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**Subject:** Invitation to BCOHRC Hate to Hope Immersive Exhibit Fort St John Opening Reception, May 9th 6:30-8:30pm



Hello;

The BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC) would like to invite you to attend a reception to open our immersive exhibit, *From Hate to Hope*, at the Peace Gallery North.

This event is the culmination of more than a year's worth of work in the Office's annual public campaign which was inspired by themes in the [From Hate to Hope report](#). In August 2021, B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner Kasari Govender launched an inquiry into the rise of hate in B.C. during the COVID-19 pandemic. The March 2023, findings and [recommendations](#) were clear: hate will increase in times of societal crisis unless we are all decisive in addressing it.

The exhibit features an immersive audio-visual experience that captures the voices, images, and art of community youth and painters as well as the commissioner who joined together to draw inspiration from the words of British Columbians across the province. We hope to spark important conversations on these themes and ensure we keep breathing life to the stories we heard. This is in addition to our broader work in addressing systemic discrimination in the province, and our continued work to ensure the Government of BC implements the recommendations of the report. We will also be hosting the Hate to Hope Exhibit in Vancouver, Kelowna, and Nanaimo.

#### **Public Exhibit**

The Fort St. John exhibit is open to the public free of charge on May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at the Peace Gallery North during regular hours of operation. We encourage you to

share the attached promotional poster for the public exhibit throughout your communities and networks.

### **Reception Event**

We hope you can join us for the May 9th reception event! Let's come together to celebrate the exhibit, make new connections, & deepen those relationships we already have. Please note that due to capacity limitations registration is required for this event. **Please RSVP here:** <https://forms.office.com/r/B1JYqEb4ga>

**Date:** May 9, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. MST

**Location:** Peace Gallery North

10015- 100 Ave Fort St. John [Map link](#)

**Territory:** This event will take place on Treaty 8 territory on the traditional lands of the Dane-zaa peoples of the Doig River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation, and Halfway River First Nation.

**Program details:** Guests are welcome to arrive at 6:30pm in the main gallery for light refreshments and opening remarks from BCOHC Executive Director of Education and Engagement Sharon Thira, followed by offerings from community and an opportunity to explore the Hate to Hope immersive exhibit in the multipurpose room

Please feel free to contact us at [events@bchumanrights.ca](mailto:events@bchumanrights.ca) with any questions. We look forward to sharing space with you.

With thanks,

### **The BCOHRC Engagement Team**

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