

SOCIETY FOR
children
and **youth**
OF BC



Annual Report
2013 - 2014



Executive Director's Report

2013-2014 has been a dynamic year for SCY, illustrated by the strategic shifts in operations and new partnerships.

After a year of planning and relationship building, and through key funding commitments from the United Way of the Lower Mainland and the Vancouver Foundation, the Municipal Child and Youth Friendly Community toolkit has been launched with the City of New Westminster. This is a critical project: a true collaboration and an opportunity to demonstrate child friendly public policy.

Community capacity building has also been built into our partnerships with the Division of Community & Recreation Services in Surrey and the Tri-Cities Children's Charter Working Group. These initiatives showcase the expertise of SCY and strengthen our partners' abilities to uphold the rights of children in their respective communities.

The Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign has moved into the third phase, a phase characterised by increased community engagement. This phase builds on previous work, including a host of translated and new child rights awareness materials. These impactful materials were recognized nationally as innovative and visually engaging, winning the Equitas Award for Human Rights Education.

As we embark on the next stages of our projects, I am delighted by the increased recognition of SCY and of the importance of a child rights framework. This, and the success of our new projects, is due in large part to the dedication and inspiration of former staff Christina Thiele and Selina Lai. We wish them the best of luck in their new adventures. Thank you as well to the numerous volunteers and board members for their commitment and expertise. Our new team of Anique Ross, Diane Rodgers, and Jamie Neill have already demonstrated leadership and passion for the work. I am thrilled to have them on board for the 40th year of the Society.

Andrea Lemire
Executive Director

President's Report

As we close our 2013-14 year, the Society for Children and Youth is in the strongest financial position it has been in for five years. It is also in the strongest operational position we have been in for a number of years as we have increased our staffing complement to four, and now have significant capacity to move forward our two main strategies: increasing awareness of the importance of child rights through the campaign; and working with communities and municipalities toward child friendly communities.

Both of these strategies have seen some important progress. Our campaign concluded its second phase and is now in the planning stages of its third phase. We expect that this will include a range of non-traditional activities toward building community and organizational capacity to understand and work with a rights-based framework. Our Child Friendly Communities project has focused on intensive work with New Westminster as they integrate a rights-based framework into their municipal planning.

2013/14 has also been a year of reflection for the Society. The board and senior staff have undertaken a robust review with a range of external stakeholders to better understand the strengths and weaknesses of the Society and the unique role it can play in the sector in the future. This work will form an essential foundation for strategic planning in the coming years.

In concluding, it has been a pleasure to lead the Society through an important year of transition and growth. I would like to recognize the dedication of our staff and particularly our Executive Director, Andrea Lemire, without whom much of this would not have happened.



Pippa Rowcliffe
President, Board of Directors

Projects, Networks, Funders

SCY's Current Initiatives

- Child and Youth Friendly Communities
- Municipal Child and Youth Friendly Communities
- Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign
- Child Rights Awareness Activities
- Rosemary Brown Award for Women

Project and Organizational Contributors

Kevin Elsaputra, Dina Taha, Erlene Woollard, Gemma Holland, Nutkamon (Jan) Luesomboon, Spencer McKay, Yvonne du Plessis, Mikayla Kim, Amrit Dhillon, Lauren Petersen-Green, Linda Duarte, Annie (Yeon Jae) Sung, Vanessa Ao, Yaa Nimako, Manisha Dutta, Dr. Katherine Covell, and Dr. Brian Howe.

Project Partners

Representative for Children and Youth, UNICEF, BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities, Reel Youth, PeerNet BC, Equitas, Richmond Children First, the Tri-Cities Children's Charter Working Group, the City of New Westminster, and the Rosemary Brown Award for Women: United Nations Association of Canada, BC Association of Social Workers, BC Federation of Labour, BC Human Rights Coalition, and National Congress of Black Women Foundation.

SCY appreciates the contributions made in 2013 by

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Change starts here.



The Society for Children and Youth of BC works with a variety of funders, networks, and individuals, all of whom provide valuable support and services.

We appreciate all of our volunteers and partner organizations for their hard work and commitment.

SCY Board of Directors

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Support SCY

**Your contributions make a difference
in the lives of children and youth.**

The Society for Children and Youth of BC actively engages and supports organizations and individuals through projects, program work, meetings, conferences, workshops, communications, and community engagement events.

SCY has a provincial network of individuals and organizations that are involved in the work of the Society.

Join us in our efforts for children and youth by making a financial donation to our Society or by becoming a member and monthly donor. Membership is one way we show community support for our work.

SCY is a registered charity and your contributions are essential to our ongoing work.

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www.scyofbc.org**



SCY Society for Children and Youth of B.C. Financial Summaries

	2013	2012
Financial Position:		
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 257,010	\$ 222,468
Equipment	3,540	2,323
Total assets	\$ 260,550	\$ 224,791
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 86,047	\$ 65,774
Net assets	174,503	159,017
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 260,550	\$ 224,791
Result of Operations and Changes in Net Assets:		
Total revenues	\$ 238,071	\$ 203,460
Total expenditures	(222,585)	(205,495)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	15,486	(2,035)
Net assets, beginning of year	159,017	160,116
Acquisition of equipment	-	936
Net assets, end of year	\$ 174,503	\$ 159,017
Cash Flows:		
Cash from operations	\$ 36,520	\$ 34,060
Cash used in financing and investing activities	(1,869)	-
	\$ 34,651	\$ 34,060