

2023-2024

# ANNUAL REPORT

**LOVE BC**

Leave Out Violence Society BC

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Troy Chesley**  
Co-Chair

Troy joined LOVE BC's Board in 2022 and co-chairs the organization by overseeing the strategic vision and financial health as a Chartered Professional Accountant.



**Laura Froese**  
Co-Chair/Treasurer

Board member since 2019, Laura co-chairs the organization with detailed attention to youth inclusion and financial stability as a Chartered Professional Accountant.



**Nigel Reeves**  
Secretary

Nigel joined LOVE BC as a youth and as a facilitator. Now working as a Director in Technology and Innovation, he continues to support youth opportunities.



**Lyla Hunter**  
Director

Lyla joined LOVE as a youth 20 years ago and has been part of the organization ever since. She is committed to keep violence out of young peoples' lives.



**Marcey Amaya**  
Director

Marcey started as a youth and Program Facilitator. Today she is part of the Board, with attention to youth in care as she works for the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks.



**Alex Chan**  
Director

Alex joined LOVE BC in 2022 with a focus on fundraising as he works as Manager of Communications and Stakeholders Relations with the Office of the Premier.



**Caity Goerke**  
Director

Caity is a creative writer and lawyer who joined the Board in 2024 and reviews our policies. Caity is dedicated to underserved youth and intersectional practices.



**Martha Cabrera**  
Director

Martha brings 20 years of experience as a youth worker and work in the Downtown Eastside. She is committed to support vulnerable youth and bring safe practices and guidelines.



## VISION

Creating a violence free future in which youth are empowered to thrive.

## MISSION

LOVE BC's mission is to foster thriving youth communities through violence prevention, skill development, and engagement with arts practices.

# MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

We mark another fruitful year for LOVE BC. Following the exceptional leadership of Lambrini Soulos, Andy Price and Heather Stoutenburg, we were honoured to have Troy Chesley and Laura Froese as Co-chairs and welcome Akim Giroux as Executive Director.

With 24 years of legacy and meticulous planning, LOVE BC reached over a thousand youth this year through exciting and diverse projects supporting vulnerable youth.

We are also excited to prepare our 2025-2028 strategic plan to continue collaborating closely with youth and create lasting positive changes in the Lower Mainland.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners for their invaluable support and we look forward to a new year filled with hope, resilience, and opportunities.

Akim Giroux **Executive Director  
& Board of Directors**

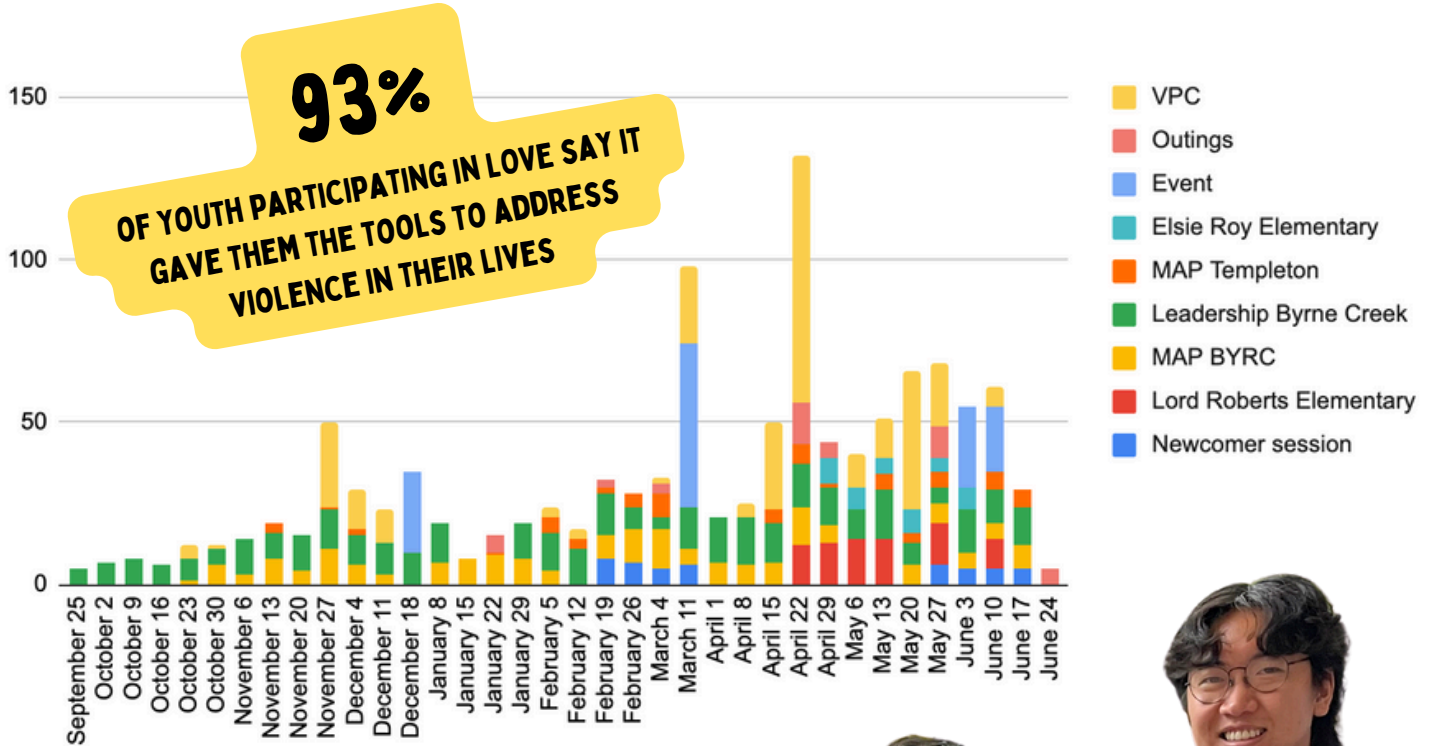


2023/2024

# 1,175 YOUTH SERVED

September to December **235** | January to March **293** | April to June **647**

Through our Media Arts Program (MAP) and Leadership, Violence Prevention Committee (VPC), outings, events and sessions for targeted groups, we served 1,175 youth this year.



## MEDIA ART PROGRAM (MAP)

MAP is a 25 week long free after school program for youth between the ages of 13 and 18. MAP allows youth to explore themselves and anti-oppression through different mediums of art. MAP explores anti-violence, life skills, social justice and emotional intelligence through painting, photography, zine making and creative writing. The program includes field trips, guest speakers and opportunities to display youth's artwork. Topics include:

- Healthy Relationships & Boundaries
- Anti Bullying
- Life skills programs
- One-on-one support with youth

737 youth in Media Art & Leadership Programs



Graduation Ceremony at Granville Island, June 2024

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

After completing MAP, participants can progress to our Leadership Program which builds on the creative and critical thinking skills and offers a comprehensive training to become a youth leader in violence prevention. Topics include:

- Leading Projects and Co-facilitating
- Intersectional Approaches
- Public Speaking Skills
- One-on-one support with youth

## VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Our Violence Prevention Committee is consulted to customize workshops for youth, youth leaders or educators, built on anti-oppression and anti-violence frameworks, integrating artistic activities to spark discussions and reflections on diverse topics.

- Anti-Oppression, Anti-violence
- Sexual Health
- Healthy Relationships
- Self-Care and well-being
- Power and Privileges

“Do you ever need to wear a mask in society?”  
Mask Making Workshop, April 2024

**86%**  
OF YOUTH IN OUR PROGRAMS IDENTIFY AS  
INDIGENOUS, BLACK OR PERSON OF COLOUR

**46%**

OF YOUTH IN OUR PROGRAMS  
IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ2S+

**363 YOUTH REACHED IN  
26 VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
WORKSHOPS**



## HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

### WINTER OPEN-MIC STANDUP, POETRY AND MUSIC



**Parvi performing standup,  
Dec 2023**

LOVE BC highlighted the Winterfest with a vibrant open mic featuring over 20 youth from diverse backgrounds. Our stage became a platform for young voices to shine through poetry, music, and stand-up comedy, celebrated in a multitude of languages. This unique opportunity not only showcased incredible talent but also fostered a sense of belonging and cultural exchange.

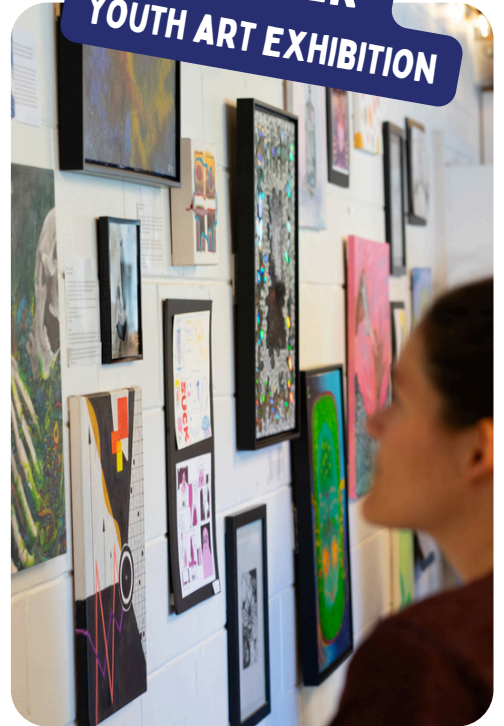
### SPRING BREAK TRAINING FOR BIPOC YOUTH



**Meeti and Jen, Youth  
Facilitators, March 2024**

LOVE BC brought a powerful 4-day anti-racism training for BIPOC youth (14-21). Participants delved into identity, systemic oppression, and creating positive change. Each participant was able to grow public speaking skills, discover different art mediums and leave with a sense of belonging and pride.

### SUMMER YOUTH ART EXHIBITION



**LOVE BC Youth Exhibition,  
June 2024**

Featuring over 40 stunning pieces from our programs, the event transformed the community space into an art gallery. This collaboration provided a platform for youth to not only exhibit their artistic prowess but also connect with the broader community. The exhibition was a testament to the power of youth expression and the positive impact of arts education.

# DEMOGRAPHICS OF YOUTH IN OUR PROGRAMS

Vancouver	90%
Burnaby	5%
Surrey	3%
Other	2%

BIPOC	83%
LGBTQ	46%
Newcomer	22%
Indigenous	3%



She/Her	62%
They/Them	9%
He/Him	27%

Below 13 years old	21%
13 - 18 years old	53%
19 - 24 years old	24%
25 and +	1%





# FINANCES

## LEAVE OUT VIOLENCE (LOVE) SOCIETY BC

### Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31

	2024	2023
<b>Revenues</b>		
Government grants	\$ 118,580	\$ 101,328
Public foundations	27,556	36,837
Business corporations	10,097	25,000
Donations by individuals	4,884	6,850
Services to other youth organizations and sundry revenue	4,676	5,140
Fundraising events	66	1,739
	165,859	176,894
<b>Expenses</b>		
Programs (schedule 1)	183,622	179,558
Administrative (schedule 2)	23,218	20,995
Fundraising (schedule 3)	4,099	6,139
	210,939	206,692
<b>Deficiency of revenues over expenses for year</b>	<b>\$ (45,080)</b>	<b>\$ (29,798)</b>

Statement of Operations extracted from Audited Financial Report 2023-2024 made by Smythe LLP.  
Full report available on request.



# DONORS AND SUPPORT

LOVE BC is deeply grateful for the incredible support of our donors, partners, and volunteers. Your generosity fuels our growth and enables us to support more and with deeper care, underserved youth across BC.

## Funders



## Individual Supporters

Alex Chan	Cat Hart	Julia Winter	Marjorie Kolbe
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Amanda Burrows	Dan Coulter	June Liu	Nigel Reeves
Andy Price	Deanna Clisby	Kanako Motohashi	Sean Konrad
Anne Binning	Ericka Navarro	Karan Mehta	Sylvain Auffret
Anonymous	Ernesto Salvi	Karine Russell	Suzanne Aucoin
Ben Rankel	Etienne Turko	Keller Williams	Tony Giroux
Betty Chin and	Gary Stoutenburg	Laura Froese	Tracy Rawa
Peter Acton	Graziella Gilliat	Lisa Martz	Troy Chesley

### Special thanks to

Troy Chesley, Co-chair, LOVE BC for your support from 2022 to 2024  
 Lanny Libby-Jimenez, Youth Social Planner, City of Vancouver  
 Heather Stoutenburg, Executive Director, NDP  
 Mary Stewart, Manager Broadway Youth Resource Centre, PCRS  
 Masami Tomioka, Director of Vancouver Youth Services, PCRS

## Key Partners





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