunteer efforts and her work with the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

Leah Austin

Leah is a mother, wife, cake decorator and a passionate food and garden lover. She has lived in Tofino for nearly 20 years and is the coordinator of the Tofino Community Food Initiative. Leah owns a small business, Tofino Cake Studio, and grows many edible flowers to garnish her custom cakes. This allows her to fuse her 2 passions...yummy food and gardening! Through her work, Leah wishes to inspire people to become more food resilient within their communities.

Contact Leah at leah@tofinocommunityfoodinitiative.com.

Carla Greer

Carla has lived in the same neighbourhood in Squamish, BC for 14 years. She lives with her husband, two sons, and dog. She enjoys being outside. Carla is a Registered Nurse at Lions Gate Hospital and Squamish Hospital.

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INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY LEADERS

Victoria Bull

Victoria is a Mother, Elder, Grandmother, Social Activist, Story Teller and Healer. Victoria lives in the Commercial Drive Neighborhood, volunteers mainly in the DTES. She will lead the indigenous medicine bag making station.

Alycia Fridkin

Alycia Fridkin is a White Settler and board game enthusiast who lives in the West End on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

She is the founder and co-host of Vancouver's West End Board Game Meetup, which is led in partnership with Gordon Neighbourhood House's Young Ideas program.

Sarah Race

Sarah is a photographer and short documentary filmmaker based in Vancouver, BC with an expansive portfolio that includes editorial, event and fine art photography. Sarah is also our official photographer for the day.

Learn more at <https://www.sarahrace.com/>

SPONSORSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge Microsoft Canada for their generous financial support of this event.

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Thank you!

Have a good summer!



NSG LEARNING DAY FEEDBACK FORM

What went well today? What were your highlights?

What could have been better?

What did you learn?

What would you like to see included at next year's Learning Day?

What are your thoughts about the new brand? If you're a coordinator, how can we best support you with the roll out?

What would you want to see on the new NSG website?

