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In 2015 – 2016, the Society actively engaged and supported over 50 organizations and approximately 2,000 individuals through projects, program work, meetings, conferences, workshops, information sharing, and community engagement events.

SCY now has a digital network of over 2,500 individuals and organizations that are interested 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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Annual Report 2015 - 2016

Executive Director's Report

I am pleased to be writing my first AGM report for SCY. It has been an exciting year for both the organization and myself. Although there have been a number of changes, SCY has maintained its steady heartbeat throughout. This is partly due to the great work of the previous Executive Director, Andrea, who ensured that the staff and Board at SCY were well situated to move forward smoothly. During the past year, SCY added two new staff members; Project Officer Amber Crey and Administrative Assistant, Allison Barker. They have both been a great addition to the team!

During the fall of 2015, SCY was heavily involved in child rights youth engagement projects in Vernon and Kitimat. The projects involved using photography to elicit youth voice regarding their rights in their communities. This yielded some great discussion and learning which was highlighted at celebrations of the youth's artwork within their own communities. In Vernon, this included a Gala Event at the Cities Fit for Children Conference, at which SCY also presented on the work that we did in New Westminster to assist them with their Child and Youth Friendly Community Strategy. These presentations served to increase interest from other municipalities in SCY's work and child and youth friendly community initiatives.

During the spring of 2016, the staff at SCY began planning for the 1st Annual Val Fronzcek Memorial lecture and workshop. Val was a long-time Executive Director of SCY who was instrumental in building it into a respected child advocacy organization. For the first lecture, we welcomed Dr. Roger Hart from the City University of New York. He presented both an evening lecture and a half-day workshop, which provided a wonderful opportunity for planners, designers, policymakers, educators, and other stakeholders to come together to discuss their ideas. I would like to thank long time SCY supporter, Bob Yates, who was instrumental in making these events happen.

While we have made some great strides forward, we still have a lot of work to do, but we are inspired by the partnerships we have made this past year and look forward to continuing to advocate for the rights of children in BC.



Stephanie Howell
Executive Director

President's Report

SCY has had another rewarding year, full of new successes and challenges. One of the biggest changes this year was the departure of our former Executive Director, Andrea Lemire, who was with the organization for over 4 years. Andrea left us to start her own business but is still actively promoting the health and wellbeing of young people in her new venture. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Andrea for her hard work and dedication to SCY.

With Andrea's departure in September, we were left with the task of replacing her with a new Executive Director. After some trials and tribulations, we made the decision to promote internally and welcomed Stephanie Howell into the position earlier this year. Stephanie was working with SCY for a year before accepting this new role and, as such, was able to ensure a smooth transition. Stephanie brings years of experience in the non-profit sector to the position. We are thrilled to have her as the Executive Director of SCY and look forward to continuing to work closely with her this upcoming year.

Despite these internal changes, SCY has continued to engage in meaningful child rights work and interest in child and youth friendly communities (CYFC) continues to grow. New Westminster's Child and Youth Friendly Community Strategy, that SCY helped create, was adopted by City Council in March of 2016. SCY has also begun to work with the City of North Vancouver as well as the Town of Creston on CYFC initiatives.

SCY continues to promote its child rights public awareness campaign. This year existing resources were translated into additional languages and new resources were created and distributed across the province. SCY has also embarked on a new partnership with the Vancouver Foundation's Fostering Change initiative, which is seeking to improve outcomes for young people transitioning out of the foster care system.

The Board of Directors has been actively recruiting new members to round out our team and to assist with the strategic planning process. In particular, we hope to establish new goals for the future direction of the organization that will best serve the objective of promoting the full realization of children's rights in BC. We are very excited about this next chapter and how we can continue to advance the rights of young people to ensure every child can thrive.

Nina Purewal
President, Board of Directors

Projects, Networks, Funders

SCY's Current Initiatives

- BC Child Rights Public Awareness Campaign
- Child and Youth Friendly Communities Project
- Fostering Change: Youth Photovoice Project
- Rosemary Brown Award for Women
- Val Fronzcek Memorial Lectures

Project and Organizational Contributors

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Project Partners

The Vancouver Foundation, the City of New Westminster, the City of North Vancouver, the Town of Creston and Kootenay Employment Services, Tri-Cities Children's Charter Working Group, Junction Literacy - Vernon, Tamitik Status of Women - Kitimat, New Westminster's Healthy School Committee and SD40, Aunt Leah's Place, BC Federation of Youth in Care Network, Singing Frog AHS Preschool, Eagle's Nest AHS Preschool, Desiree Wilson, Ildiko Kovacs, the City of Vancouver, and the Rosemary Brown Award for Women: United Nations Association of Canada, BC Association of Social Workers, BC Federation of Labour, and BC Human Right Coal.

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