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Subject: FW: SPARC BC Call for the Deryck Thompson Award - To Nominate An Organization

Please note:

Organizational nominees if successful could be eligible for \$5,000 in funding to continue to advance their work.

Call for Nominations

Recognizing an Organization

Deadline: Monday, January 9, 2017

Do you know an organization that has made a significant contribution to social planning or social justice in BC? Consider nominating it for a SPARC BC Deryck Thomson Award.

Please complete the **Nomination Form for Organizations** and return it to SPARC BC, 4445 Norfolk Street, Burnaby, BC, V5G 0A7, by January 9, 2017. Nominations also require two (2) letters of support. The successful recipient will be announced by the SPARC BC Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting in June 2017. Also please note, the SPARC BC Board of Directors has allocated \$5,000 to accompany this year's Award to the successful organization to allow it to continue to advance its work in its community.



Nomination form is available
in the Clerk's Office.

Deryck THOMSON AWARD

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About this Award

Named after one of SPARC BC's founding directors, the Deryck Thomson Award was established in 1991 by the SPARC BC Board of Directors to recognize individuals or organizations making a significant contribution to social planning and social justice in BC. This Award is given annually to individuals or organizations that share our values and commitment to working to build a just and healthy society for all.

Eligibility

Individuals or organizations to be considered for the Deryck Thomson Award include those who have contributed to:

- ◆ Building or enhancing community capacity and community well-being and supporting innovation contributing to positive change for people and communities;
- ◆ Advocating for equity, fairness, and dignity for all through inclusion, integrity and learning;
- ◆ Advancing policies or initiatives that integrate social, cultural economic, and environmental planning, decision-making and action;
- ◆ Advocating for improved social policies and programs;
- ◆ Ensuring that those who are most affected by decisions have a voice in determining and implementing policies and programs that impact them and their families;
- ◆ Raising public awareness and consciousness about the importance of social and community well-being.

“We’re engaged in a noble profession with a significant past and a challenging future. While forces and events may swirl about us, our objectives have been the same—to develop the human condition while protecting its weakest from harm. The ways in which we go about the task may differ, but the goal remains constant.”

—Deryck Thomson

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Nomination Process for Organizations

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Past Organizational Awards Recipients

Coastal Family Resource Coalition, Ucluelet

British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability (BCANDS), Victoria

Storytellers' Foundation, Hazelton

PeerNetBC, Vancouver

Ladysmith Resource Centre Association, Ladysmith

Richmond Community Services Advisory Council, Richmond

Society of Organized Services of Regional District 69, Parksville

Chilliwack Community Services Society, Chilliwack

About SPARC BC

SPARC BC is a registered non-profit society and federally registered charity. SPARC BC delivers the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities and works on a wide range of social policy issues including accessibility and inclusion, income security and poverty reduction and community development education and outreach. SPARC BC is governed by a Board of Directors that is representative of the social and geographic diversity of the province.

SPARC BC works with communities to build a just and healthy society for all.

Our definition of “just and healthy” is based on five key principles including equity, social inclusion, security, adaptability and equality and is founded on the values of:

Social Justice: We strive for a just and healthy society in which social, economic, and environmental well-being are interdependent, through advocating for equality, fairness and dignity for all.

Inclusion: We are committed to achieving access and the full participation and engagement of all in our diverse society by fostering communication, leadership, partnership, and collaboration.

Integrity: We are independent, accountable, transparent and non-partisan.

Learning: We seek, develop and share knowledge and understanding which encourages citizen participation and informs innovative, effective planning and decision-making.

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