



# RISE

## RESPONSIBLE INDIGENOUS STRATEGY FOR EMPOWERMENT

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### AIM

- Address the discrimination and marginalisation that Indigenous youth face in Vancouver
- Create employment opportunities for Indigenous youth in mainstream settings (community centres)
- Make mainstream community services more inclusive

### IMPLEMENTATION

Indigenous youth receive training as community leaders, in order to work with RISE partner organisations in local community centers where they support Indigenous residents and other excluded members of the community.

### SUCCESSSES

- Most RISE leaders have continuous employment in the public sector
- More awareness of the needs of Indigenous youth and populations
- More and more partners and supporters are joining the collective

### CHALLENGES

- Many positions in community centres are precarious
- It can be hard to address hidden and embedded racism

### KEY LEARNINGS

- Need for ongoing dialogue and bringing new partners on board
- Importance of finding champions in position of influence
- Make sure the model and vision are rooted in community and based on community needs