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ANHBC Condemns Acts of Racism and Hatred

Vancouver – The Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC (ANHBC) condemns acts of racism and hatred and encourages the public to report all incidents of racism and hatred to their local authority.

Following an alleged act of racism and hatred on the Skytrain on Monday, December 4, (<https://transitpolice.ca/news-posts/suspect-arrested-transit-police-unprovoked-hate-crime/>) ANHBC would like to offer its support and well-wishes for healing and justice to the victim and her family.

ANHBC is the lead organization for the Vancouver Organizing Against Racism and Hatred (OARH) Committee which is a one of 32 OARH committees in BC. The OARH program was initially established to help small communities collaboratively find ways to address incidents of racism and hate crime. In 2016, the OARH program was expanded to include four new urban communities – Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey and Burnaby. ANHBC is currently recruiting organizations in the Vancouver area who have an interest in actively developing community capacity and skills; fostering community engagement; and building community sustainability plans to address racism and hate.

To report an act of racism and hatred, please call 9-1-1 and state that you are reporting a Hate Crime. Emergencies would include attacks, assaults, and threats. Non-emergencies would include graffiti, vandalism and hate propaganda. To obtain additional resources for reporting acts of racism and hatred, please contact the ANHBC Information, Referrals, and Office Administrator via email at central@anhbc.org or via phone at 604-875-9111 x100.

ANHBC oversees seven neighbourhood houses and an outdoor centre, through which we operate more than 300 community-based programs and services for a diversity of participants. Neighbourhood houses are non-profit, community social service organizations that focus on the neighbourhoods they serve. They are welcoming and inclusive by design and offer a range of services such as childcare, English classes, employment services, and seniors programs, tailored to local needs. Neighbourhood houses go beyond service delivery. The mission of ANHBC is to build healthy neighbourhoods by connecting people and strengthening their capacity for change. Recent research done in BC on neighbourhood houses demonstrated that 76% of participants reported that their ability to work with people from different backgrounds increased. For more information on ANHBC, please visit our website at www.anhbc.org.

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