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Presenters' Biographical Notes



Christian Saint Cyr from the **BC Labour Market Report**

Over twenty-five years, Christian Saint Cyr has established himself as a leading labour market expert in British Columbia. As publisher of the BC and Ontario Labour Market Reports, Christian advises thousands of career professionals throughout both provinces and across the country and regularly works with representatives of business, education, and government. In this capacity, he is regularly called upon by media outlets such as Global and the CBC to share his labour market insights.

Christian has delivered hundreds of workshops for more than 10,000 individuals on topics which include labour market information, job development, unconventional job search, and yearly overviews of the labour market.

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Stacey Corriveau from the **BC Centre for Social Enterprise**

Stacey is the founding Executive Director of the BC Centre for Social Enterprise. Launched in 2005, this virtual organization is headquartered in Abbotsford, and provides social enterprise advice to community groups across Canada, with a particular focus on legal structures for Canadian social enterprises.

Her formal educational background is in small business counselling, bookkeeping and accounting, community economic development (CED), sustainable community development, and English Language and Literature. If she could do it all over again, she'd be a charity lawyer 😊



Amber Sparks from the **ETHOS Career Management Group**

Amber lives and works on Vancouver Island with her partner and two teenagers. Diagnosed with a disability and raising a child with Type 1 Diabetes, these experiences have made her more empathetic and understanding of people facing barriers to employment.

Amber completed her Career Development Practitioner Certificate at Douglas College. Since starting at ETHOS, she has held various roles and is now the Program Manager the "Entrepreneurs on the Rise" self-employment program. She has leveraged her background in IT, administration, HR, insurance, and disability management, and has managed multiple Opportunities Fund contracts.

Amber has been involved in facilitation and workshop building and created content for disability management and psychosocial support on her organization's LMS. Amber is passionate about developing accessible supports and creating holistic pathways to employment and self-employment. She is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities and fostering an environment where everyone has the opportunity to build a successful future.

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Matt Visser from the **ETHOS Career Management Group**

Matt Vissers is the Director of Programs at ETHOS Career Management Group, overseeing the organization's funded employment programming including WorkBC Cowichan. With a background in social science and business, Matt is dedicated to promoting inclusive entrepreneurship and reducing barriers to self-employment for persons with disabilities and other equity-deserving groups. Beginning his journey with ETHOS as a business coach in Island Ops and WorkBC, he has consistently championed projects that blend social and economic benefits to enrich the communities served.



Matt is passionate about empowering diverse groups of entrepreneurs and continues to advocate for programs that empower all individuals to explore and succeed in business ownership.



Jillian Bradley from **Inclusion BC**

Jillian Bradley is Inclusion BC's Director of Employment Initiatives, and brings her strategic mind, savvy business sense, and passion for inclusion and social justice to our team.

Jillian works out of Youbou, B.C., where she lives on an acreage with her family and a herd of elk.

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