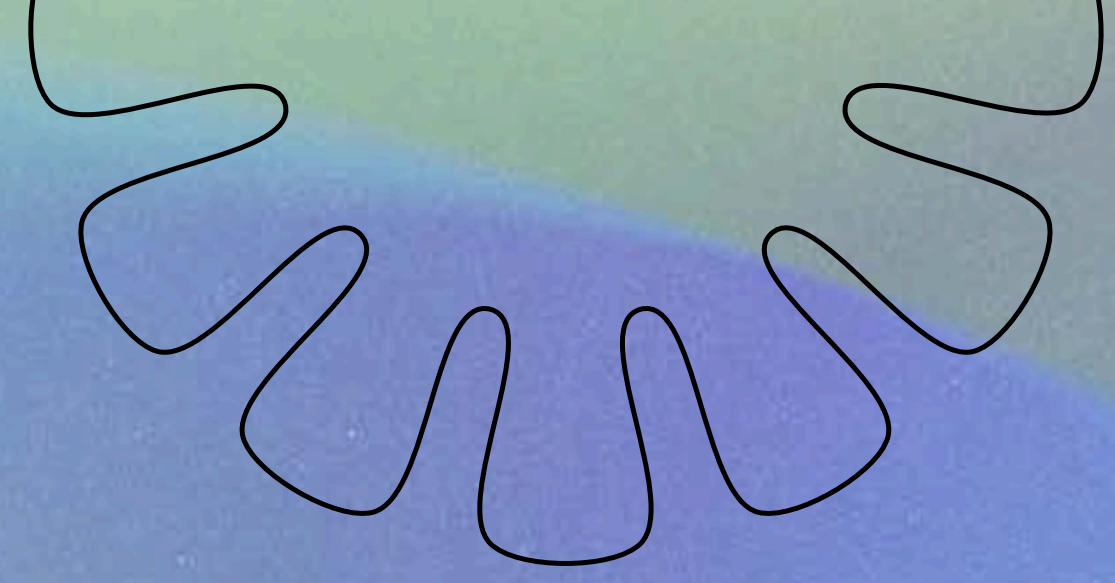




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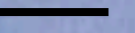
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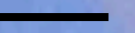


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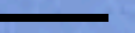
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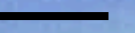
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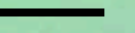
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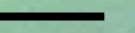
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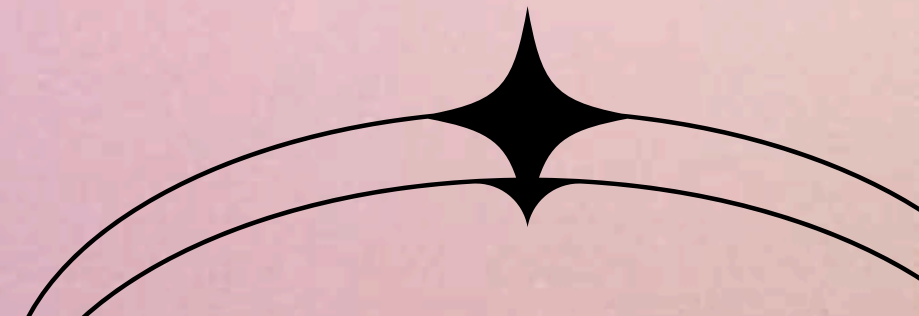




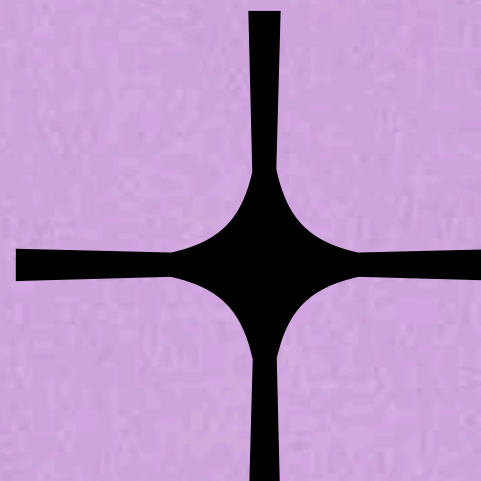
# Our Mission & Values

Our mission is **to mobilize and create opportunities for peer workers and peer-led community responses** through meaningful employment in advocacy and decision-making.

We **value the self-liberation of peers through sustainable, meaningful, multicultural and community-led employment** that generates equity, capacity building, and power for peers and people with lived experience.



# Our Team



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**katie (she/her)**

- Co-coordinator & Board Member
- Frontline Harm Reduction Worker and Housing Encampment Advocate



**Swallow (she/her)**

- Founding Member & Board Member
- Respected Vancouver Chinatown Elder, Writer, Editor, Translator, and Artist



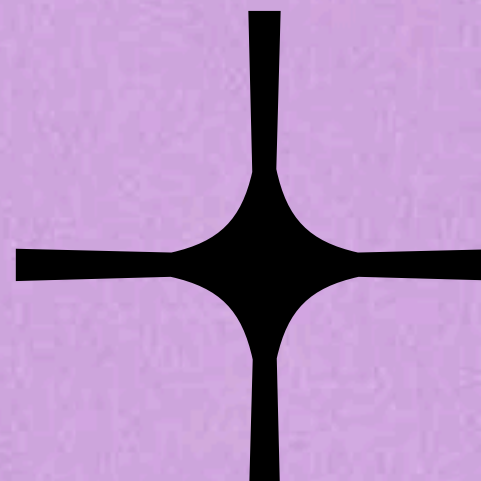
**Alessa (she/they)**

- Founding Member & Board Member
- Artist, Community Advocate, and Peer Worker



**Ryan (all pronouns)**

- Founding Member & Board Member
- Youth Case Worker and Program Coordinator



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## **Ionnes (she/her)**

- Co-coordinator & Board Member
- Writer, Community Program Coordinator, and Anti-Poverty Advocate



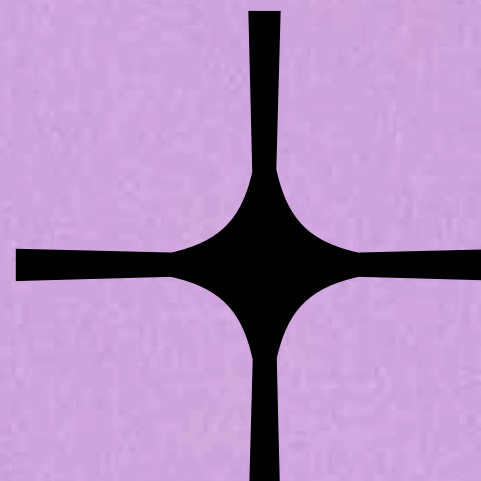
## **Rachel (she/her)**

- Founding Member
- Disability Advocate and Frontline Peer Worker

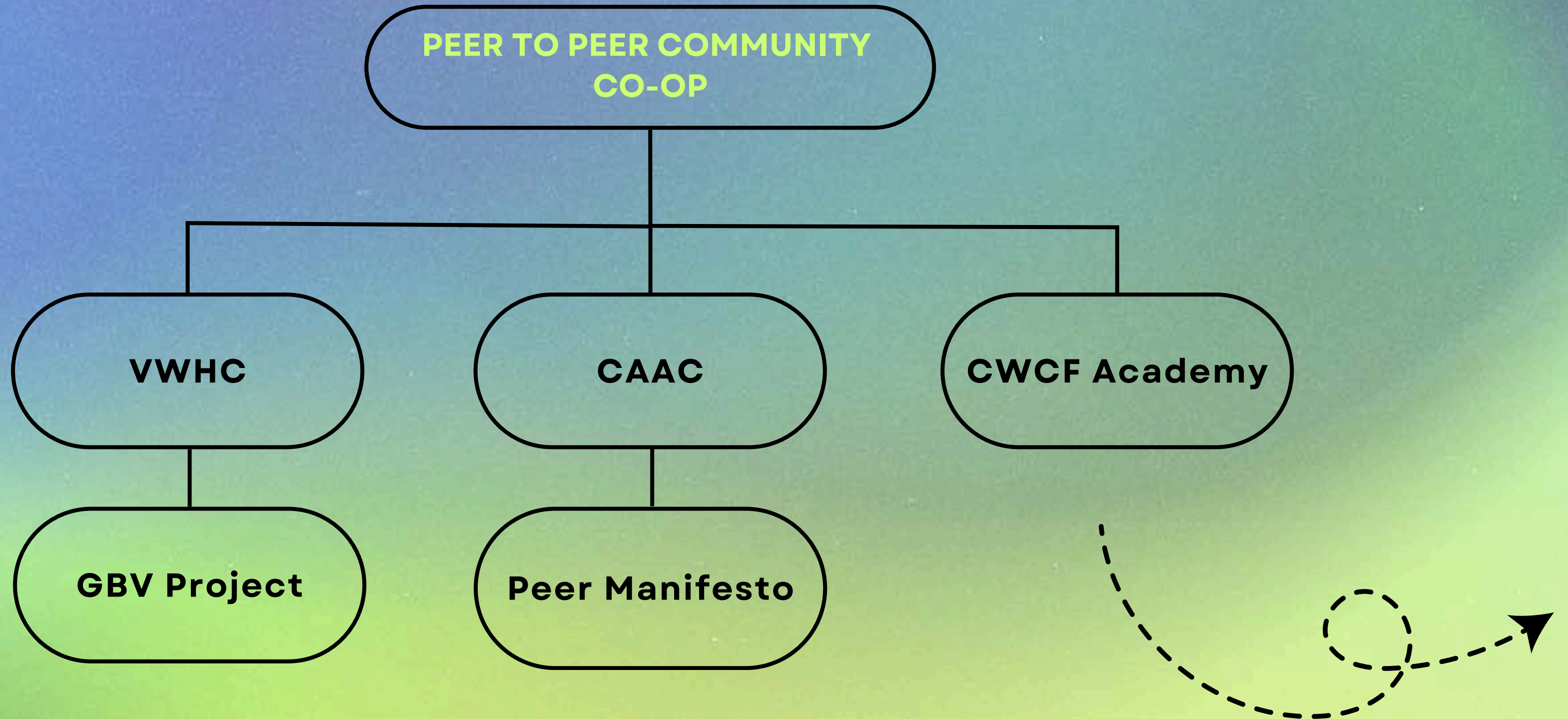


## **Louise (she/they)**

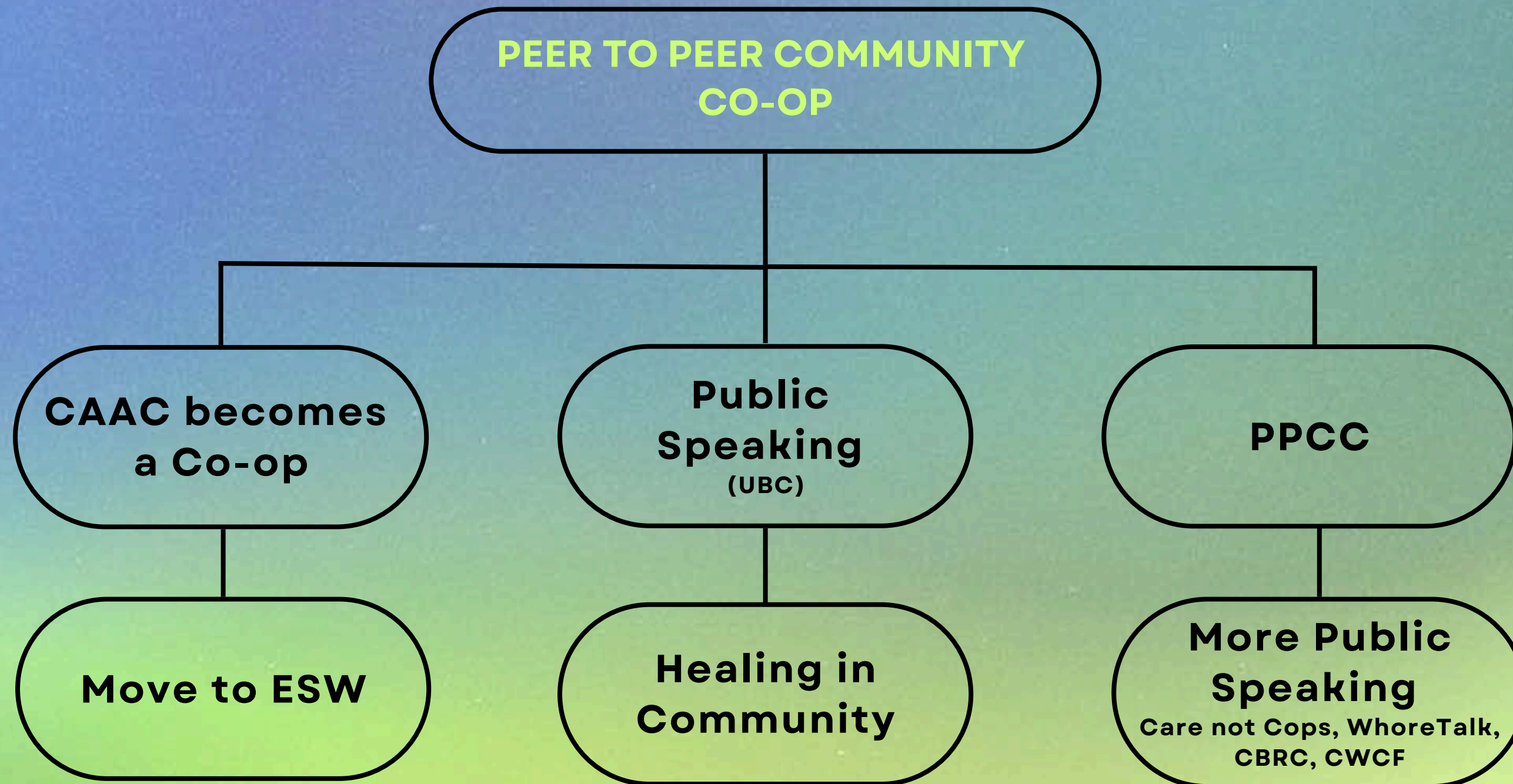
- Founding Member & Board Member
- Sex Work Advocate and Peer Worker



# Our Story



# Our Story (cont'd)



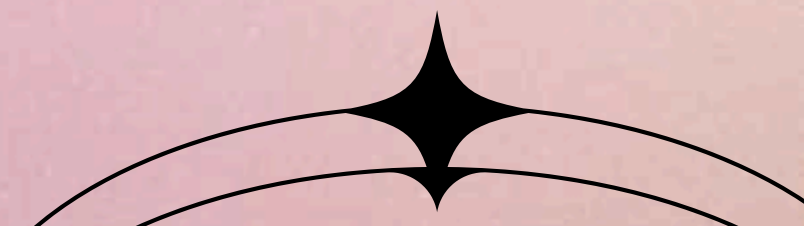




# Our Vision & Purpose

Become **leaders in peer-led employment and continue to be a reference point for key decision-makers** to create and enact policies that closely understand peers and people with lived experience.

Build capacity within marginalized communities for **advocacy and systemic change** by providing peers with tools and knowledge through meaningful and community-led employment.



# Peer Manifesto

1/ Redefine The Word “Peers”

2/ Empower Peers

3/Set Peers Up for Success

4/Be Accountable to Peers

**THE PEER MANIFESTO**  
TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) IN THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE (DTES)

**1 IT'S TIME TO REDEFINE THE WORD "PEER"**  
A peer: someone who lives/has lived in the community, someone who hustles in the community, someone with strong connections to the community. Peers are first respondents, they are liaisons between the community and the rest of the world.  
Peers are always the most knowledgeable about their problems, the best suited to resolve them, and the most invested in making a change in their communities.

**2 EMPOWER PEERS**  
Investing in peer programming is a direct way to empower the community and give people the tools and skills they need to overcome their challenges.  
We need more peer programs with professional development that includes advocacy, media, and leadership training.

**3 SET PEERS UP FOR SUCCESS**  
Listen to peers, and ask them what training and support they need. Work slower if you have to.  
Leave non-profit language out and speak truthfully.

**4 BE ACCOUNTABLE TO PEERS**  
Peers need to be paid minimum wage at the very least. But strive for more. If you're getting a raise, can they too? Explore all avenues to ensure financial stability. Peer programs should not be an afterthought.  
Advocate for more money/hours, better stability, and improved contracts. Call out organizations that fail to honour their commitment to peers.

HELP US MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR WOMEN AND GENDER-DIVERSE PEOPLE IN THE DTES.  
**WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!**  
The Community Advisory Action Co-op  
(Rider, Louis, Alessa, Swallow, Ryan, Rachel, Katie, and Jonnes)

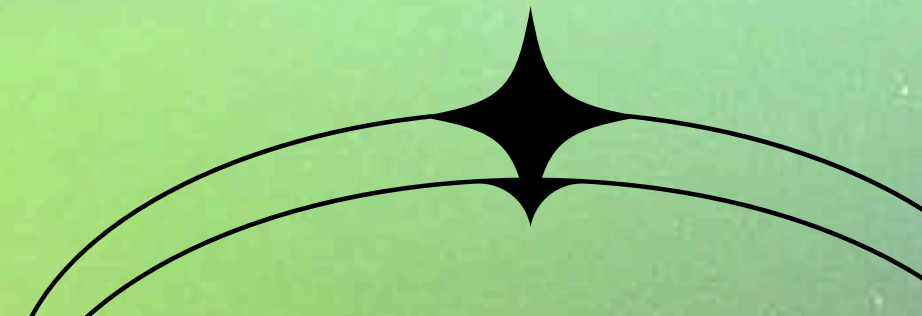


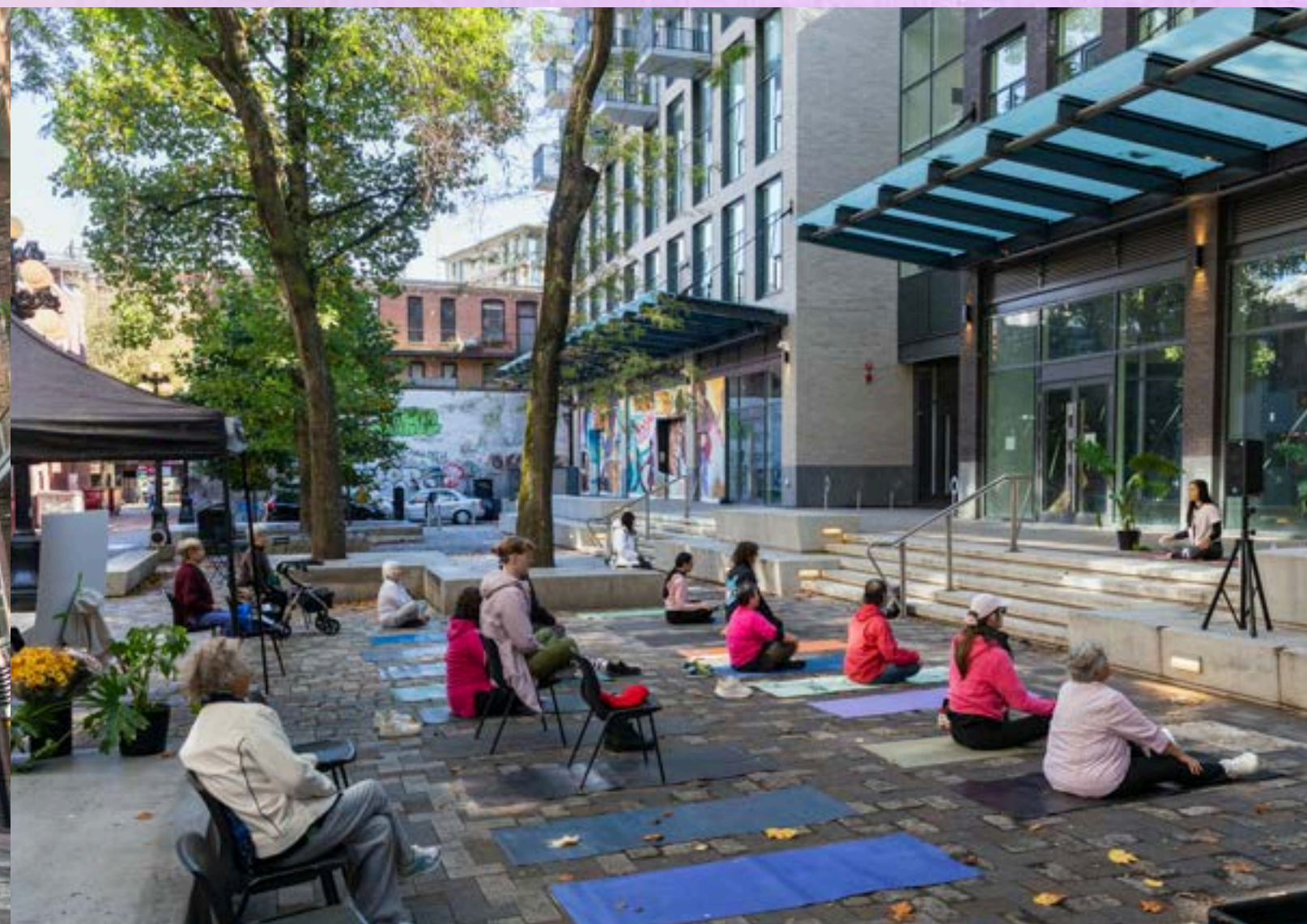
# Our Services

- Research & Data Collection
- Community Workshops & Training
- Advisory and Consulting Services



- Public Speaking & Advocacy
- Community Event Planning





# Healing in Community

Our first event focused on uplifting women and gender-diverse folks who are part of the DTES community and are survivors of GBV. Our event included two cultural experts facilitating trauma-sensitive mouvement classes at an outdoor space



## **What the event accomplished:**

- building internal capacity / member skill development
- community outreach (GBV resources, peer labour)
- fostering community and building relationships with community members



# Our Accomplishments ✨

March  
2024

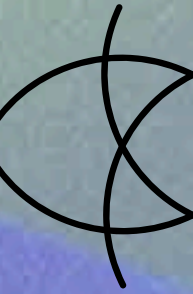
Incorporated  
Federally

Booked our First  
Public Speaking Gig  
(UBC)

April  
2024

Start of weekly  
meetings with  
founding members

Secured Funding for  
Worker Payments  
(12 months) & Grant  
Funding for an Event







Summer 2024

Presented in UBC  
urban ethnographic  
field school class

Joined West Coast  
Leaf's Family  
Wellbeing Coalition

**September 2024**

Hosted our First  
Event:  
Healing in  
Community

Finished our Rules of  
Association

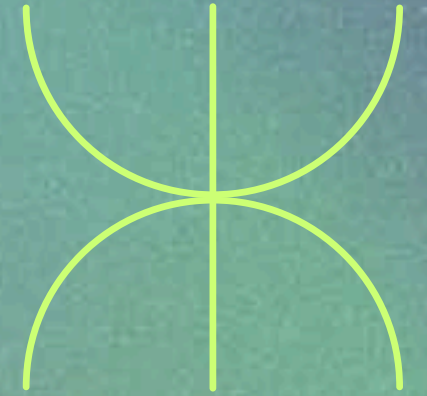
**October 2024**

Incorporated  
Provincially (BC!)

Had our First AGM



# What's next for us



**Whorestory & Care Not  
Cops Presentations**  
November 2024

**Community Based  
Research Centre  
Summit Presentation**  
November 2024

**Finishing the CWCF Co-op  
Academy**  
Spring 2025

**Expanded Healing in  
Community Workshop  
Series**  
Spring 2025

**Developing Training  
Material & Finding  
Consulting Clients**  
2025



Have questions?  
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