

CAMPUS UNITED UVIC

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OUR TEAM

2025-2026

Campus United is a part of the United Church of Canada, working on post-secondary campuses to facilitate community and address student needs. Our programs are free, affirming and open to all. Our campuses include UVic, SFU, UBC, UNBC, UoC, Red Deer Polytechnic and Selkirk College. Campus United UVic ran three major programs this spring: Belonging Dinner, Craft Night and Queer DnD.

Our work, alongside these events, have and continue to take place on the unceded territories of the Lək'wənən (Lekwungen) Peoples, now known as the Songhees and Xʷsepsəm (Esquimalt) Nations, and the WSÁNEĆ Peoples who have stewarded the lands and waters since time immemorial.

"I am passionate about creating spaces where everyone feels safe enough to participate fully and freely. I believe community is built when everyone takes part. After 30 years in congregational ministry, much of my work now happens in a different kind of sanctuary – the kitchen – a place where people from all backgrounds can gather, share stories, and feel at home. When I'm not cooking, you'll likely find me playing pickleball or running around UVic." - Min-Goo Kang (he/him)

"I recently finished my undergrad in Applied Linguistics and am hoping to become an ESL teacher! I spend a good portion of any given day thinking about food, mostly soup, and I've had the fortune to be able to contribute what I love doing towards the programs at Campus United." - Shawn Jung (he/him)

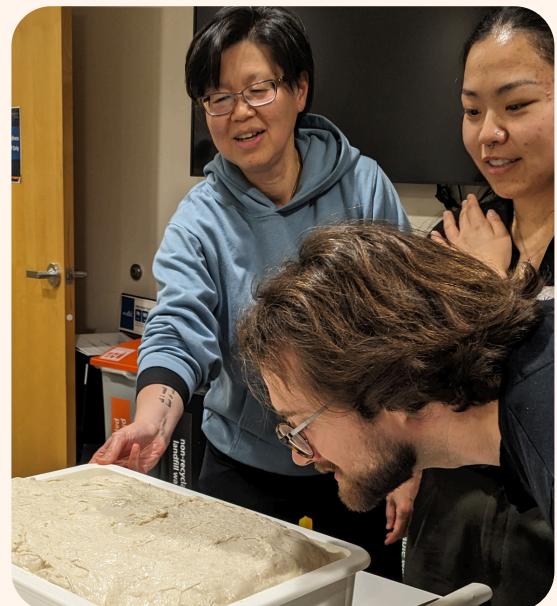
"I am currently a UVic student working towards my Bachelor's Degree in Religion, Culture and Society. I spend most of my time mending clothes, playing video games and laying in the sun (weather permitting). My continual focus in my work as a Community Connector is centring decolonization and accessibility in our programs." - Soph Helm (they/them)

B E L O N G I N G D I N N E R

University is often a time where meals need to be negotiated with busy schedules and new, unfamiliar environments. Belonging Dinners seek to address this by providing a space where people can come together to cook and share a meal in community. Each session is lead by a different host who shares the foods that remind them of home, and the stories that are inherent to them.

This semester we had another incredible menu, brought to us by an amazing group of collaborators: Bibimbap and Kimchi with our own Min-Goo Kang, Sambar and Ghee rice with Priyanka Lopez from the Campus Community Garden, Sourdough with Fionna Chong from VCC Baking and Pastry Arts, and Arepas and Gorditas with the Uvic Latinos Club!

We would also like to offer special thanks to the Community Garden for their generous donations, and to our steadfast volunteer, N., for their faithful continued care.



Testimonies:

"The atmosphere is always so warm and welcoming, and everyone is genuinely happy to share their stories. Plus, they even encourage you to take leftovers home! If you're even a little curious about food from different cultures, you have to try Belonging Dinner – it's the best way at UVic to taste authentic home-cooked meals and make friends while you're at it!" - J. O.

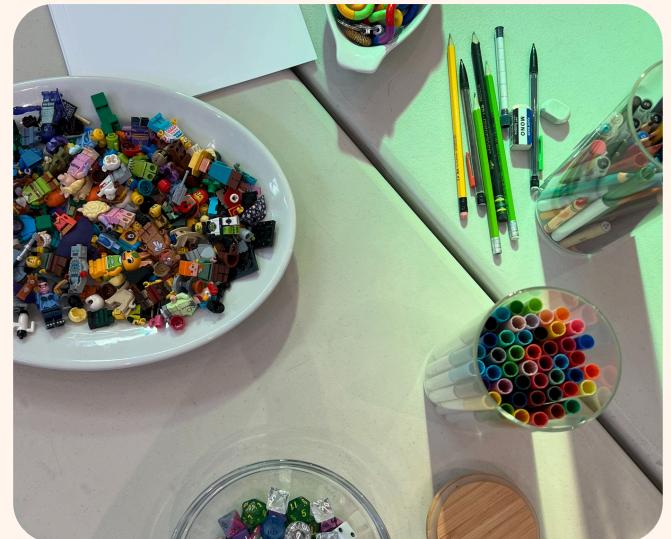
"Belonging Dinners have been one of the most nourishing programs that I have attended during my time at the UVic! Learning to cook and eating a wide range of dishes with a welcoming community has been incredibly heartwarming and fun, and a much needed reprieve from the stress of law school." - K. Z.

QUEER DND

Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game, led by a Dungeon Master (DM) where players traverse imagined worlds, meet quirky characters and collaborate to solve, or create, problems.

Queer DnD is a program made for and by those in the 2SLGBTQ+ community in the hopes of fostering creation and community. We have the honour of having Teague Arseneau (he/him) as our Dungeon Master!

We also hope to address the understandable hesitation some Queer people have when entering a space of faith, due to the history of 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination and marginalization in the Christian faith.



Testimonies:

"Found some awesome and creative people who share a passion for communal storytelling and roleplaying games." - T. A.

"Queer DnD is a safe and welcoming space for new and experienced players to express our creativity, and immerse ourselves in a magical universe. Finding a space that is welcoming for queer people can be challenging, since many gaming spaces feel dominated by hegemonic masculinity, but Queer DnD has been different from the beginning. Thank you for organizing, and the snacks are always great!" - C.

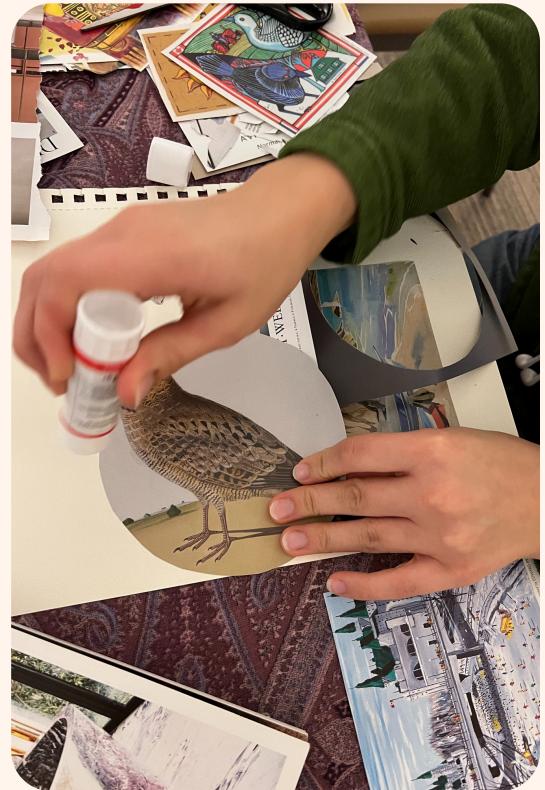
"Queer DnD allowed me to connect with my community in a fun and welcoming environment! I've always wanted to play DnD, and I couldn't ask for a better introduction to the game. This was definitely the highlight of my term! :)" - Anon

CRAFT NIGHT

Craft Night is a drop-in crafting space with free supplies, snacks and drinks. Attendees can explore different artistic mediums without having to worry about the financial burden, and can spend time with peers without the pressures of intense socialization.

Our dimmer lighting, warm drinks and calming music has made these Craft Nights incredibly cozy. This low-stimulation space encourages attendees to detox from the stresses of everyday life, and engage in tactile creation.

We build community through co-creation, parallel play and creative exploration.



Testimonies:

"This was my first experience with Multifaith and the organizers made me feel really welcomed. It was nice to have the chance to foster creativity and try some new techniques." - H. F.

"I'd been looking for an event like this for so long! I love that it's self-directed but also has a community aspect. Plus having access to art supplies is so wonderful, especially as a student on a budget." - A. E.

HOW TO SUPPORT

We believe that meaningful gathering on these lands and water is impossible without honouring and supporting its original stewards.

Please Consider Donating to the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

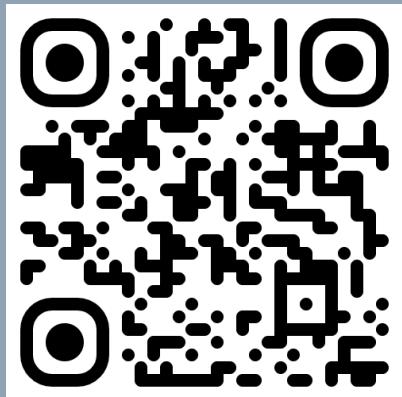
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- Donate Art supplies for Craft Night
- Bring Soup for an Inclusive Christians Service
- Pray for the Emotional, Spiritual & Physical Well-Being of Students
- Invite us to Share our Story During your Sunday Worship

Your gift helps create spaces where students feel safe, seen, and a sense of belonging.

* Each Belonging Dinner costs about \$160 & each Queer DnD session cost about \$100.

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