

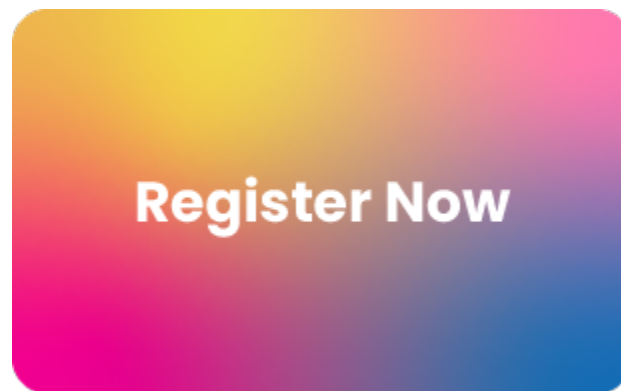
The CBRC update

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In this month's newsletter: Summit registration, insights on 2S/LBTQIA+ research priorities, im/migrant HIV community advisor posting, and more.

THE LATEST

1. **Registration for Summit 2026: Building Our Future is [now open!](#)** This year's conference is taking place at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto from October 29-November 1. Early-bird rates are available until September 12. Discounted flights and train fares are available, and for community and non-profit registrants, we are also offering a 10% hotel subsidy. Find all the information you need about Summit registration and travel and accommodations [here](#).



2. As part of last year's Summit, CBRC, in collaboration with Dr. Celeste Pang, co-organized an agenda-setting gathering on issues facing 2S/LBTQIA+ women and gender-diverse communities. Now, we are excited to release [Catalyzing Community-Based Research By, With, and For 2S/LBTQIA+ Women and Gender-Diverse People](#). This report captures the discussions and recommendations from the gathering. It was designed by Harmeet Rehal, who was present at the gathering and also produced graphic recordings of the event, included in the report.
3. On June 24, we hosted **Defining Gender-Based Violence with 2S/ LGBTQIA+ Communities**, a webinar sharing key findings from the [RISE](#) project. This project explored how 2S/LGBTQIA+ communities in the Fraser Health Region of British Columbia define and experience gender-based violence. The [webinar recording](#) is now available online.

OUR COMMUNITY: Daniella Leacock

Daniella Leacock (she/her) is an Associate Director at [Fred Victor](#), a social service charitable organization working to reduce poverty and homelessness in Toronto. She also recently joined CBRC's Summit Planning Committee, and is currently reviewing proposals to help build the programming and schedule for this year's conference.

Daniella says that hosting Summit in Toronto this year feels significant. "I hope Summit attendees walk away with a different perspective of Toronto. It can feel like a concrete jungle and a bit isolating at times, but I'm hoping folks can find little pockets of belonging at the conference, and bring questions, answers, and ideas back to their communities."

With her background in mental health and harm reduction, Daniella says that we are seeing an attack on underhoused and marginalized folks, especially with the [closure of supervised consumption sites](#). "When I think of harm reduction and meeting people where they're at, it feels so inherent to being queer and trans," she says.

To learn more about Daniella, her experience in community health, and her thoughts on bringing Summit to Toronto, [read her full profile](#).



Photo: Daniella Leacock

" Harm reduction started as a way for communities to look after ourselves, to keep ourselves safe when no one else would. The government decided to support, to fund, to take part and now it feels like they are reverting. At the end of the day, it has always been on us as community members to keep ourselves and our neighbours safe. "

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- To mark **Indigenous History Month** (June), the Two-Spirit Program team at CBRC released the [Firepit Sharing Circle](#) film and the [Fires Light the Way](#) magazine. The team also collaborated with CATIE and CANFAR to launch [Starting Home Fires](#), an Indigenous-led HIV awareness campaign. And a member of the Two-Spirit Program team, [Ella Dufault](#), was profiled last month.
- To address the **syphilis outbreak in Alberta**, we have developed a [suite of educational and awareness resources](#) tailored for community members and healthcare providers. This summer, our team is taking these resources on the road, connecting with folks directly at Pride festivals across the province. Learn more in our latest [press release](#).
- Last month, we released three reports from our **We Deserve Chlamydia Care** project: a [general community report](#), a [Two-Spirit-specific report](#), and a [self-advocacy report](#).

CBRC in the Media:

- The Starting Home Fires Campaign was covered by [APTN](#) and [Radio-Canada](#) (French), as well as [Strategy Online](#).
- Brook Biggin, CBRC's Director of Education, Knowledge Mobilization, and Policy [spoke to CTV](#) about our new syphilis awareness campaign and resources.
- Taproot Edmonton included our syphilis resources in their [Health Innovation Roundup](#).

GET INVOLVED

We are looking for **French-speaking Community Advisors** for a study on improving HIV care for sexual and gender diverse im/migrants and refugees living with HIV. Find full details [here](#). If you have any questions, please write to sgd.immigrant@cbrc.net.

Spread the word about Starting Home Fires! Featuring stories inspired by Indigenous people living with HIV, this campaign offers lessons of supporting loved ones with HIV and provides information on common misconceptions about the virus, testing, and the importance of HIV medication, with humour and heart. Check out and share the campaign videos, audio clips, and digital toolkit [here](#).

COMING UP

Our **2025-2026 Annual Report** is in the works, chronicling our major organizational milestones and new areas of research, programming, and health promotion.



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