

# CHECK YOUR HEAD

The Youth Global Education Network

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

2017 has been a year full of reminders of why Check Your Head's work to empower and activate youth on anti-racism and civic engagement is important.

Fortunately, we've never been more ready to face the challenges ahead. This year our staff and board at Check put forward a renewed Mission and Vision, set strategic goals for the next three years, and redesigned our programming model. We launched our new Economic Justice Project, and are focusing on building long-term engagement with cohorts of youth thirsty for justice. And we've had fun while doing it - celebrating our 18th birthday with supporters at our 90's Fundraising Bash.

With this renewed sense of purpose and urgency, we will continue to build relationships, listen deeply, reflect and learn as we fight for a world more just. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

With gratitude,

**Danica Black and Sharnelle Jenkins-Thompson**  
Co-Chairs of the Board



“ There can be no learning without teachers. Thank you for teaching us valuable lessons and understanding. I hope we can all help spread your teachings. Keep up the great work! ”

— Feedback on a youth-led educational action as a part of Inclusion Project and anti-Racism Project

## VISION

Youth are leading and active in social, economic and environmental justice movements.

## MISSION

Our mission is to educate, activate, and empower young people to engage in social, environmental and economic justice movements and to create a more equitable, democratic and sustainable future.

## STRATEGIC GOALS 2017-2020

1. SECURE ADEQUATE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL REVENUE
2. IMPROVE LONG-TERM ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND DIRECTION
3. PURSUE DIVERSE, BROAD AND MUTUALLY-BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT REFLECT OUR MISSION AND VISION
4. IMPROVE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF CYH
5. FOSTER A COHESIVE AND COLLABORATIVE TEAM
6. BUILD AND MAINTAIN A STRONG AND COMMITTED SUPPORT BASE

### IN 2017

<b>51</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,500</b>
WORKSHOPS FACILITATED	YOUTH PARTICIPANTS	ACTIVE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER HOURS

### SINCE 1999

<b>2,500+</b>	<b>72,500+</b>
WORKSHOPS FACILITATED	YOUTH ENGAGED

### TO DATE

<b>18</b>	<b>5,500+</b>
YEARS OLD	SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

## PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

### GLOBAL CITIZEN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our core educational program continues to be the biggest focus of our work. It includes two main components: workshop delivery and volunteer engagement. Workshops are offered to youth in school and community settings, and cover a wide range of social, economic and environmental justice topics. They are co-facilitated by our staff and peer youth facilitators, whom we train and support throughout the year. We also deliver custom workshops and skills-based training that supports youth leadership.

Within this program, we run projects around specific topics and issue areas:

#### Migrant Youth Lead the Way (aka Inclusion and Anti-racism Project)

This is the second year of this project which engages and builds leadership among racialized youth with migrant experience. Participants build knowledge and skills, receive mentorship, and take action on addressing migrant racism in their schools and communities.

#### Economic Justice

This was the first year of our new Economic Justice initiative. The inaugural team of youth leaders received training in leadership, facilitation and community organizing skills, while also learning about issues surrounding poverty, income inequality, the wealth gap, and more. They connected with local organizations, started their own blog, and laid the foundation for future youth-led action projects.

#### GET OUT THE VOTE

For the 2017 Provincial Election, we partnered with Elections BC to promote voter registration and to share non-partisan information, while also having tons of fun talking to our peers about it!

#### CRITICAL HEALTH LITERACY PROJECT

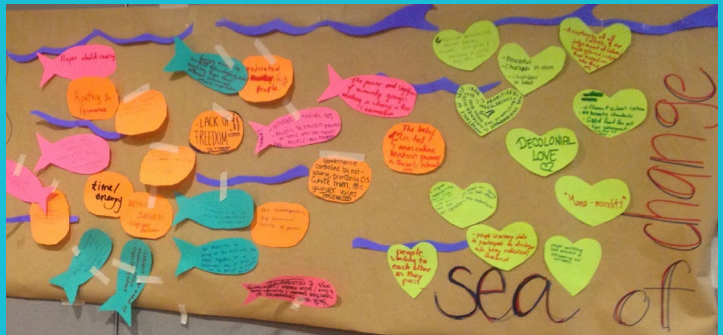
This project engaged youth in understanding and addressing social determinants of their health and well-being. We partnered with the Broadway Youth Resource Centre and Vancouver Community College to develop and deliver a brand new workshop called Social Ingredients of Health while also exploring best practices in critical health literacy for young people.

## FINANCES

September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017

Total Revenues: \$148,716

Total Expenses: \$143,336



#### SUPPORTERS

BC Government and Service Employees' Union  
 BC Health Coalition  
 BC Teachers' Federation  
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 Human Data Commons Foundation  
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 The Province of British Columbia  
 Vancity Community Foundation  
 Vancouver Coastal Health - Smart Fund  
 People's Prom Fund

Thank you!

#### PROGRAMMING PARTNERS

BC Health Coalition  
 Britannia Community Centre  
 Broadway Youth Resource Centre  
 Canadian Memorial Church  
 Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House  
 Collingwood Neighbourhood House  
 Leave Out Violence (LOVE BC)  
 Pacific Community Resources Society  
 Peak House – Pacific Youth and Family Resources Society  
 PeerNetBC  
 Renfrew Park Community Centre  
 Richmond Food Security Society  
 STRIVE/Youth In Care Transition Program  
 Take a Hike Foundation  
 Trans Care BC  
 Tupper Youth Parent Services  
 UBC English Language Institute  
 West Coast LEAF  
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