



**Social Connectedness and Health:
Understanding the Impacts**
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Presenter Bios

Claire Gram, MA



Claire Gram has MA in Community and Regional Planning and an undergrad in International Development. She has worked for over 20 years in Population and Public Health at Vancouver Coastal Health addressing the determinants of health through partnerships, policy, leadership and advocacy. Currently she works as a Population Health Policy and Project Lead with a primary focus on healthy communities, healthy built environment and food security.

Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, MD, MPH, FRCPC



Dr. Mark Lysyshyn works for Vancouver Coastal Health as the Medical Health Officer responsible for the North Shore and the Sea to Sky Corridor. In this position he works with municipalities, school districts and other partners to create healthier communities.

Ellen Demlow, MPH



Ellen Demlow is a regional epidemiologist for Vancouver Coastal Health's Public Health Surveillance Unit. She is involved in surveillance, health assessment, epidemiological investigations and knowledge transfer. Her current work is supporting the My Health My Community program with the goal to better understand the burden of disease and determinants of health in our region and inform healthy public policies.



Victoria Barr, MHSc, PhD



Victoria holds a Masters degree in Health Promotion and a PhD in community planning. She brings expertise and passion as a research planner, specializing in the connections between community planning, health and well-being.

Victoria is the Program Manager at BC Healthy Communities and in her role she oversees the PlanH and Active Communities programs.

Lidia Kemeny



Lidia is a Director at the Vancouver Foundation Granting & Community Initiatives. In this position Lidia works with a talented team to oversee partnership projects including the Neighbourhood Small Grants, the Vital Signs community research project, and with the more than 50 Community Foundations in BC. She holds a Master's degree in Health Promotion from Dalhousie University.

Lidia has served on various volunteer Boards including serving as President of the Kindness Foundation of Canada and is Vice-President of the World Kindness Movement.

Julianne King



Julianne King is a graduate student in the Urban Studies program at Simon Fraser and a research intern at the Vancouver Foundation. Her research on the Connections & Engagement study focuses on drawing out nuanced stories related to different demographics and geographies to paint a better picture of the variation in community participation and civic engagement in the Metro Vancouver region.