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## Bust Myths With Us This Spring – Take Our Training Now!

It's more important than ever to combat misinformation within our communities – especially when it comes to the human rights of oppressed groups.

If there is a person in your life or an organization you collaborate with that might benefit from learning what sex work is and what it isn't, consider referring them to our online training! It's literally designed to help change minds.

To learn more, visit [livingincommunity.ca](http://livingincommunity.ca), follow our Instagram, Facebook, or Bluesky, or reach out to [nadia@livingincommunity.ca](mailto:nadia@livingincommunity.ca) for more.



## Missed our Advocacy Toolkit Webinar? Watch the Recording

Recently, LIC staff held two webinars outlining our new Advocacy Toolkit – covering topics like the jurisdiction of each government when it comes to sex work, and our conference recommendations for different sectors (such as health care, housing, unions, the legal sector, and more).

If you missed the webinars, you can watch a recording here! And then, join us in taking action using our Advocacy Toolkit, available to read and download from our website here.



**Curious about**

**What governments do?**

**How to advocate to each government?**

**How you can be part of the movement  
for seks workers' rights?**



## Now Online: Our Updated Sex Work Toolkit

From 2005 – 2007, LIC developed a Sex Work Toolkit: a comprehensive source of information and education packed with useful tips in order for diverse community members to work together to increase the health and safety of sex workers and to encourage safety and inclusion for everyone. This initial project was called the Community Initiative for Health and Safety (CIHS), and was created in collaboration with sex workers and community partners.

Recently, our staff and Steering Committee updated the toolkit to include current information and resources and to better reflect the work we do now.

[Check out the updated Toolkit on our website now!](#)

Tools for Change:  
Information for All

Understanding Sex Work

Tools for Sex Workers

Tools for Residents and  
Businesses

Tools for Health Care  
Providers

Tools for Customers

Tools For Building  
Community

## Our Executive Director in the Community: Simon Fraser University & Broadbent Institute



Our ED, Halena, has recently joined several additional external programs and is looking forward to advocating for sex workers' rights and needs in these spaces:

Advisory Committee of the SFU Labour Studies Program: The Labour Studies Program promotes the study and perspectives of labour, working people, and their organizations. The Program is governed by the Steering Committee, consisting of SFU faculty members, and an Advisory Committee. The members of the Advisory Committee are drawn from the trade union movement, community organizations, and foundations. [Learn more about the Advisory Committee members here.](#)

Broadbent Institute Emerging Leaders Program: The Emerging Leaders Program is a training initiative designed to develop organizers and leaders committed to creating a fairer and more inclusive society. Emerging Leaders are provided with ongoing mentorship and networking opportunities by the Broadbent Institute throughout the nine-month program, which runs from March to November each year. In-person programming takes place at both the 2025 Progress Summit in April as well as the 2025 Progress Gala in November, and online programming occurs throughout the year. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

# BC Bad Date and Aggressor Reporting Project Update

from Andrea Cupelli, Project Coordinator:

The BC BDAR Project is wrapping up our final phase of system development! We currently have all the tech 'bones' in place including a functioning structure/system, and we're working on the usability, design and branding.



**BC BDAR**  
BC Bad Date & Aggressor  
Reporting Project

The entire month of April we will be 'Alpha Testing' which means our Peer Advisory group will be making 'dummy' accounts, submitting made up reports, and BC BDAR staff will be testing the behind-the-scenes admin panel to make sure everything is functioning as it should. During this time we will also host a few focus groups to test some specific functions. All of this is happening so we can work out as many tech bugs we can before our Beta Release which is scheduled to go live in June.

The Beta release will be by referral to start, for workers (from any background/sector) who are okay to sign up knowing they are early adopters and there may still be some bug-fixing going on. The reports they will be submitting and reviewing will be real. We also want early adopters to give us feedback on the system experience and feel. This will continue to help us finesse the system so it is ready to be launched officially to all sex workers in BC this fall.

We will be sharing opportunities to get involved and updates as we move through these next couple of months.

For more information, please email us at [info@bcbdar.org](mailto:info@bcbdar.org), visit our website [www.bcbdar.org](http://www.bcbdar.org) or follow us on Instagram or Facebook @bcbdar.

## BC Sex Work Support Service Network Member Feature: The Loops, Kamloops

From The Loops Collective:

Founded in 2023, The Loops Sex Workers Association is a support organization providing peer led programming for sex workers based in the interior. Our home base is Kamloops, BC but our online safety programs are accessed by workers from Kamloops, Kelowna, Vernon and beyond.

We aim to bridge the gaps in access to resources and community support for sex workers through collaboration and to provide accurate, locally relevant information about sex workers and our needs to other organizations and essential services in the interior.

We believe strongly in workers autonomy and ability to identify their needs and receive help and community in ways that are meaningful to them. This includes offering free childcare during admin days and events, offering flexible ways to engage with the community both in person and online through our Discord server and Instagram workers chat, and bridging gaps in access to tech and other work equipment by sourcing from our own community (check out our phone drive!).

Our sex worker only Discord server hosts our bad date reports, our virtual check in system for in person workers, a place for workers to engage and make connections, and our local resource guide. We also host a weekly in person admin day that's open to all sex workers where we can share info and harm reduction supplies, ask questions, trade work fits and hype each other up!

Check out our website for our programs and our safe photographers list! [thelooopsswa.carrd.co](http://thelooopsswa.carrd.co)

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