Summer is a time to slow down, re-energize, reflect, and spend more time with loved ones and nature. We are leaning into that spirit at RADIUS, with folks taking vacations—and when at work—we’re exploring and mapping what’s to come in the fall.

We have a busy season of fall programming slated for the Refugee Livelihood and Health Promotion Labs and the RADIUS Fellowship! We’re excited to test out hybrid-learning models as we navigate creating community and collaborative spaces in a mix of in-person and online sessions. See our program updates below to find out which programs are still recruiting participants for their fall cohorts.

We hope this summer brings joy, exploration, and rejuvenation to you and yours. Thank you for being a part of our community. As always, reach out to us at community@radiussfu.com if you have questions or wish to collaborate.

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**Program Updates**

Fellowship Applications Close Sunday
Have you applied to the RADIUS Fellowship yet? We’re excited to bring back in-person sessions after a hiatus and welcome a new cohort of social innovators in the fall. Bring forth your lived experience and passion for economic transformation and social change in this personal and professional development program. Sliding scale cost to participate. Apply by Sunday, July 24 here.

Accepting Applications for Reimagine Health 2022

Do you want to join a group of changemakers passionate about tackling real-life health challenges and ideating sustainable solutions? Reimagine Health is your chance! Applications close Sunday, August 14. Half and full-bursaries are available. Learn more on our website and apply!

Marketing Workshop for RADIUS Alumni
Are you building or running a non-profit, for-profit, venture or co-op and need marketing help? Then we might have something for you! We designed a one-off workshop to offer alumni some market tools and insights, and give you a space to ask questions and find support. Join Alia Sunderji, who has over ten years of experience in the food, music, and publishing industries, for this free marketing workshop on Wednesday, August 3, from 3:30—5pm. Sign up here.

Indigenous Business Stories

The First Peoples Enterprise Accelerator Program and SFU's Beedie School of Business have been working on an exciting project to bring the traditional practice of storytelling to the business case teaching model. Our team envisions thriving

Fall Alumni Social

We are planning a RADIUS alumni engagement event to reconnect with our community in the fall. It's been too long since we hosted an event, and we are excited to bring folks together in celebration, connection, and community. More details to
economies based on Indigenous values of reciprocity, abundance, relational wellbeing and ethics of care. Our work is bringing decolonial practices, and indigenous content to business education, with a mission to share and reveal Indigenous ingenuity, wisdom, and worldview through story work; thus, enabling shifted perspectives about Indigenous business. Stay tuned for the release of our Indigenous business stories!

Behind the Scenes at RADIUS

Welcoming Skye & Daius to the Team

RADIUS welcomed two analysts to the team in partnership with the Social Innovation Academy's Impact Analyst Program. This program invites students to participate in a four-month work experience focusing on impact investment funds, advisory firms, incubators and accelerators across Canada. RADIUS is pleased to announce the selection of Skye Noh and Daius Steiner, both of whom are Sustainability majors at SFU's Beedie School of Business. Read the full story on our blog.

We're Hiring a Communications + Digital Media Coordinator

If you love telling stories, using your creativity, collaborating with teams, and bringing awareness to important issues and voices—you might want to apply for the Communications + Digital Media Coordinator role. Applications close this Sunday, July 24. Visit our website for full details and to apply.
Brave Coop offers insights to Health Promotion Lab participants

RADIUS caught up with Brave Cooperative, a Vancouver-based harm reduction technology coop and advisor to RADIUS’ Health Promotion Lab, to discuss their current work and what advice they would give to folks embarking on a health-entrepreneurship journey. Head over to our blog to read the full story.

Trampoline Alumni Reflect on their Learning Journey

The Refugee Livelihood Lab wrapped its third cohort of the Trampoline: Ideas into Action! program in April. Christiana Onabola, Sean Celi, Trisha Dulk, and Sujata Lama, participants of the program (now alumni!) reflected on their learning journeys and collaboratively created and edited this piece for the RADIUS blog.

Read the full post here!
July is Black Mental Health Awareness Month

The Vancouver Black Therapy & Advocacy Foundation is a not-for-profit initiative that aims to raise funds to center accessible care and provide barrier-free mental health support to Black Community members in the Lower Mainland. Earlier this month, the VBTA released a statement about the considerable reduction in funds received in 2022 compared to 2020/2021, when activism and allyship were at their peak after the murder of George Floyd. If you have the means, consider donating to help connect Black community members to accredited Black therapists locally. Donate here.

Workshop: Transitions 101

SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue & Tesicca Truong host a one-hour workshop on Wednesday, July 27, 12-1pm on transitioning from being a university student to a person pursuing a career. For many, attaining a job post-grad takes time and effort. As a fellow young person, Tesicca understands this and can help you through crafting a compelling professional identity to understanding the ins and outs of filling out job applications. Register here.

It’s Pride Month!

Many communities celebrate Pride in full force during the summer months. Vancouver’s Pride Parade is on Sunday, July 31. If you’re a first-timer or have general questions about how to stay and feel safe during Pride—check out this article by Them. For those interested in other opportunities to celebrate Pride beyond the parade, events are happening in various pockets of the city. Check out this list from the Vancouver Pride Society for a roundup of local events.

Job Opportunity for SFU Student

Embark Sustainability is hiring a part-time Coordinator for the Social Innovation Seed Fund—a joint fund led by RADIUS and Embark Sustainability. The role works closely with the Seed Fund coordinator at RADIUS, the selection committee, and is the primary contact between Seed Fund applicants, successful recipients, and alumni! The deadline to apply is August 1. Learn more here.
Restorative Summer Holiday!
Friend of RADIUS, Hollyhock Lifelong Learning Centre, has a few dates available for their Restorative Summer experiences on Cortes Island. If you're feeling burned out, disconnected, or just need to escape the city—it may be time to enjoy the serenity and beauty of the local landscape. Available dates include August 10th - 14th + August 14th - 19th. Learn more.

Connect with Indigenous Entrepreneurs
Calling all Indigenous entrepreneurs! You're invited to join the SOAR Digital Gathering of Indigenous Entrepreneurs on September 15, 2022, to connect with and hear from incredible Indigenous entrepreneurs across Canada. A few Fireweed Fellowship alum are speakers: @sisters_sage, virtual_gurus & @raven_reads! Registration is free. Check out the website to explore the speakers, sessions, and other opportunities.

Follow us on social media for more!