#### A Word from Our Director

Being a part of a broader university community often prompts us to approach the fall season with a sense of renewal. As the leaves begin to turn and campuses come to life, many things feel possible. In that spirit, we're excited to welcome what we're pretty sure is a record 72 (!) new faces to the RADIUS community, celebrating new cohorts in our Migrant Systems Change Leadership Certificate, Reimagine Health program, and RADIUS Fellowship program, alongside five wonderful new team members.

In preparing this introduction, I took some time to read our new participant's bios, inspired as always by the stories of those who have come from so many different starting points to embark on programs carefully built to elevate their leadership and ideas for tackling tough social challenges. If you're looking for a shot of hope in a tumultuous world, I really encourage you to pause today and do the same. Follow the links in the sections below, wander through the new pictures and bios, and I promise you will leave deeply encouraged by the possibilities embodied in these incredible community innovators, entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, and movement builders. They join many hundreds of RADIUS alumni, advisors, supporters, and partners, all working in their own ways to help build a regenerative economy where all can flourish.

Of course, we also face no shortage of reminders of the urgency of this work, whether record droughts, increasing precarity for the most economically vulnerable, conflict and climate-driven migration, or the brave fight for freedom being led by women right now, today, in Iran. We know that the answers to these challenges and the new systems that need to emerge must be rooted in the experience and leadership of those most directly impacted, and our team works hard to make sure this is deeply reflected in the leadership, design, delivery, and participants of the programs shared here. We are making further steps in this direction with the complete revamp of our social venture incubation and acceleration offerings, to be relaunched through an equity-centred lens in the coming months. Please stay tuned for more in the next newsletter as we roll out programming with our community partners in the new year.

For now, please read on for a deeper dive into what's happening this fall at RADIUS, and we hope to see you through an event, workshop, or program soon.

Shawn Smith, Director RADIUS



## **Behind the Scenes**

**New Faces at RADIUS!** 



Some new faces joined the team this summer/fall. Say hello to Amanda, Caitlin, Claire, Joanne, and Khalid! Each individual brings a wealth of experience and passion to their roles, and we are thrilled to have them on the team. Please take a moment to learn more about them on our website.

# **Program Updates**

Meet the 2022 RADIUS Fellows



We are honoured to welcome 22 new Fellows into the RADIUS Fellowship program this fall. This is our first fully in-person Fellowship since 2019, and we are amazed at the passion the cohort has exhibited. Each participant was selected for their admirable dedication to shifting systems within today's toughest problems, such as language access, workers and tenant rights, decolonizing institutional spaces, and embedding underrepresented voices in policy change. Learn more about the cohort on our blog, and join us next month for <a href="Emerge">Emerge</a>, the Fellowship's showcase event!

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### **Emerge Is Back!**



Join us on November 23 from 6-9pm for **Emerge**, an evening of relationship-building and community problem-solving with the RADIUS Fellows. You will have the opportunity to connect with folks from the RADIUS community and the Fellows who are looking to engage

in discussion and cultivate relationships for their systems-change work. Get your ticket today!

Learn More

## **Welcoming the New Reimagine Health Cohort**



This year's cohort includes 22 participants chosen for their dedication to making a positive health impact in their communities through innovative ideas. Reimagine Health is part of RADIUS's Health Promotion Lab, programming that centres health equity by fostering the creation and incubation of equity-based models, ventures, partnerships, and interventions, by those from communities disproportionately impacted by health inequities. Learn more about this year's cohort on the blog.

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**Migrant Systems Change Leadership 2.0!** 



For our second year offering the Migrant Systems Change Leadership Certificate program from our Refugee Livelihood Lab, we're joined by 23 outstanding participants with refugee or immigrant experience who demonstrate commitment to addressing issues faced by migrant communities. The Lab is honoured to share space with this group of leaders who show up with their many diverse perspectives and ideas that challenge existing systems. Learn more about the participants on the blog.

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# **SFU Student Opportunities**

**Get Funding for Your Idea!** 



Did you know you could receive up to \$2000 for an impactful social innovation project? From one-day events to year-long social impact initiatives, RADIUS and Embark

Sustainability's Social Innovation Seed Funding provides funding for SFU students and recent grads. Don't wait - the deadline to apply for Round 2 is **November 20, 2022!** Full details are on our <u>website</u>.

# On the Blog

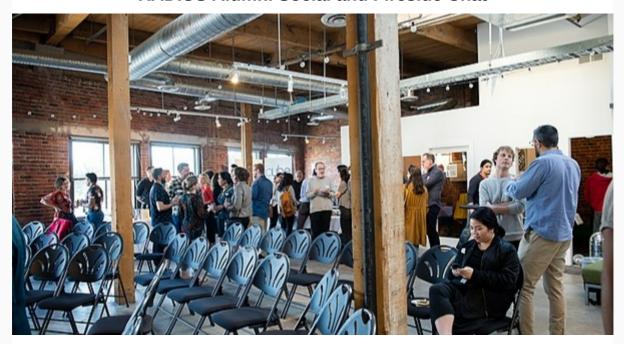


What happens when health systems are designed with lived experiences as a foundation?

Read about the ongoing work of previous Reimagine Health participants in the health-equity space.

## **Alumni Corner**

#### **RADIUS Alumni Social and Fireside Chat**



Have you heard of a cool venture by a RADIUS alum and wish you had a chance to speak to the founder? Or have you been wondering what your fellow alums have been up to since graduating from the program? Or maybe you've been hoping to catch up with your cohort for a while and haven't settled on a date yet. If any of these sound familiar, then this event is for you! Join us for a social and in-person fireside chat on **December 1, 5-7pm**. RADIUS alum Upkar Tatley, Founder of Oxus Machine Works, Engaged Communities, and Stop Overdose App, is joining us in conversation. Come socialize and participate in the discussion! For more details, add yourself to the event mailing list here.

# In the Community

**Applications open for The Odlum Brown** 







#### **Forum Pitch**

Up to \$90,000 in prizing, resources, exposure, education, coaching and mentorship will be awarded to three businesses in 2023—could it be you? Share your business vision in a 1-minute video with The Forum and find out! When you apply, you'll also gain access to a nationwide community of entrepreneurs, business leaders and investors who will actively work to open doors for you. Apply by October 27, 2022, here.

# Support for Iranian Students, Faculty, Staff, & Supporters

SFU stands in solidarity with all the communities impacted by the ongoing situation in Iran and shares concerns for all Iranians—especially Iranian women—who courageously stand up for human rights at their personal costs. If you have been affected by the situation in Iran, there is help available within our community. See a list of available services available here.

#### **Nominations Open for Dialogue Award**

The Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue is presented to an individual who has demonstrated international excellence in dialogue to increase mutual understanding and advance complex public issues.

Nominations are encouraged from around the world, in international diplomacy & conflict resolution, climate solutions, diversity and inclusion, democracy and civic engagement, and connecting with policymakers. The award endowment includes funds to cover recipient transportation and associated programming costs, as well as a CAD \$10,000 cash award. Full details found here.











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