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Dear friends of Solid State,

Hope you are all doing awesome, finding some sunshine here and there, dodging the bugs, making good decisions, drinking lots of water.

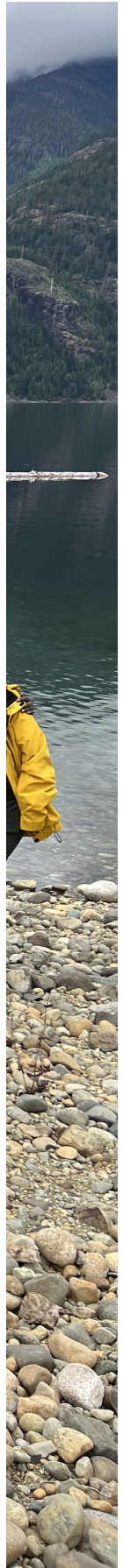
Here's a quick mid-summer update – the short version is that Solid State continues to accelerate, there is so much going on in so many different directions and so many of our cohorts are really spreading their wings this summer.

Here are a few selected highlights:

1. Thirty-five of us just got back from a week at the Strathcona Park Lodge. The trip went brilliantly: we brought everyone back (the mark of every good trip!) + we kayaked, canoed, swam, rock-climbed, zip-lined, high-ropes-coursed

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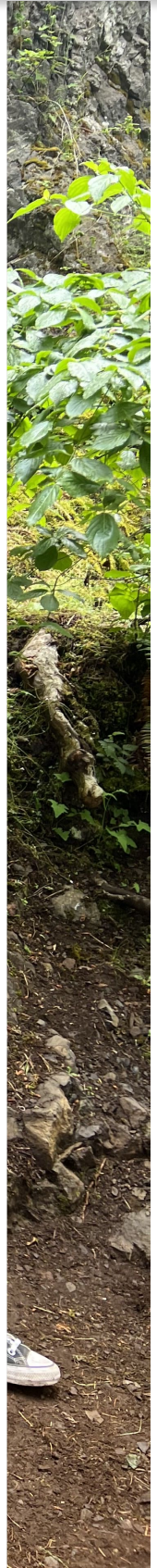
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Mahado is a co-director of Solid State and a mentor. She primarily works with a group of Muslim youth to foster a safe space where like-minded high school students can come together to connect and bring their community-building ideas to life. In addition to a great passion for creating tight-knit communities, she has a desire to use her Health Sciences degree to advocate for and empower racialized and marginalized communities. Hassan's professional goal is to contribute to the adoption of improved practices that foster better physical and mental health support for BIPOC communities in Canada.

3. Speaking of [Salam Central](#), they have been organizing and working for almost a year now and the launch their first annual summer day camp is coming up fast!

The day camp is exclusively for Muslim children aged 8 to 12. Through this initiative they hope to connect Muslim youth so they can enjoy themselves through exciting outdoor activities, meals, field trips, and team building exercises. The day camp includes allocated time for prayer and halal cuisine as a part of the camp's religious component, to create an environment in which children feel welcome, and their religious identities are celebrated.

If you are interested, please do contact them asap as spots are very limited.

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Salam Central is thrilled to announce the first year of our annual summer day camp for kids. Our day camp is developed exclusively for Muslim children ages 8 to 12. Through this initiative, we hope to connect youth so that they can enjoy themselves through exciting indoor and outdoor activities, sports, arts & crafts, and interactive team-building exercises. As part of our religious component, our day camp includes allocated time for prayer and provides halal food. We want to create an environment where these children feel welcome, and their religious identity is celebrated.

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4. Solid State is going to be hosting a Community Picnic – hosted by our new(ish) Event Planning and Arts Management co-op – during Labour Day

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It will include an open house at the Black Arts Centre and we'd love to have you all come.

Stay tuned – we'll be sending out invites soon!

5. Speaking of which, renovations on [the Black Arts Centre](#) are about a week away from completion! We should be able to occupy the space by mid-July. The BLAC team will be doing soft-launch events through the summer with a series of major openings and exhibitions through the fall – to which you will all be getting invites for sure!

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undertaking a wide variety of approaches: actions, workshops, trainings, in and out of school organizing with youth, curriculum development, events, apps and lots else. Stay tuned for more shortly.

7. [GenConnect's](#) first annual Paldi trip happened in June – and it was amazing!

GC took 85 people on two coaches to [Paldi](#) – near Duncan on Vancouver Island – for a full day of eating, talks, touring the townsite, and intergenerational fun. It was a huge day and a platform for so much more organizing. Stay tuned for news about GC's upcoming 2022 Apna Mela!



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HQ called “Body Image and Fatphobia for Racialized Femmes” that included a mix of healing circles, peer support and art therapy (and delicious homemade snacks!).



9. One of the pieces we are working hard to articulate in our work, and how we talk about it internally and externally, is that while worker co-ops are an organizational form we are especially excited about, we are really trying to build a Solidarity Economy here in Surrey.

Co-ops are a major part of that, but lots of other forms are possible. As long as decisions are made democratically and equitably and revenues/resources are divided democratically and equitably, we think that fits the definition. Those

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together.

Our Director of Research, Dionne Co is doing all kinds of work to help us think these ideas through, including producing some beautiful graphics. Many are available on our website, but check this one out:

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STEVE TORNES: LIGHTWORK

Featuring a photo of him roadtripping on the Oregon coast.

1. Hello Steve, tell us a bit about yourself.

Hey everyone! I have a Master of Urban Studies degree from Simon Fraser University and a thesis on the Vancouver Bike Share Program. I am part

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Engagement, coordinating events and developing podcast episodes.

2. How did you get connected to Solid State?

I was one of the founders of LightWork, a worker's co-op focused on fostering justice and belonging through safer, inclusive, and more diverse work environments. I got involved because some friends and I wanted to start a co-op because we saw that organizations often didn't know what steps they needed to take on their journey towards justice and equity.

I had the qualitative and quantitative research experience to conduct research and write reports for the co-op to support those organizations. It also doesn't hurt that Matt Hern was one of my teachers at SFU, so I already knew that Solid State was a cool place.

3. What do you like to do for fun?

I'm a bit of a data nerd, so when I get bored, I often make charts and graphs and post them on social media. I'm also part of two reading clubs and a writing group, and have just applied for SFU's Writing Studio. Reading and writing are major joys in life. Recently ran a D&D campaign based around self-care and burnout which was a lot of fun. <https://steve-tornes.netlify.app/#/>

4. Any projects you're working on?

The Trip Diary has been my main focus these last few months, and it is great to finally see a long-term project finally come together. It's a podcast all about transportation and the first episode, all about equity and mobility justice, just came out. I hope that you can give it a listen and share it.

About The Trip Diary:

The Trip Diary is an original Below the Radar podcast series examining how we move through urban spaces. SFU Urban Studies alum and host Steve Tornes invites transportation enthusiasts and policymakers into conversation about the social and political factors that impact how transportation policy plays out on the ground.

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about transportation in our urban design.

The Trip Dairy and Below the Radar is recorded on the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. These conversations draw from data and lived experiences related to moving through urban spaces on these lands and beyond.

Each episode of The Trip Diary is timed to the duration of a different commute across the Metro Vancouver region. We hope you'll listen along with your own commute as we investigate and reflect upon the future of moving through cities.

Episode 1

On this first episode of The Trip Diary, Steve Tornes speaks with Lori Macdonald and Sadia Tabassum about their research on transit-based mobility through an equitable lens.

Lori discusses how recent migrants to the City of Vancouver learn and familiarize themselves to a new public transportation network, while Sadia describes how transit spaces affect women of colour in different ways, pushing back against the concept of the "universal transit user". Both Lori and Sadia discuss their research methods and how they approach the study of personalized experiences. The episode ends with a series of policy recommendations.

Link: <https://www.sfu.ca/vancity-office-community-engagement/below-the-radar-podcast/series/the-trip-diary/179-geographies-of-identity.html>

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Commonalities between the Solidarity Economy and Indigenous Economies are explored, with a particular focus on Indigenous folks in the Andes (campesinos-originarios) but also touching on the more general aspects of common Indigenous-based practices across different contexts.

Here are three intersecting features common within both Indigenous economies and Solidarity economies discussed in the article:

1. Economic and Social Integration

In both Indigenous and Solidarity economies, actions of exchange, redistribution and householding are embedded within social relations shaped by reciprocity. Both economies also value practical and domestic knowledge just as much as social and scientific theories when it comes to systemic change.

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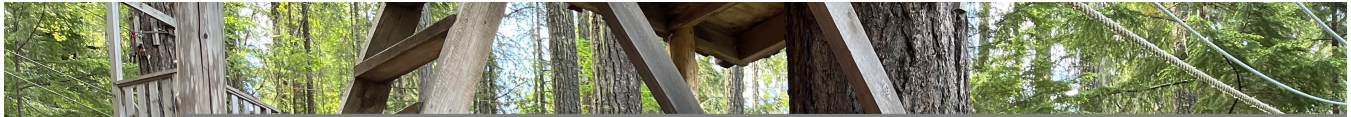
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2. Community-based sense making and aesthetics

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constitute a means to communicate a system of values and representations in which material culture and supernatural dimensions appear intertwined. It is noteworthy that crafts have not only played a pivotal role within indigenous economies but also constitute one of the major income sources in the Solidarity Economy.



3. Domestic spaces as political spaces

Being socially gendered, the domestic domain has been repeatedly neglected as a potential seedbed for a political arena. Notwithstanding this misinterpretation, the domestic domain has accounted for the provisioning, which is one of the key concepts in a community-based economy framework. What is taken as an issue of the private sphere is brought to the public one,

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Both indigenous and peripheral women have contributed to this ongoing process, having departed from their private provisioning concerns to raise alliances with other women towards issues of public interest, such as food and water sovereignty, the right to the land and to the seeds, and the struggle against transgenic food and pesticides

An important caveat: Although there are some common features, it is noteworthy that some Indigenous communities might prefer not to be labelled as part of the solidarity economy. Likewise, the solidarity economy may appreciate the non-capitalist dimension within indigenous economies without necessarily waiving the usual classifications/formats that characterise its own arrangements.

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