



## ► Leadership Team Update



I vividly remember seeing an advertisement a few months ago—I believe it was for a gum product—where, in an instant, life was back to “normal”: people were running through the streets hugging, laughing, and free to do anything they wanted. A flick of a switch and boom! The pandemic was over. The ad went viral for its catchy tune and freedom-like vibe. A little optimism crept up on me while watching it—the hope that we’ve all been clinging onto for almost two years felt a little bit more real. It feels good to now be writing this knowing that the optimism and hope I was feeling then are still somewhat present. While it’s hard to pinpoint the feeling, it’s almost like the stagnancy inside of me is slowly dissipating to make way for new, revived energy. There’s still a long way to go, and we aren’t out of this yet—moreso, our world isn’t at peace, and our families, communities, and loved ones locally and globally are not all safe. That feeling, though, is still inside me and inside many of the people I speak to these days. The glimmer is shining a bit more brightly. And re-energization feels darn good—both personally and professionally.

These past 20 months have allowed us at RADIUS to think more about how our programs, too, needed some reviving: from reflecting on the work we do in social innovation and systems change, we co-created new language to share the [what and how of our work](#); as part of the Refugee Livelihood Lab, we launched our first-ever certificate program, the [Migrant Systems Change Leadership Certificate](#); we hosted our first-ever [international RADIUS Fellowship](#); we partnered with organizations, higher education institutions, not-for-profits, communities, municipalities, and ministries to [run equity-centred training, coaching, and solution labs](#); we supported the development and delivery of the inaugural [Fireweed Fellowship](#) cohort, the first-ever national Indigenous Business Accelerator, alongside Raven Indigenous Capital Partners; and we were able to nationally share the [stories of the humans behind the Reimagine Health program](#), part of our Health Promotion Lab. What an incredible year—and from the bottom of my heart, I thank each member of the RADIUS team and all of our participants and partners for their dedication, passion, and patience as we all continue our social innovation and systems change journeys. I hope we can continue to hold on to the optimism and get excited for what’s next! I know I am!

– Leah Sanford, Associate Director, Education and Training

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# ► Behind the Scenes at RADIUS



## Our new Associate Director, Labs

This past quarter has been eventful at RADIUS with the temporary departure of Véronik Campbell, our Associate Director of Labs, who is stepping away to focus on her growing family. In addition, we welcomed **Dal Sohal** to the team this past July as the new Associate Director, Labs. We're thrilled to welcome Dal to the team. You can learn more about Dal on our blog.

Read more



### What's happening at the RADIUS office?

Gus is eager to see more faces in the RADIUS office this fall, although he's quite savvy with Zoom after 18 months of remote work. Members of the RADIUS team are slowly easing back to in-office operations and are monitoring provincial health recommendations daily. While SFU welcomes students, faculty, and staff back to campus, our programming remains online this fall.

We have paused our coworking service at the RADIUS office and will revisit future plans for co-working and hot-desking in 2022. You can email [community@radiussfu.com](mailto:community@radiussfu.com) to be added to a waitlist or if you have other co-working inquiries.

We are looking forward to inviting our RADIUS community back into our space when it is safe to do so, just as much as we are excited to slowly and safely be with community this fall.

# ► Program Updates





## Meet the Health Promotion Lab Trampoline Cohort 2021

We are thrilled to announce our latest Trampoline program cohort, part of the RADIUS Health Promotion Lab! 10 health-equity seeking changemakers join together to test their business ideas over eight sessions. Learn more about each participant and the communities they aim to serve.

[Read more](#)



## Refugee Livelihood Lab Trampoline - Apply Soon!

The Refugee Livelihood Lab has been working hard over the last few months and will soon be recruiting for their next program, **Trampoline: Ideas into Action!** Keep an eye out on our [social media](#) and [e-blasts](#) for when applications open. Check out our website for more information about the program.

[Learn more](#)

## RADIUS Fellowship 2021: That's a Wrap!

The 2021 RADIUS Fellowship has come to a close with a lot of firsts under our belt: first fully remote program, first Canada-wide and internationally-based cohort, first summertime offering. The 7th edition of the RADIUS Fellowship saw many changes, and we're sitting with an equal amount of learning and excitement as we reflect and plan for future iterations. Congrats to all the 2021 RADIUS Fellows — now alumni — who showed up with so much heart.

If you missed out on August's Emerge event, you can still read about the Fellows, their passion projects, and how to connect with them in our [Emerge Attendee Package](#). Interested in learning more about the Fellowship program or applying next time? Email us at [fellowship@radiussfu.com](mailto:fellowship@radiussfu.com) or [sign up for notifications](#).



Watch this [recap video of Emerge!](#)

## Finishing the Inaugural Fireweed Fellowship



July saw the wrap-up of the [Fireweed Fellowship](#), a nine-month program that brought together 23 Indigenous leaders in entrepreneurship and innovation in a decolonized space, created for those identifying as women (cis or trans), non-binary folx, 2 spirit, IndigiQueer etc.

What started as an entrepreneurship program soon became a culturally safe and healing space of community during a time of great uncertainty and loss. The Fellows came together to lift one another during times of hardship, and amplify each others' success during product launches and venture spotlights in the media. But more than that, through their unique lived experiences under a dominant culture that systematically oppresses and threatens their very existence, the Fireweed Fellows have found strength in each other. They recognize that their collective power is far greater than any one individual. They are the leaders of the new Indigenous economy; one that is more just and resilient, and one that works with the land, not against it.

Support the ventures and give them a follow! We've tagged each Fellow and their business on our Fireweed Fellowship Instagram posts.

Check it out

## ▶ Student Opportunities



### Social Innovation Seed Funding - Applications Open!

The **Social Innovation Seed Fund** is back again for 2021/22, and applications for Round 1 are open now! RADIUS SFU and [Embark Sustainability](#) have once again partnered to provide funding of **up to \$2,000**, depending on project size and budget, to SFU students. Learn more and apply today on our website!

Learn more



### Activate Your Degree: Entrepreneurial Mindset

Explore endless possibilities, go beyond the classroom, make an impact

September 27, 11:00 AM, Online

### Activate your Degree with the Entrepreneurial Mindset

Take your degree beyond the classroom and activate your education with the entrepreneurial mindset. Join the [Charles Chang Institute for Entrepreneurship](#) on Monday, September 27 to learn where SFU students started and how they have taken unconventional paths with their degrees to tackle real-world problems.

Register now

## ▶ In the Community





## President's Faculty Series

SFU Public Square is hosting the [President's Faculty Lectures](#), shining a light on research excellence at Simon Fraser University. These free public lectures celebrate cutting-edge research and researchers that engage with communities and mobilize knowledge to make real-world impacts. Lecturers will approach the themes of **equity and justice** from a variety of disciplines.

[Learn more](#)



## Disability Politics 101

How do we build a truly inclusive society? And what barriers stand in the way? Join our friends at Hollyhock in their **Disability Politics 101** workshop to explore the deep connections between Modern Western Ableism, Colonialism, and White Supremacy. Discover how ableism affects everyone, not just those who are disabled. Photo Credit: [Disabled and Here](#)

[Register now](#)



## Skookum Surrey: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Join Skookum Lab at Holland Park in Surrey (near the fountain) from 2-4 PM for an afternoon of stories, tea, bannock, and drumming. Attendees are encouraged to wear orange and bring your drum! Visit the website for more details.

[Learn more](#)



## National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation: Truth & Reconciliation Week

This event continues conversations about truths of the Indigenous treaties, First Nation, Métis and Inuit land claims, and the residential school system. Take part in activities and workshops supported by artistic and cultural performances by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists.

[Learn more](#)



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