



THE SEPTEMBER PURPLE POST



A NOTE FROM ESEBC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Christine Petkau*



September always seems to bring a renewed sense of energy, and there's certainly plenty happening at ESEBC as we head into fall! In this issue, I'm especially pleased to introduce you to some of the wonderful people who give their time, talents and enthusiasm to our work. Our volunteers and Board members are an important part of our ESEBC team, and we are incredibly fortunate to have people who care so deeply about the individuals and families we serve.

We're also looking ahead to our annual Bid for Hope online auction, a fun Burger & Brew fundraiser, and our 2nd annual Purple Doors: BC Schools Halloween Epilepsy Awareness Challenge. You'll find plenty of ways in this issue to get involved, connect with us,

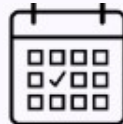
support our work and help spread the word, including a simple way your workplace may be able to make your own donation go even further.

Thank you for continuing to be part of the ESEBC community. We're looking forward to a wonderful fall together!



BID FOR HOPE ONLINE AUCTION

SEPTEMBER 8 – OCTOBER 8, 2026



BID FOR HOPE ONLINE AUCTION

From September 8 – October 8, 2026

Raise your bid, raise epilepsy awareness

Featuring items from:

Summerland Waterfront Resort & Spa | Butchart Gardens | Vancouver Whitecaps | Bc Lions | Penticton Lakeside Resort | Cactus Club Café | Abbotsford Canucks | Grouse Mountain | Revelstoke Mountain Resort | Lepp Farm Market | Quilchena Golf and Country Club | Capilano Suspension Bridge | Brodeur's Bistro | Kismet Estate Winery | Ballet BC | The Real Canadian Superstore | Dead Frog Brewery | Banter Ice Cream | The Old Spaghetti Factory | Vancouver Warriors | Abbotsford Air Show | Greater Vancouver Zoo | Vancouver Canucks | Abbotsford AgriFair | Nature's Path Organic Foods | Vancouver Canadians | Tumbleweed Spirits Distilling



The Centre for
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in British Columbia



[Click Here to Preview Bid for Hope](#)

A vertical poster for the "Burger & Brew" event. The background is a purple-tinted photo of the interior of The Canadian Brewhouse. The event title "Burger & Brew" is in large white letters. Below it, text describes the event: "Join us **October 3rd at 7:00 PM** for an exciting Canucks game night!" and "\$35/person includes a burger, fries & one drink. 50/50 raffle on-site! Enjoy the game, great food, and support ESEBC!". A list of inclusions follows: "✓ Burger, fries, and a drink", "✓ 50/50 raffle", and "✓ Vancouver Canucks vs Calgary Flames game". The location is "The Canadian Brewhouse, 3122 Mount Lehman Rd, Abbotsford, BC". Contact information includes a phone number "604-853-7399" and a website "https://esebc.ca/". On the right side, there is a graphic of a 50/50 raffle ticket and a photo of a burger with a Canadian flag on a toothpick. A "Contact Us" button is at the bottom right.

Burger & Brew

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- ✓ Vancouver Canucks vs Calgary Flames game

THE CANADIAN BREWHOUSE

The Canadian Brewhouse
3122 Mount Lehman Rd, Abbotsford, BC

Phone
604-853-7399

Website
<https://esebc.ca/>

50/50 RAFFLE

Contact Us

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)

VOLUNTEER Feature



Hi! I'm Reegan, a volunteer with ESEBC. I support the team through administrative work, outreach, and fundraising for ESEBC's programs. Outside of volunteering, I'm a Biology and Psychology student who enjoys mountain biking, hiking, and spending time at the gym. I'm excited to be part of such a great team!

Hi! My name is Lauren and I'm a dedicated community volunteer with a passion for helping others. I really love volunteering at The Centre for Epilepsy, I feel like I'm doing something that really matters!



Purple Doors HALLOWEEN EPILEPSY AWARENESS CHALLENGE



CALLING BC CLASSROOMS

Join ESEBC's October Halloween

Purple Doors Challenge!

Decorate. Learn. Raise Awareness.

Help open the door to greater understanding of epilepsy



2025 Winning Door at John Henderson Elementary (Grade 5/6)

Open to all **Middle & High Schools**

Tasty Prizes • Creativity • Epilepsy Awareness

Full details coming soon!



[Click Here to Participate](#)

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

*Epilepsy Connect
Mandala Art*



Join Us

Epilepsy Connect Support Group

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom – virtual link will be sent upon registration

Register through www.esebc.ca or email
info@esebc.ca for more information.



mandala art expression series

Register today and receive a free paint kit!

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 @ 1:30 pm

Registration Deadline for Free Paint Kit: September 14, 2026

Place: Facebook Live (virtual)

(<https://www.facebook.com/centreforepilepsy/>)

Register through www.esebc.ca or
email info@esebc.ca for more
information.



Epilepsy Connect Registration

Mandala Art Registration

BOARD FEATURE

Taryn Smith



I've spent the majority of my career in health care, so I've always felt a strong connection to work that ultimately supports people's health and wellbeing. That connection is also personal for me. A close family friend lives with a significant neurological disorder, which has given me a much deeper appreciation for the impact that access to the right care, supports and benefits can have on someone's life. When the opportunity to join the ESEBC Board came up, that combination of my professional background and personal connection really resonated with me.

What has inspired me most is how connected ESEBC is to the people and communities it serves. I've been really impressed by how much effort goes into engaging directly with individuals and families, whether through education, support groups, community presentations, wellness activities or simply creating opportunities for people to connect with others who understand what they are going through. There is a real emphasis on making information and support accessible and meeting people where they are.

What excites me most is the opportunity to help normalize conversations about epilepsy and seizures more broadly. These conditions can sound scary, and there can still be a lot of misunderstanding about what it means to live with one. For me, it's about ensuring people affected by epilepsy or seizures have the education, resources and support they need to stay connected to their communities, workplaces and the things that give their lives purpose. A diagnosis may change parts of someone's life, but it doesn't change the value they bring or their ability to contribute and make a difference. I'm also looking forward to continuing to learn from the other Board members and contributing to where ESEBC goes next.



We're so grateful for all of the time, energy, and kindness she brought to ESEBC this summer. Loveleen has been such a lovely part of our team, and we're going to miss having her around the office. Thank you for everything, Loveleen. We're wishing you so much success and happiness in whatever comes next!

Could your employer *double your impact?*

YOU GIVE → **x2** → **THEY MATCH**

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The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in BC

Many employers match donations, support volunteering, or make it easy to give through workplace giving programs.

Donation Matching
Your donation could be matched dollar-for-dollar.

Workplace Giving
Give through payroll deductions or your employer's giving portal.

Volunteer Rewards
Your volunteer hours could earn grants for ESEBC.

A quick check with your employer could turn your support into even more help for British Columbians living with epilepsy.



Collaboration

All our work is in service to the wider epilepsy community. We work best when we are moving forward together to create meaningful change.



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