

Surrey Youth Resource Centres

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Surrey Youth Resource Centres

The Surrey Youth Resource Centres are in full swing for winter events!!

Both Guildford and Newton Centres have tons of fun activities and festivities planned by youth and staff to take us blazing into 2008!!

For those who don't know us—SYRC's provide a broad range of free services and programming to youth in the Fraser Region. This programming includes alternate education programs, youth support and counselling programs including alcohol and drug programs and youth justice services operating out of two Resource Rooms located in Newton and Guildford. Both centres provide a safe, walk-in, youth friendly

environment to encourage youth to access a range of referral and information services, as well as a computer, fax machine, and telephone to aid in searches for jobs, housing and other youth services.



Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!!

CALL FOR ART/POEMS/SHORT STORIES!!

If you are a youth who writes or draws and want a venue to showcase your talent, you can contribute to this newsletter. We are looking for articles, poems, stories and art. SYRC's are also

sponsoring a youth to correlate all entries into a book. If you are interested please email

sjohnston@pcrs.ca

- NYRC is looking for youth interested in becoming part of the Youth Advisory Committee— If you want to have a voice in youth programming in Surrey, drop by the centre or call for more information!!

New Counselling Clinic Huge Success!!

PCRS has, with the organization and help from Steve Barker, started a community Counselling Clinic staffed by Master's levels counselling student who are fulfilling their practicum internship requirements. The clinic's services

include individual and family counselling. The clinic has been running since September and the first quarter has seen over 60 individuals and families receive free services. We hope to continue to provide a year round service. Clients

can self refer or be referred by someone they trust such as a school counsellor, social worker, doctor or family friend. Counselling services are confidential. For more information email ccc@pcrs.ca or call Steve at 604-587-8119



Y-Lounge

Y-Lounge is a Friday night youth drop in program. Youth aged 13-21 are welcome to join in the interactive events which run every other Friday night from 6-9 pm at the Newton Youth Resource Centre. Activities include: Open Mike, Seasonal Festivities, Comedy Troop, live entertainment, games, cooking, movies, video game contests and much, much more. Grab your friends and come check it out. Call Sonya at 604-592-6200 for information.

**Come on in and join us!
Be part of the fun!!!**



I see like I'm blind
This world is so dark
Full of hurt and pain
Why am I still here
Because I'm one who sees
The brighter side
Having dark days is common
But I shall never think of them
because I hear that
sweet pleasant voice
The voice that lingers in
Good sweet harmony
I know that voice so well
But why?

It's the voice that inspires
And encourages me to do my
Best in this world

By Colby

*New Executive Director is
hired for PCRS!!*

PCRS Welcomes New ED

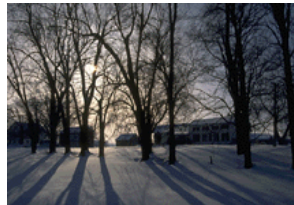
As we all know our current ED, Ruth Annis is retiring at the end of January 2008. Her leadership has been the guiding force of this agency since 1984 and her leadership and advocacy is the Social Services

community has made PCRS the innovative cutting edge agency it is today. After an extensive search Ian Mass has accepted the position and is looking forward to settling in and meeting staff.

There will be a big bash to send Ruth off on her next adventure—stay tuned and we will let you know all the details!

TREES and KEYS

TREES students have enjoyed trips to Fort Langley and the Armories for Remembrance Day. Also for Remembrance day, the students were lucky to have Mary, a survivor of the London blitz in WW II come



and visit and talk about her experiences.

Production continues on the TREES movie project, which will premiere at January's awards night.

A Key's student wrote the Grade 10 Provincial

Exam in Math and English!! Another student has had her artwork featured in the CJI fundraising calendar. The schools have winter activities planned and everyone is looking forward to the seasonal break.

Both programs would like to welcome Andrea, the new cook to the centre!

Clubs and Groups

There are many clubs and groups that operate out the SYRC's. If you are interested in attending any of the groups please connect directly with the contact person listed for Club.

Club Utopia is a program for South Asian youth, who have withdrawn due to conflicts in the home. The goal is to bring out the best of these adversely affected youth, with positive role models, so they are not tempted to engage in high-risk behaviours, drugs/alcohol, gangs, or exploitation. For more information call Sarjeet at 604-

592-6200

Surrey Youth Alliance holds a support drop in group every Wednesday evening. If you are a gay/lesbian/trans-gendered youth and would like to attend please call Sonya for more information at 604-592-6200

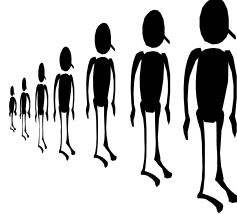
Surrey Urban Youth Project operates weekly and provides support to youth who are visible minorities. For more information call Michelle at 604-592-6200

Parents Support Group

is a once per week support group designed to run on the peer support model. Please call Carolyn at 604-587-8100

Need a bit of stress reduction? Relaxing techniques? Our Saturday morning stress reduction workshops may be just what you need! Call Michael at 604-587-8100 for more information.

Stay tuned for more!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



What's New at SYRC's??

At SYRC we listen to youth!! 2008 will see many new programs that youth specifically have asked for.

A new photography program, theater sports, music jam nights and a group just for girls are just a few of the SYRC's new events for 2008.

We are also beginning to plan our first battle of the bands so if you are a solo musician or a band looking for exposure and a great fun place to showcase your talent send an email to mvankeith@pcrs.ca or drop a demo by the centre. The first annual "Jump into Spring Youth Festival" is also being

organized. If you are interested in volunteering for the planning committee, please call 604-592-6200 for more information.

Cool New Programs!

Battle of the Bands

Spring Festivals

Photo Groups

Theatre Sports!!!!

Kinnections Volunteer Mentorship Program MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND VOLUNTEER!!

Kinnections is an innovative volunteer mentorship program being offered by PCRS in South Fraser. The program matches youth in care with approved adult mentors to develop a match based on trust, common interest and geographic location. Kinnections offers the opportunity, at no cost to the volunteer to be a positive role model in the

life of a youth! Activities may include, but are not limited to, recreational activities, cooking classes and much more. Our intention is that a match will be made for a long term, caring relationship that will continue on after the youth has left care and assist with the transition to adulthood. If you are interested in the program, or know some-



one who may be, please give us a call at the Guildford Youth Resource Centre at 604-587-8106



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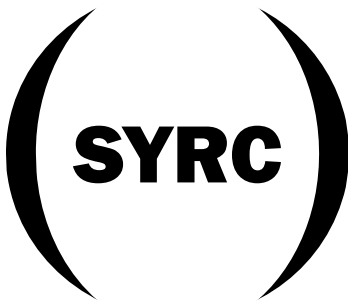
Staff Moves and Grooves

SYRC would like to welcome the following staff– James joined the AGE program, Derek joined the LINKS team. Congratulations to Leanne and Shanda the new SEY team.

SYRC would like to say good luck to the following staff: Andrea in her new role as a Probation Interviewer; Stacy is off to have her baby (update–baby girl!!)

Addictions Programs would like to say good luck to Jan and Christina and welcome Jamie, Chantelle, Heather, Becky, Mindy and Kristi.

PARTNERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE!!



SYRC would not be possible without our funders, Ministry of Children and Family and our contributing partners Options Services to Community Society, Community Justice Initiatives, Boys and Girls Club.

If you have a youth organization or programming and would like to becoming more connected with SYRC please call Michelle Van Keith at 604-592-6200 or Michel Pouliot at 604-587-8100 to find out more about how your organization may be able to partner.

SYRC is always looking for donations for our youth. Furniture, clothing, toys are always accepted. Please call Sonya or Danielle at 604-592-6200 for more information.

For more information on PCRS please see our website at www.pcrs.ca