BC People First

**Calling all BCPF Members!**  
**>>** **Apply to join the BCPF Board of Directors!**  
In April this year, we have 5 positions opening up on the BCPF Board of Directors. A few of our current Board Member's terms are coming to an end. **Do you want to get involved as a leader at BCPF?** You need to nominate yourself for a position by March 18th and be a BCPF Member in good standing. Board Members help decide what advocacy projects we work on, participate in special training, learn new skills, make wonderful new friends, plus more! Find more about the 5 positions and get all the information [HERE on our website](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=bea65b8f75&e=d9879659fb).    
  
**>> BCPF Annual General Meeting Wednesday, April 7th at 5:30pm PST.**   
If you are a BCPF Member and want to join the Board of Directors at our AGM to help elect new Board Members and review our Annual Reports, please register to attend by April 1st. [Email us](mailto:bcpfcoordinator@gmail.com?subject=RSVP%20for%20Annual%20General%20Meeting) to register and find more information [HERE](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=bdfb4b77a9&e=d9879659fb) on our website.   
  
**>> Submit a design for our Members Only Card Design Contest**  
Help us design a BCPF "thinking of you" greeting card! If you are a BCPF Member you can submit a design for our new greeting card. Submit your design by March 15th to be considered as a finalist for the contest. After the decision process from the BCPF Board of Directors, the winning card design will be chosen by April and announced at our AGM on April 7th, 2021. [Find the full details HERE on our website.](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=dfc6e028b2&e=d9879659fb)  
  
**>> 2020 BCPF Self-Advocate Leadership of the Year Award Winners**  
The winners of our 2020 President's Award and Self-Advocate Leadership of the Year Award were announced and celebrated last week at our BCPF Members-Only Happy Hour. Sending **CONGRATULATIONS** to Charlene Barney, winner of the President's Award, and Reid Parkes, winner of the Self-Advocate Leadership of the Year Award! Find [full details HERE](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=d3fac100be&e=d9879659fb) on our website.   
  
**>> BCPF Member Advocacy Support**  
Do you want support writing a post for the BCPF Blog? Or to write an advocacy letter to somewhere in your community that is denying your rights or not following the law? [Fill out this form HERE](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=d01ebb9ed6&e=d9879659fb) to request peer support and guidance. The BCPF Advocacy Committee will review the information and figure out how they can help you with peer support.  
  
**>> BCPF Member Surveys**  
If you are a BCPF Member you can fill out these quick surveys to share your opinions and get involved as a Member!

* Fill out this survey [HERE](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=d7f8ed2327&e=d9879659fb) about what matters to you about being a BCPF Member
* Fill out this survey [HERE](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=596e5b2bae&e=d9879659fb) about your housing conditions.

**>> Upcoming Community Events**  
Have you heard about the Calendar for Connection? The [Family Support Institute's Calendar for Connection](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=5b26cc32a2&e=d9879659fb) is a place where you can find all the different events hosted by self-advocacy and disability rights groups across BC. Even in a pandemic, there are still lots of ways to stay virtually connected and meet new people. Plus, [checkout this event HERE](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=5ac8849204&e=d9879659fb) from all of us at the Self Advocate Leadership Network of BC, Baking with Asma & Jeevan, Sharing Your Passion.

Do you know someone that might like to join BC People First? Please help us grow the People First movement in BC! When you sign up as a Member, renew your Membership, or support someone else to sign up as a Member, it directly impacts the self-advocacy education and awareness work we do in our province. The more members we have, the more stuff we can do across BC! Plus, BCPF membership is free to join. Share the news with everyone you can, it helps more than you know. Thank you!

[Get more information and the membership form HERE](https://bcpeoplefirst.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d5c230b79db3136151cc1f56&id=c72b97e3b9&e=d9879659fb).