

### Successful Social Justice Grant Applications in 2008–09

Name of Local and Grant Amount	Name and Scope of Project	Brief Overview/Details
Cranbrook \$2,000	Gay Straight Alliance Conference (two days)	To start GSAs and build capacity for activism on LGBTQ issues in schools within the region. PD workshops for teachers, parents and students. Involved three school districts.
Creston Valley \$1,600 Windermere \$1,300	Social Justice Symposium	District-wide project on Rwandan genocide. Rwandan survivors made presentations and funds were raised for a playground at a Rwandan school.
Comox \$2,000	Public witnessing event for Community Critical Incidence Response Protocol  (antiracism, anti-homophobia, anti-hate crime incidents)	Development of a multi-agency program to deal with incidents of violence within schools and the broader community. Involved SD 71, RCMP, Aboriginal Friendship Centre, faith communities, Multicultural Society, etc.
Richmond \$2,000 North Vancouver \$1,500	Social Justice 12 implementation projects	Release time for teachers to meet with others currently teaching SJ 12 and share ideas, resources, etc. Resulted in 6 of 10 high schools in Richmond with SJ 12 courses in 2009–10.
Prince Rupert \$2,000	World Hunger Awareness Project  Fifteen teachers were on the organizing committee; 60 involved.	District-wide participation in a world hunger march (1,200 people) and events in schools. Empty Bowls fundraiser for local food bank. Raise school and community awareness of local and global antipoverty issues.
North Okanagan-Shuswap \$2,000	First Nations Conference “Linking our families through culture”	Conference for parents and teachers on rebuilding culture and strengthening communication. Goals to connect and network with parents; build cultural awareness and understanding of student diversity; decrease racism; increase communication between Aboriginal and school communities.

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Maple Ridge \$2,000	Free the Children—district student action project  “Adopt a village”—goal to fundraise for a school overseas. Students also involved in local SJ projects through this network.	Free the Children presented assemblies and leadership training workshops in six schools. 150 Grades 10 and 11 students trained across district. District network of student activists trained; 22 school-based contacts (teachers) involved.
Vancouver Elementary (VESTA) \$2,000	Developing understanding, building relationships, and social change re poverty, sustainability, and the hyper-sexualization of girls.	Three components: Film festival and discussion series with guest speakers, collection and distribution of resources to teachers, coalition building and action planning with community advocacy groups.
Kimberley \$2,000	Building Bridges with Books (understanding the plight of refugee students/families). Raise awareness of refugee issues and difficulties of resettlement.	Creation of a picture book on refugees who’ve recently resettled in Kimberley. Book launch in each school. 50 copies placed in schools, public libraries, and community agencies.
Prince George \$2,000	Leadership for Tomorrow	To train student leaders who then facilitate antipoverty projects in the community. 80 students and 6 staff trained by Me to We facilitators to give students tools, resources, strategies for local and global action.
West Vancouver \$2,000	Make Poverty History: Project Honduras  (25 teachers participating district-wide)	K to 12 district initiative to support El Hogar Orphanage or the Agricultural/Technical School in Honduras. Elementary students get workshops and lessons on what poverty looks like locally and globally. Secondary students make presentations to feeder schools.

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New Westminster Local 40 \$2,000	Writing and Sharing Social Justice Picture Books (SJ 12 project)	SJ 12 students worked with a professional author, their SJ 12 teacher, and teacher-librarian to write picture books on SJ topics for younger students in feeder schools. Books were later donated to elementary school libraries.
Arrow Lakes Local 10 \$750	Afghanistan Knitting Project	Grade 7 students knitted mittens, vests, and socks for children in Afghanistan.
North Okanagan-Shuswap Local 83 \$2,000	First Nations Parent and Teacher Conference	Conference to help educators build their skills and capacity for working with Aboriginal learners. Funded from multiple sources. Involved Aboriginal community.
Vernon Local 22 \$1,500	Garden Community– Indigenous Naming Project	Students carved and created signage to identify and describe indigenous plants in a garden. They worked with an Aboriginal carver in an existing school wetlands and community garden.
Nanaimo Local 68 \$1,000	Medicine Wheel Club	Working with Aboriginal students to develop their leadership skills and strengthen their attachment and sense of belonging within school.
Surrey Local 36 \$2,000	Strengthening GSAs in Surrey (three schools)	<p>Help students and teachers create a Gay Straight Alliance Club (GSA) network within the district.</p> <p>A series of plays were performed which focussed on the intersectional nature of racism and homophobia. These were for GSA students, SJ 12 classes, and Planning 10 classes. Follow-up lessons and discussions were held after the plays.</p>

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Maple Ridge Local 42 \$2,000	“From Awareness to Action” Student Social Justice Conference	Two-day conference for senior secondary students across the district. Involved 500 students and 25 teachers. Focussed on human rights issues locally and globally. Multiple sources of funding.
Sunshine Coast Local 46 \$600	Social Justice Travelling Library	Created a library of DVDs and print resources for teachers across the district to use for teaching about LGBTQ issues. Complimented local SJ plan to help change the culture in the school district with respect to issues of homophobia and transphobia.
Comox Local 71 \$2,000	School and Community Dialogue on Racism	Upper intermediate and secondary students participated in a World Cafe style pilot project in the district. Youth forum discussed issue of racism in the Comox Valley and how to take action.
MacKenzie Sub-local 57-2 \$2,000	Full-Immersion Sekhani Language and Culture Camp	Aboriginal Education Department of SD 57 worked with the people of McLeod Lake to develop this three-day camp for students. Nine educators worked with many community organizations to support this camp. Multiple sources of funding.
Central Okanagan Local 23 \$2,000	Youth Social Justice Forum	Conference for Grade 5 to 12 students on global SJ issues. Worked with many non-profit and community organizations. Multiple sources of funding.
Surrey Local 36 \$2,000	Social Justice 12 Implementation Project	Evaluation of SJ 12 resources, creation of an SJ 12 Wiki and Google group to share resources province-wide. Networking meetings across the district for current and future SJ 12 teachers.
Nanaimo Local 68 \$2,000	“Seeing the World with Different Eyes” Conference	Conference for 1,100 students with a focus on child poverty, racism, hate crimes, LGBTQ issues, homelessness, and alternative transportation. 12 teachers involved in the planning process.

**Note: We do NOT fund the following expenses:**

- food, decorations, awards, or other consumables
- capital expenditures (computers, books, school supplies, furniture, etc.)
- overseas travel
- honorariums or gifts for presenters/speakers
- teacher wages for extra-curricular time spent on SJ projects.

**When applying...please remember:**

Many of the projects we've funded have additional funding from other sources within the school district or community. Please list them. Also, please detail all estimated expenses (including those we cannot fund). This gives us an overall picture of the complete costs associated with this project. It is also important to let us know how many teachers, schools, students are involved within your district initiative.

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