"Don’t judge a book by its cover!"

It can be challenging, even intimidating, to speak to someone who is different from us – especially people whose lives and beliefs we may have pre-conceived ideas about. The Living Library is an event that brings together people who perhaps would not normally have a one-on-one discussion. It allows people from different walks of life to share their experience of what it’s like to be them.

The NIC/CV Diversity Matters Living Library event will take place from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, June 3, 2017 as part of the Elevate the Arts festival. During the event, Readers “check out” Books for 15 minutes at a time in order to hear their story and ask questions. This year we are looking to recruit 25 Books (20 primary Books and five alternates).

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as a Book, please fill out the form below, or pass it along to someone you know. Completed forms may be submitted to Cathy Mutis, Associate Director of the Office of Global Engagement at North Island College, at cathy.mutis@nic.bc.ca.

Contact Information

Name: ____________________________ Phone 1: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________ Phone 2: ____________________________

I prefer to be contacted by:

☐ Phone ☐ Email

Questionnaire

How did you hear about this opportunity?

If you were approached by someone about potentially becoming a Book, please tell us who approached you (first and last name): __________________________________________

Can you commit to participating on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00am to 1:00pm?

☐ Yes, for the full time. ☐ Yes, but only between these times: ____________________

There will be a one-hour mandatory training session for Books on Tuesday, May 16. Can you commit to attending this mandatory session?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly; it depends what time it starts.

What times could you be available on May 16? Check all that apply.

☐ 4:30pm ☐ 5:30pm ☐ 7:30pm
If you are not chosen to be a primary Book, would you be willing to be an alternate (available in case a Book cancels or does not show)?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Why are you interested in participating as a Book?

What are the main features of your story? What would you like to share about what it’s like to be you?

What is your proposed Book Title? __________________________________________________________

Examples of titles:
Russian Immigrant  Senior
Bride in an Arranged Marriage  Muslim in Canada
Transgender  Residential School Survivor

Do you have any concerns about telling your story? If so, what are they?

Please list any special requests or accommodations you will need to participate as a Book:

Are you willing to speak to the media about being a Book? (optional)

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please contact us if you have questions or are unsure of how to decide on your title or description. You can see samples of book titles at the Human Library website: [http://humanlibrary.org/meet-our-human-books/](http://humanlibrary.org/meet-our-human-books/).

Thank you for your interest! Please submit your completed form to Cathy Mutis, Associate Director of the Office of Global Engagement at North Island College, at cathy.mutis@nic.bc.ca. If sending the form is challenging for you, you can also call 250-334-5021 for direct assistance.

Please submit this form by **Friday, April 28, 2017**. The Book list will be finalized, and all applicants notified of the result, by May 12, 2017.

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