



**ROYAL ROADS**  
UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

**October 2020: Issue #2**  
**Your Community & COVID-19**

**Important RRUSA Dates**

- **Election Period:**  
Oct. 15th - 29th

- **Annual General Meeting & Council Training :**  
Saturday, Nov. 14th  
10am to 4pm

Sunday Nov. 15th  
10am to 4pm

(mandatory for elected council members)

**National News: Orange Shirt Day 2020**



**Above: Orange Shirt Day Slogan**

September 30th was this year's Orange Shirt Day; a day to honour those who attended Canadian residential schools. The significance of the orange shirt comes from Phyllis Webstad, a residential school survivor, whose orange shirt was taken from her after attending her first day of residential school.

Many fundraisers have occurred on Orange Shirt Day to provide support to survivors. Although Orange Shirt Day has passed, Canadians must not forget the trauma and abuse endured at residential schools. Orange Shirt Day symbolizes strength and resilience and this message should be recognized throughout the year. Find out more about Orange Shirt Day at [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org)

**Get Involved in Your Community!**

**Do you currently volunteer in your community?**

Our Instagram followers said ...



**54%**



**46%**

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Above: Poll from our Instagram

**How to get involved:**

For opportunities and ideas on how you can get involved go to our community events page on our website [www.rrusa.ca](http://www.rrusa.ca)

**Why should you get involved?**

Volunteer experiences and community involvement can be highly rewarding. It gives one a sense of belonging and can help build strong relationships with people around you. Whether you are joining a volunteer group, attending an event, or simply doing something to help someone out, you will gain valuable life skills; this could include leadership, teamwork and communication skills. As a bonus, becoming involved in your community is great for networking and is an asset when interviewing for jobs.

**Ways to get involved in your community during COVID-19**



**Donate used clothes to a shelter**



**Host a COVID friendly clean-up**



**Attend online events or meetings**



**Handout masks to those who cannot get them**



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“Royal Roads University acknowledges that the campus is located on the traditional lands of the Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) and Lkwungen (Songhees) ancestors and families who have lived here since me immemorial.

This land has been part of the fabric of the life of Indigenous communities long before Hatley Castle was built, and it will be long into the future. It is with gratitude that we now learn and work here, where the past, present and future of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, faculty and staff come together.”



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