

Deryck THOMSON AWARD

Call for Nominations for Organizations

Deadline: Thursday, February 8, 2018

About this Award

Named after one of SPARC BC's founding directors, the Deryck Thomson Award was established in 1991 by the SPARC BC Board of Directors to recognize individuals or organizations making a significant contribution to social planning and social justice in BC. This Award is given annually to individuals or organizations that share our values and commitment to working to build a just and healthy society for all.

Eligibility

Individuals or organizations to be considered for the Deryck Thomson Award include those who have contributed to:

- ◆ Building or enhancing community capacity and community well-being and supporting innovation contributing to positive change for people and communities;
- ◆ Advocating for equity, fairness, and dignity for all through inclusion, integrity and learning;
- ◆ Advancing policies or initiatives that integrate social, cultural economic, and environmental planning, decision-making and action;
- ◆ Advocating for improved social policies and programs;
- ◆ Ensuring that those who are most affected by decisions have a voice in determining and implementing policies and programs that impact them and their families;
- ◆ Raising public awareness and consciousness about the importance of social and community well-being.

“ We're engaged in a noble profession with a significant past and a challenging future. While forces and events may swirl about us, our objectives have been the same — to develop the human condition while protecting its weakest from harm. The ways in which we go about the task may differ, but the goal remains constant.”

—Deryck Thomson

Nomination Process for Organizations

Do you know an organization that has made a significant contribution to social planning or social justice in BC? Consider nominating it for a SPARC BC Deryck Thomson Award. To submit a nomination, please complete the Nomination Form for Organizations and return it to SPARC BC, 4445 Norfolk Street, Burnaby, BC, V5G 0A7, or submit it electronically by email to TheDeryckThomsonAward@sparc.bc.ca, by February 8, 2018.

Nominations will require two (2) letters of support. The successful recipient will be announced by the SPARC BC Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting in June 2018. The SPARC BC Board of Directors has allocated \$5,000 to accompany this year's Award for organizations to support their on-going work.

Past Organizational Awards Recipients

The Cinderella Project, Vancouver

West Coast Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), Vancouver

Coastal Family Resource Coalition, Ucluelet

British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability (BCANDS), Victoria

Storytellers' Foundation, Hazelton

PeerNetBC, Vancouver

Ladysmith Resource Centre Association, Ladysmith

Richmond Community Services Advisory Council, Richmond

Society of Organized Services of Regional District 69, Parksville

Chilliwack Community Services Society, Chilliwack

About SPARC BC

SPARC BC is a registered non-profit society and federally registered charity. SPARC BC delivers the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities and works on a wide range of social policy issues including accessibility and inclusion, income security and poverty reduction and community development education and outreach. SPARC BC is governed by a Board of Directors that is representative of the social and geographic diversity of the province.

SPARC BC works with communities to build a just and healthy society for all.

Our definition of "just and healthy" is based on five key principles including equity, social inclusion, security, adaptability and equality and is founded on the values of:

Social Justice: We strive for a just and healthy society in which social, economic, and environmental well-being are interdependent, through advocating for equality, fairness and dignity for all.

Inclusion: We are committed to achieving access and the full participation and engagement of all in our diverse society by fostering communication, leadership, partnership, and collaboration.

Integrity: We are independent, accountable, transparent and non-partisan.

Learning: We seek, develop and share knowledge and understanding which encourages citizen participation and informs innovative, effective planning and decision-making.



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Nomination Form for Organizations

Please complete the following application if you would like to nominate an organization for the 2018 SPARC BC Deryck Thomson Award. This award recognizes organizations for their contribution to social planning and social justice in BC. The SPARC BC Board of Directors has allocated \$5,000 to accompany this year’s Award for organizations to support their on-going work.

I would like to nominate the following organization for the 2018 Deryck Thomson Award:

Name

Address

City

Prov.

Postal Code

E-mail

Phone

Please indicate the different ways that the organization that you wish to nominate has contributed to social policy and social justice in BC:

- Building or enhancing community capacity and community well-being and supporting innovation that creates positive change for people and communities.
- Advocating for equity, fairness and dignity for all through inclusion, integrity and learning.
- Advancing policies or initiatives that:
 - Integrate social, cultural, economic and environmental planning, decision making and action;
 - Advocate for improved social policies and programs;
 - Ensure that those who are most affected have a voice in determining and implementing policies and programs that impact them and their families;
 - Raise public awareness and consciousness about the importance of social and community well-being.

Please provide a brief description of the contribution that the organization that you wish to nominate for the 2018 Deryck Thomson Award has made to social planning and social justice in BC and the impact that it has had on its community.

Please provide a brief history of the organization that you wish to nominate for the 2018 Deryck Thomson Award (Please keep your description to one page):

About the Nominator

Name

Address

City

Prov.

Postal Code

E-mail

Phone

Please describe how you came to know about the work of the organization you wish to nominate:

Supporting Information or Documentation

The nomination requires two (2) letters of support.

Please note: The full application and supporting documentation must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Only applications that include all of the necessary supporting documentation will be considered.

Nomination forms can be mailed to SPARC BC at 4445 Norfolk Street, Burnaby, BC, V5G 0A7 or submitted electronically by email to TheDeryckThomsonAward@sparc.bc.ca.

Nominator's Name

Nominator's Signature

Date

Check List:

Have you remembered to include:

- A completed application
- Two letters of support

Would you like to receive other information about SPARC BC programs and initiatives?

- Yes, please include me on your mailing list
- No, I am already on your mailing list
- No, I do not want to be included on your mailing list at this time