



WORKSHOP

Resisting Divide and Rule: 2SLGBTQ+ Allyship from a Sikh Perspective

This workshop will trace the rise in anti-SOGI hate in the Fraser Valley, and the use of white supremacist talking points in using members of the South Asian and Sikh community in the Valley to do so. The presentation will look at the Sikh faith from a gender perspective, and as a faith built on inclusivity from a broad spectrum and then unpack the ways in which latent homophobia is being utilized as a weapon and trope to increase rumour mongering and harm in the K-12 educational system. The presentation will end with the pathways to hope, change, and allyship, and how education in British Columbia can move forward on that front.

FACILITATOR

Dr. Sharanjit Kaur Sandhra (she/her)

Dr. Sharanjit Kaur Sandhra (Sharn) is a Historian, sessional faculty in the Department of History at UFV, and founder of Belonging Matters Consulting. Sharn worked as Coordinator at the South Asian Studies Institute at UFV for more than 12 years and as co-curator and co-manager of the Sikh Heritage Museum, National Historic Site and Gur Sikh Temple (gurdwara). Her PhD looks at the affective experiences of museum visitors through a critical race theory lens with the dissertation is titled "Museums as Spaces of Belonging: Racialized Power in the Margins." Sharn is a passionate activist, building bridges between community and academia through museum work. She has been featured in the Knowledge Network series "B.C: An Untold History," is a published author, and has been featured on local, and international podcasts and media.

