



Call for Board Members and Organization Overview

Are you community-minded, enthusiastic and passionate about making an impact in the lives of young people? Leave Out Violence (LOVE) BC has a spot for you with our Board of Directors.

Founded in 1993, Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society is an award-winning grassroots youth organization with branches in Montréal, Toronto, Vancouver, and Halifax. LOVE works to reduce violence in the lives of youth and in our communities by building a team of youth leaders.

Since 2000, LOVE BC has been delivering youth-driven media arts-based violence prevention and intervention programming to youth who face multiple barriers. LOVE BC youth use media arts to document their experiences and share their views of the world, and build leadership skills to break the cycle of violence in their lives and communities. They publish magazines, write poetry, take photos, and produce films that take on big themes like racism, sexism and homophobia. For more information and examples of some of our work, please visit our BC website, www.bc.leaveoutviolence.org.

If the mission of Leave Out Violence resonates with you and you have skills, experience or expertise that you believe will assist the Board of Directors in supporting the organization in its mission, we welcome you to join us.

LOVE BC Board Overview & Requirements

LOVE BC's Board is an operational board, involved in the overall visioning and direction of the organization. Ultimately, the purpose of the Board is to ensure that the organization is meeting its mission and mandate. Board members contribute to such areas as: fundraising, event organizing, financial tasks, marketing efforts, and more, based on individual interests and skill sets.



Becoming a board member means you have agreed to the following:

1. Fiduciary responsibility for the organization;
2. Stewardship of the health and integrity of the organization;
3. Commitment to supporting youth and amplifying youth voices through leadership, engagement and strength-based programs.

To support LOVE BC in this manner, board members are required to do the following:

A. Criminal Record Check

B. Financial Commitment

LOVE asks that all board members commit to our fundraising efforts by supporting ongoing initiatives and spreading the word through their personal networks.

C. Terms of Services

Board positions run on two-year terms to a maximum of six years.

D. Assist or Lead a Committee

Committees are working groups with specific goals including marketing, evaluation and fundraising. Certain projects or tasks may require smaller group meetings outside of board meetings and/or recruitment of skilled volunteers who are not part of the board of directors.

E. Youth Outreach

All board members are encouraged to attend programming and accompany LOVE BC staff and youth to an outreach session.

Meetings

We support a work/life balance and want to ensure our staff and board members enjoy the experience of being of service to LOVE BC. Therefore, there are a maximum of seven board meetings per year. One of these is an AGM, which takes place in September, another is a review and approval of the budget, which takes place in March. Board members may call additional Special Meetings to address projects, opportunities or concerns.

To find out more information, please contact board co-chairs Heather Stoutenburg and Krista Sheppard at board@leaveoutviolence.org

