BCSIS Provincial Virtual Summit
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BC Government Anti-Racism Priorities
As a provincial umbrella association, AMSSA would like to acknowledge that BC is home to 198 First Nations. We would also like to express and recognize the privilege that we have as settlers on this land.

We wish to acknowledge that AMSSA’s operations is on the unceded traditional territories of the xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Sə̓l̓ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.
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Province of BC Anti-Racism Priorities

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Equity and anti-racism: Our province’s history, identity and strength are rooted in its diverse population. Yet racialized and marginalized people face historic and present-day barriers that limit their full participation in their communities, workplaces, government and their lives. Our government has a moral and ethical responsibility to tackle systemic discrimination in all its forms – and every ministry has a role in this work. While our caucus elected a record number of women, more work remains to address gender equity. Delivering on our commitments to address racial discrimination will require a commitment by all of government to ensure increased IBPOC (Indigenous, Black and People of Colour) representation within the public service, including in government appointments. Our efforts to address systemic discrimination must also inform policy and budget decisions by reviewing all decisions through a Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) lens.

Cross-Government Anti-Racism Mandate
Mandate Commitments for Parliamentary Secretary Rachna Singh

Anti-Racism Act
Race-Based Data Collection
Japanese-Canadian Community Recognition – WWII Internment
Mandate Commitments

Parliamentary Secretary Rachna Singh Cross-Ministry Support:

- Police Act
- Public Service
- B.C. Tech Sector
- Healthcare – In Plain Sight Report
- Race-Based Data Collection
Key Priorities

Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network

• New “Hub and Spoke” program that supports a coordinated, community approach to countering racism and hate activity in 50+ communities in B.C.
• “Hub” services provided by Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society ($240,000 annually), while a wide variety of community partners lead “Spokes” in their communities ($7,500 annually each)
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In 2020/21, ministry is supporting three one-time Recovery projects through the network:

- Temporary expansion of the network into 8+ new communities
- A training initiative for front-line workers with EVA BC to improve their capacity to support victims of racism and hate
- Emerging issues projects with 4 priority communities - Indigenous, Black, Asian and Interfaith - application recently closed
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We see a future free from racism and hate.

Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network is bringing communities together to do the hard work and make this vision a reality.
In the spirit of truth, respect, and reconciliation, the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network acknowledges that it operates on the traditional territories of more than 200 First Nations in British Columbia. The network members are grateful for the opportunity to carry out their mission on this sacred land.
The Hub – managed by the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society and funded by the Province of BC, to support the work of the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network

The Network Members – 36 organizations operating in over 50 communities across the province, funded by the Province
36 ORGANIZATIONS IN OVER 50 COMMUNITIES

NORTH
- Dawson Creek
- Fort St. John
- Houston
- Prince George
- Vanderhoof
- Prince Rupert
- Saulteau First Nations
- Chetwynd
- Terrace
- Smithers
- Kitimat

INTERIOR
- 100 Mile House
- Cranbrook
- East Kootenays
- Hope
- Kamloops
- Kelowna
- Nelson
- Castlegar
- Trail
- Summerland
- Revelstoke
- Shuswap
- Vernon
- Penticton

ISLAND & COAST
- Courtenay/Comox
- Cowichan Valley & Region
- Victoria’s Western Communities
- Central/North Saanich
- Sidney
- Powell River
- Lund
- Texada
- Surrounding qathet district
- Nanaimo
- Ladysmith
- Port Alberni
- Parksville
- Qualicum
- Tofino
- Ucluelet
- Surrounding First Nations in Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

LOWER MAINLAND
- Abbotsford
- Mission
- Burnaby
- Squamish
- Whistler
- Pemberton
- Mt. Currie Region
- Chilliwack
- Agassiz
- Harrison
- Vancouver
- Delta
- Langley
- Surrey
- Whiterock
- North Shore
- Richmond
- Coquitlam
- Port Coquitlam
- Port Moody
- Pitt Meadows
- Maple Ridge
- New Westminster
Rural vs Urban Spoke Members

25% Spokes in Urban Areas

75% Spokes in Rural Areas
Spoke Organization

Background

- 18 Spokes in Social Service and Community Development Sector
- 11 Spokes in Settlement Sector
- 3 Spokes in Literacy, Culture & The Arts Sector
- 4 Spokes in Restorative Justice Sector

End Racism and Hate: Your Right. Your Responsibility.

Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network
PRIORITY ISSUES ON THE GROUND

Education

Services for Victims

Engagement with Police

Engagement with Schools
PRIORITIES FOR THE HUB

Community Response Protocol
Anti-Racism Network Website
Social Media Campaign
Sharing Resources
Network Collaboration
RESILIENCE BC WEBSITE

Find your Community Spoke

Anti-Racism Resources

Find an Expert

Report and Support
Diversity, equity, inclusion & anti-racism experts

SERVICES OFFERED
- Training and workshops
- Facilitation of group discussions
- Equity and inclusion consulting
- Lectures through webinars
- Community engagement

AREAS OF EXPERTISE
- Cross-cultural engagement
- Inclusion and diversity workshops
- Anti-racism workshops/trainings
- Training of trainers
- Decolonizing practices
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