

As we begin the new year, the School of Criminology would like to reflect on events in the past year and issue a public statement indicating our support and commitment to change for Black, Indigenous, and people of colour condemning acts of injustice and racism.

We are aware of the incident that happened on campus in December involving a Black SFU alumnus and the RCMP. We support a full and thorough investigation to evaluate the actions taken by the RCMP and campus security to promote transparency, accountability, and fair treatment of racialized individuals by legal authorities.

Given research demonstrating the historical, disproportionate and harmful impact of police contact on minorities, particularly young Black and Indigenous individuals, it is important to have inclusive conversations and work towards addressing systemic and structural forms of racism and bias that exist. In response to the allegations in this incident and broader racial injustices occurring around the world, the School of Criminology is engaging in critical conversations internally and educating ourselves on how to incorporate and promote anti-racism and anti-oppression throughout our curriculum and in our practices and policies. We also want to invite our students in ongoing dialogue to hear their concerns and ideas so that we can best support them. We must do more and are committed to standing with Black, Indigenous, and people of colour to demonstrate our commitment to anti-racist policies and practices.

We also would like to highlight a few charities and non-profit organizations that provide resources and are actively working in this area:

[Aboriginal Legal Aid in BC](#): Helps Aboriginal peoples in BC understand their legal rights by providing legal information and connecting communities to legal support.

[Black Lives Matter Vancouver](#): Black individuals and allies working in solidarity with communities seeking justice from racialized violence.

[BC First Nations Justice Council](#): Supports the wellbeing of future generations by transforming the status quo today – upholding self-determination, reclaiming legal traditions, and addressing systemic injustice.

[BC Community Alliance](#): A community-based organization dedicated to combating the structural inequities created by anti-Black racism.

[Black Health Alliance](#): Taking on the key issues that impact Black communities in Canada through health promotion, research and public policy, champion health equity, and more.

[Black Youth Helpline](#): Preventing social and psychological breakdown in communities through a focus on education, health and community development.

[Canadian Race Relations Foundation](#): Foundation aimed at the development, sharing and application of knowledge and expertise in order to contribute to the elimination of racism and all forms of racial discrimination in Canadian society.

[Hogan's Alley Society](#): The Hogan's Alley Society advocates for Black Vancouverites who have endured the legacies of urban renewal and their erasure from the official historical narrative.

[National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#): National Inquiry examining the underlying social, economic, cultural, institutional, and historical causes that contribute to the ongoing violence and particular vulnerabilities of Indigenous women and girls in Canada.

[Native Women's Association of Canada](#): Aims to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women.

[Scholar Strike Canada](#): Canadian scholars call for racial justice, an end to anti-Black police violence and it adds a specific focus on anti-Indigenous, colonial violence.

[West Coast Prison Justice Society](#): Promote the rule of law within prisons and the fair and equal treatment of prisoners. The West Coast Prison Justice Society also operates Prisoners' Legal Services, a legal clinic for federal and provincial prisoners in BC.

We invite other organizations addressing systemic and structural forms of racism who would like to be featured on this page to submit your information to: crimcomm@sfu.ca.