

# Community Asset Mapping Library Partnership Project



## Who are we?

The British Columbia Community Asset Mapping Network (BCCAMN) is a group of citizens from around the province learning how to use community mapping as a way to build connections and increase inclusion and belonging for all people. Our network was started by Community Living BC Councils made up of people with diverse abilities, their family members and community partners.

## Our Vision

*Welcoming, kind and inclusive communities where all people know how and where to connect in their community.*

## What we're hoping to do:

- Partner with local public libraries across BC to co-host a series of 'themed mapping' and 'visioning' community sessions to engage citizens about where they feel welcome, connected and included in their community.
- Map and share information gathered on a physical map to be displayed in the library, as well as on the My Community BC online platform (under development with the Family Support Institute).

**Objective:** Local library becomes a hub and a well-known resource for people seeking social connection to find out about inclusive and welcoming places and opportunities in their community. This project would also:

- Identify, celebrate and share community gifts and assets
- Co-develop a community vision around inclusion, accessibility and social connection
- Provide data and content for community vision and asset map to share in both electronic and hard copy form.

**Project activities include:**

- Work with library to promote events and invite key partners to mapping sessions: Friendship Centres, Neighbourhood houses, Recreation Centres, etc.
- Host public mapping sessions\* at the library with large physical map that can be displayed and built on at the library (\*2 or 3 sessions between Oct 2018-March 2019).
- Develop a project survey tool with key questions (the same questions being used in the mapping sessions) that can be used to gather more data. For example:
  - \* Where do you go in your community to connect to others?
  - \* Where do you go in community where you feel welcome?
  - \* Where are the places in community that go above and beyond to be accessible?.

**The difference we want to make:**

We hope community mapping across the province will help people seeking social connection to:

- Build confidence and opportunities to participate in and contribute to community
- Increase opportunities for social connection and relationship building
- Create community partnerships that promote belonging and inclusion for all people.