



## **Self Advocate Leadership Network British Columbia**

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### **SALN COVID-19 News-sheet #11: Self-Advocates Leading Connection Grant**

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The majority of SALN members are part of provincial self-advocacy and advisory groups. SALN is aware and interested in the BC self-advocate movement. All SALN members are well-established and recognizable. All SALN members are from leading groups in the movement.

#### **SALN Mission Statement:**

To promote a good life through positive and informed: actions, networking and advocacy.

#### **SALN would like to share the following:**

**Five B.C. self-advocacy groups across the Province received grants to support social connection during the pandemic.**

**The Self-Advocate Leadership Network would like to thank Community Living BC and Inclusion BC for the opportunity to be a part of this project.**

**We want to thank Community Living BC and Inclusion BC for recognizing the importance of supporting a stronger Provincial self-advocacy voice.**

**We would like to congratulate the other self-advocacy groups and look forward to building relationships and connections.**

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### Details of statement:

- Self-advocates are the people who need to take the lead in decisions and projects that affect their lives.
- Self-advocacy organizations are the groups that can best build connections and partnerships within their communities and the Province.
- Self-advocacy organizations are the best people to listen, learn and support the voice of people with disabilities across the Province.
- **SALN intends to support the development of a Provincial Self-Advocacy Network that will continue to thrive and grow even after the Pandemic.**

**We would like to share the Calendar for Connection: This calendar was created to help people with disabilities know about different fun and educational opportunities to connect people during COVID-19.**

<https://familysupportbc.com/calendar-cfc/>

### SALN Comments:

"I love how we got the grant because it's makes me proud to be a part of SALN. Makes me proud that we are doing something bigger than our own self-advocacy groups that we are involved in."

"CLBC gave us the grant that has a purpose and is meaningful – they trust we can do this."

"We can expand our field of interests and advocacy base. It gives us a chance to actually continue and develop more ways of reaching out to people."

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“Getting this grant demonstrates that SALN has a shared, lived experience that is very powerful. Your experience needs to lead this. (SALN Supporter)”

“Incredible opportunity – shows anyone can be a leader.”

“It is now the time for self-advocates to have a stronger voice in this Province.”



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