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Re: SFU /U of C library project : The Multicultural Canada Project

To whom it may concern:

I have reviewed the web site materials at www.Multiculturalcanada.ca and in my view the proposed resources will be an invaluable resource for teachers in British Columbia working at a variety of grade levels. Most specifically the grade 5 social studies curriculum is on the topic of immigration. I work daily with teachers who implement this curriculum and one of their greatest needs is for authentic, lively and varied resource material that they and their students can easily access. The same is true of teachers in secondary schools working with a wide range of provincially authorized topics including Canadian history and law.

The first challenge in teaching about multiculturalism in Canada is to awaken teachers to its importance. I have for more than 30 years been directly involved in this challenging project at both at the university and in the public schools in this. Upon "awakening" teachers are hungry for resources that are easily accessible and which they can readily provide to their students for whole class and individual projects. The materials under preparation in the proposed project respond directly to this need.

In the courses that I teach in multiculturalism and anti-racism in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University I would welcome the opportunity to showcase these materials and I know they will be readily picked-up by my students, all of whom are teachers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Beynon".

Dr. June Beynon
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