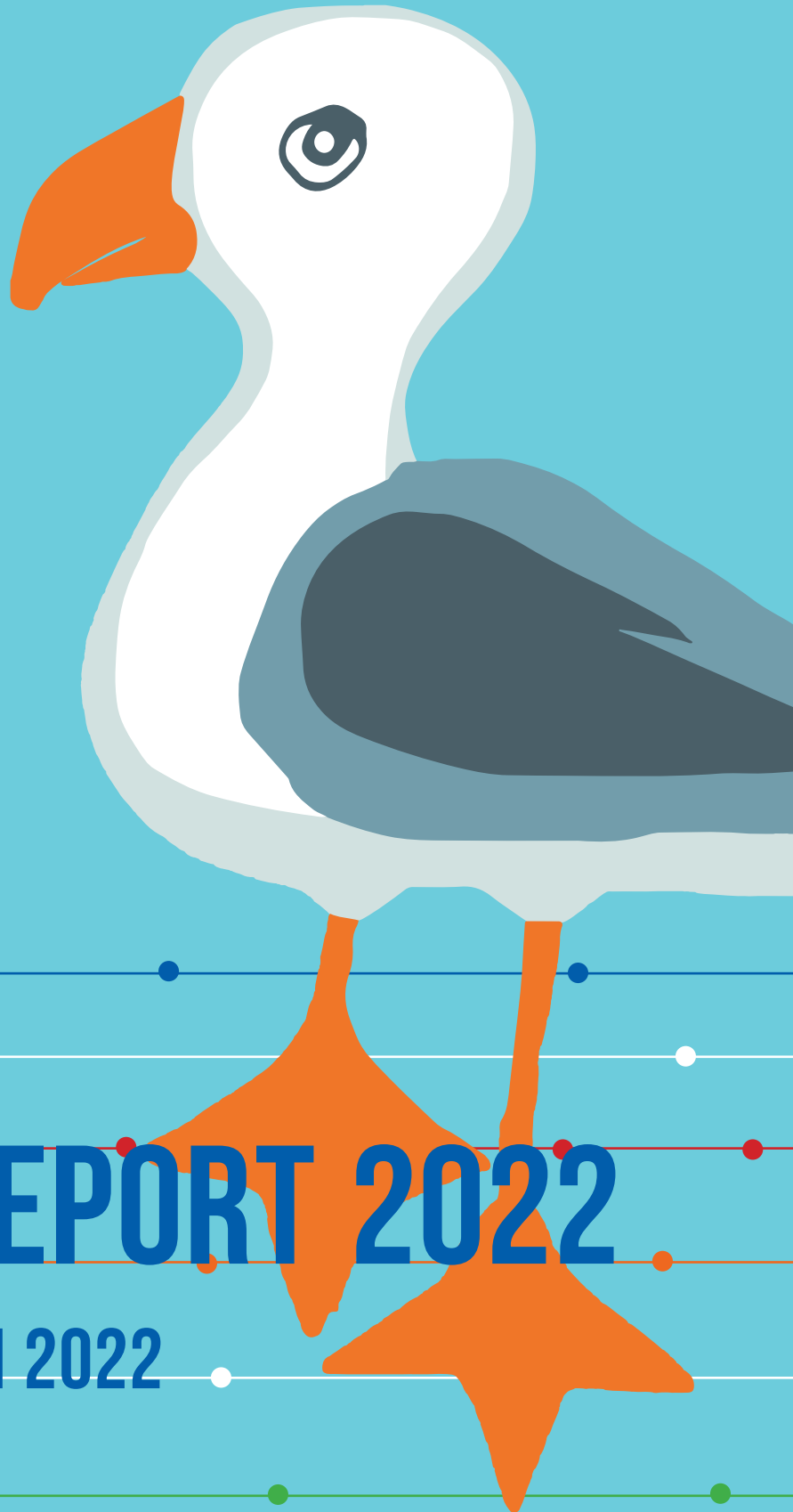


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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

APRIL 2021-MARCH 2022

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ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND



LISNS recognizes Mi'kmaw'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People who have lived on, cared for, and protected this land for over 13,500 years.

We all have the privilege to live and work on this land and we are all treaty people. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship, which Mi'kmaq, Welastekwiyik (Maliseet), and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not include surrender of lands and resources, but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Welastekwiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations. To learn more about the important and urgent work of reconciliation on Turtle Island (North America), read the 94 calls to action as outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Whitney Gould: NSLF

LISNS' has been fortunate to partner with Whitney Gould of We'koqma'q First Nation over the past year to produce a variety of captivating art pieces to complement our current projects. Known for her "They Found US" drawing, honouring the 215 child graves found at a former residential school in B.C., Whitney has been able to channel her passion and work from her heart on projects with LISNS', covering domestic violence, harassment and inclusivity.

This page and the next feature artwork by Mi'kmaw artist Whitney Gould, as a way to honour and acknowledge this land, Mi'kmaw'ki. We urge you, the reader, to take a few moments to look at, take in, and appreciate her art as you consider your relationship to reconciliation today.

OUR VISION

- The Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia is access to justice in action.
- LISNS provides legal information, resources and referral options in traditional and innovative ways to enable Nova Scotians to understand their legal rights and responsibilities.

OUR MISSION

LISNS empowers Nova Scotians to identify, prevent and solve legal issues.



THANK YOU TO LISNS STAFF

The many accomplishments of LISNS during this past year are only possible due to the extraordinary commitment of LISNS staff. Providing Nova Scotians with quality legal information is the number one priority at LISNS. Staff continue to demonstrate their commitment to helping Nova Scotians by going above and beyond – working as a tightly knit team in an entirely remote office environment – and bringing their expertise, caring and compassion to answer people’s legal questions and share supporting tools and resources. Thank you LISNS staff for providing the public with access to justice.



Heather de Berdt Romilly
Executive Director
Legal Information Society
of Nova Scotia

Key highlights:

- Demand for LISNS core services has continued to increase as people need help with a broad range of legal issues particularly arising from the pandemic. The demand increased another 5% this year on top of the 13% increase experienced in the previous year. Inquiries continue to be more complex and, on average, demand more staff time.
- LISNS staff members are to be commended for their commitment to high quality service delivery despite the many challenges posed by the pandemic. They are dedicated to helping Nova Scotians with their legal problems and continued to work as a top notch team supporting one another while operating in a completely remote work set-up.
- We successfully delivered important resources to support the following project needs:
 - With support from Justice Canada, through the COVID Response Project developed critical information to support Nova Scotians through the pandemic including wills and estate information and Personal Directive planning, fact sheets on Bankruptcy, Payday Lenders, new information on the Legal Responsibilities of Being an Attorney under a power of attorney;
 - With support from Status of Women NS, Developed a Guide for Employers and Service Providers entitled, *Moving Beyond the Binary* to support Trans, Non-Binary and Gender Diverse Communities; and
 - With support from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, updated the online *Guide to Getting a Divorce in Nova Scotia*, available at nsfamilylaw.ca/separation-divorce/divorce/guide-getting-divorce. This was a follow-up to LISNS previous Justice Canada-funded work updating Divorce Act related content on nsfamilylaw.ca
- We started work on key project initiatives including:
 - With support from the Law Foundation of Ontario, the development of youth legal information and supports; and
 - With support from Justice Canada, the development of education materials regarding the ban on conversion therapy.



1,002
lawyer referrals
in 2021-22



213,500
page views at
legalinfo.org



1012 downloads
on
30 podcasts

WEBSITE / ONLINE APPS / SOCIAL MEDIA

Page views: 213,500

Sessions: 115,635

Top 5 pages:

1. Free and Low Cost Legal Help
2. I Need a Lawyer
3. I Want to Ask a Legal Question
4. Sexual Abuse
5. Lawyers & Legal Help

App Usage:

Personal Directives: 3,878 views

Small Claims: 2,045 views

Safespaces: 1,386 views

Wills: 1,294 views

Personal Directive App Completions: 277

Social Media Followers:

Twitter: 1,335

Facebook: 971

Instagram: 250

LEGAL INFORMATION LINE, LAWYER & MEDIATOR REFERRAL SERVICE

Legal Info Line: 3,729

Emails: 1,734

Live chat: 463

Total Responses: 6,141

Referrals to Lawyers: 1,002

Referrals to Mediators: 9

of self reps: 1,262

Top 5 areas of law:

1. Family
2. Criminal
3. Employment
4. Wills & Estates
5. Landlord/Tenant (Residential)

PODCASTS & VIDEOS

Legal Information Podcasts

- **1,012** downloads on **30** podcasts.
- Completed production on **13 new** podcasts.
- **5** new episodes in our Investor Protection series
- **5** new episodes related to Family Law
- **3** new episodes related to our Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Project.
- The most downloaded podcast was *Sexual Harassment at Work: Connected Workspaces* with **71** downloads.

Legal Information Videos

- **4541** views on **177** video files on both the LISNS website and our custom training portal.
- Uploaded **52** new video files to the LISNS website and our custom training portal.
- The most viewed video file on the LISNS website was our **Personal Directives (Audio)** file with **436** views.
- The most viewed video file on our custom training portal was the **Sexual Harassment Workplace Training** file with **1019** views.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Student and Paralegal Volunteers: 42

- Pro Bono Dalhousie Schulich School of Law - 6
- Dalhousie Schulich School of Law Summer Internship - 1
- Dalhousie Schulich School of Law Public Law Placement - 1
- Dalhousie Political Science Practicum Program - 1
- Saint Mary's University Student Placement - 1

CTV Promotional Campaign Focus Group

- Volunteers: 4

Seniors' Navigator Program

- 20 people were matched with volunteer navigators this fiscal year.
- 3 additional people completed our customized online training program, bringing the total number of people who have completed the training since inception to 45.
- There are 19 people registered and ready to act as navigators on our online matching platform.

PROJECTS & INFORMATION SESSIONS

Virtual Legal Information Presentations: 625 attendees

- Presentation for IWK Staff - Laws about Life Decisions: Finances and Property
- **9 sessions** with approximately 250 attendees in our Partners for Legal Education Online Legal Information Series for Newcomers presented with community partners ISANS and Antigonish Women's Centre & Sexual Assault Services - topics included Family Class Sponsorship; Family Violence; Child Protection; Being Safe Online; Landlord and Tenant Law; Employment Law
- **5 webinars**, 3 in English and 2 in French. Topics included Small Claims Court, Probate Court, and Family Violence (as in previous years, this session was in very high demand, with 96 attendees)
- There are currently **286 people** signed up on our webinar notifications list awaiting info about future webinars.

IWK Family Legal Health Program

- In partnership with the IWK, McInnes Cooper & Pink Larkin, free legal help for eligible IWK patients – families (where Legal Aid not available)
- **23** patients-families served by phone, email, and zoom.

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Project

- Free legal advice for victims of workplace sexual harassment and free training materials to promote harassment-free workplaces
- **17 referrals** for free legal advice
- **2** additional lawyers completed training on our customized training platform, there are now **14 lawyers** available to receive referrals.
- **5** very well-reviewed **Art Therapy Sessions** provided to over 400 attendees.

Wills App Testing and Wills Navigator Training

- Work on our wills app is ongoing. We conducted Wills Navigator Training as part of testing the Wills App with Newcomers in May of 2021 and had **13 participants** who completed the training and provided very positive feedback.

NSHA VG-Estate Planning Legal Health Program

- In partnership with volunteer lawyers in the community, free estate planning documents (Will, PoA, PD) for eligible patients who have a life-limiting illness
- **9** patient-clients served - *note: this program was temporarily suspended due to the third wave of COVID.*

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Moving Beyond the Binary Launch

- Work on our Beyond the Binary guide concluded with a very successful launch that saw nearly 1,000 downloads of the guide in the first week alone.
- Engagement on social media was very positive and far exceeded our normal reach on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- As a result 18 community organizations have reached out to us so far regarding possible workshops for the upcoming fiscal year.

Social Media Growth

- Facebook: 864% increase in reach (74,058 people reached)
- Twitter: Tweet impressions increased 22% (51,321 impressions and profile visits increased by 73% (8,952 profile visits)
- Instagram: this was our first full fiscal year on the platform and numbers so far are encouraging (17,918 people reached)

Other Highlights

- In September, we launched our SHWP employer tools to **over 600 community contacts**, organizations and stakeholders.
- In December, we participated in a webinar with the Halifax Chamber of Commerce promoting our SHWP employer tools which was shared with their **5,500 member organizations**.
- Positive media coverage via **2 interviews** in October (*CBC radio, Global News*) regarding the SHWP and an interview with CBC radio in support of the *Moving Beyond the Binary* launch.
- Nov-Jan we launched a youth legal information survey to NS youth which received feedback from 90 youth across the province and **77 service providers** who work with youth.
- In March, the *Safe Spaces App* went live in the Apple App Store. News of the launch was sent to 450 community contacts and organizations/stakeholders. Within the first month we received 32 downloads of the app.
- Feb-Apr we ran an **8-week commercial** on CTV in partnership with NS Trucking Safety Association to promote our bystander training, the ads were viewed approximately **905,000 times**.

TRENDS IN RESPONSE DATA – ANNUAL COMPARISON

Demand for the Legal Info Line continues to be very high. We increased the number of inquiries responded to by another 5%:

TOTAL RESPONSES

	2021-22	2020-21	% change
Legal Info Line	3,719	3,537	5.15%

The increase in demand was even more dramatic over email where we increased the number of inquiries responded to by 25%.

RESPONSES

	2021-22	2020-21	% change
Email	1,734	1,386	25.11%

The increase in demand for services via email is reflected in the dramatic increase in traffic to the “Email Us Your Legal Question” page on our website:

PAGEVIEWS

Page Title	2021-22	2020-21	% change
Email Us Your Legal Question	1,628	742	119.41%

Organizing our database of email templates, which now has over 1,200 entries, was instrumental in meeting this increased demand as it helped us respond more promptly to the email inquiries that we received:

EMAIL RESPONSES BY RESPONSE LENGTH

	2021-22	2020-21	% change
Under 20 mins	1400	985	42.13%
Over 20 mins	334	413	-19.13%

We saw increases in inquiries in a variety of subject areas. Most notably, inquiries related to vaccine mandates in the workplace, which fall under the heading “COVID, Employment Related”

RESPONSES BY SUBJECT

	2020-2021	2019-2020	% change
COVID, Employment Related	34	9	277.78%
Charter/Human Rights	109	76	43.42%
Court Procedure	196	163	20.25%
Other Torts	298	258	15.50%
Consumer	259	227	14.10%

Unfortunately, inquiries related to Family Violence and Sexual Violence, which increased last year, remained high this year as well:

RESPONSES BY SUBJECT

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Family Violence	142	143	45
Sexual Violence	29	30	19

TRENDS IN WEBSITE DATA

The most noticeable trend in the website data this year was the emergence of a new top 5. More specifically, 4 of the top 5 most viewed pages on our site this fiscal year were not in the top 5 the previous year (those pages are in italics in the table below):

TOP 5 MOST VIEWED PAGES

2021-22		2020-21	
Page Title	Views	Page Title	Views
Free and Low Cost Legal Help	6,097	Personal Directives App	10,740
<i>I Need a Lawyer</i>	<i>5,976</i>	Wills and Estates Law	5,615
<i>I Want to Ask a Legal Question</i>	<i>5,552</i>	Free and Low Cost Legal Help	5,589
<i>Sexual Abuse</i>	<i>4,650</i>	Family Law	5,524
<i>Lawyers, Legal Help</i>	<i>4,613</i>	Common Law Relationships	4,985

The change in our top 5 pages reflects an increase in demand for information about legal services. All of the following pages saw increases in traffic this year:

PAGEVIEWS

Page Title	2021-22	2020-21	% change
Find a Lawyer	840	350	140.00%
Mediation	141	93	51.61%
I Need a Lawyer	5,976	4,017	48.77%
Free and Low Cost Legal Help	6,097	5,589	9.09%

There was also a noticeable increase in demand for information about how to get in touch with the Legal Information Counsellors at LISNS, particularly how to get in touch via email:

PAGEVIEWS

Page Title	2021-22	2020-21	% change
Email Us Your Legal Question	1,628	742	119.41%
Contact Us	2,221	1,706	30.19%
How LISNS Can Help (various pages)	12,779	10,163	25.74%
I Want to Ask a Legal Question	5,552	4,971	11.69%

People continue to rely on the LISNS website to find reliable information about substantive law. We noticed increases in traffic on pages related to these subjects in particular:

PAGEVIEWS

Page Title	2021-22	2020-21	% change
Representative Decision Making	1,034	799	29.41%
Sexual Abuse	4,650	3,764	23.54%
Employment Law	2,693	2,259	19.21%
Housing	1,852	1,567	18.19%
Tenants Rights Guide	2,238	1,898	17.91%

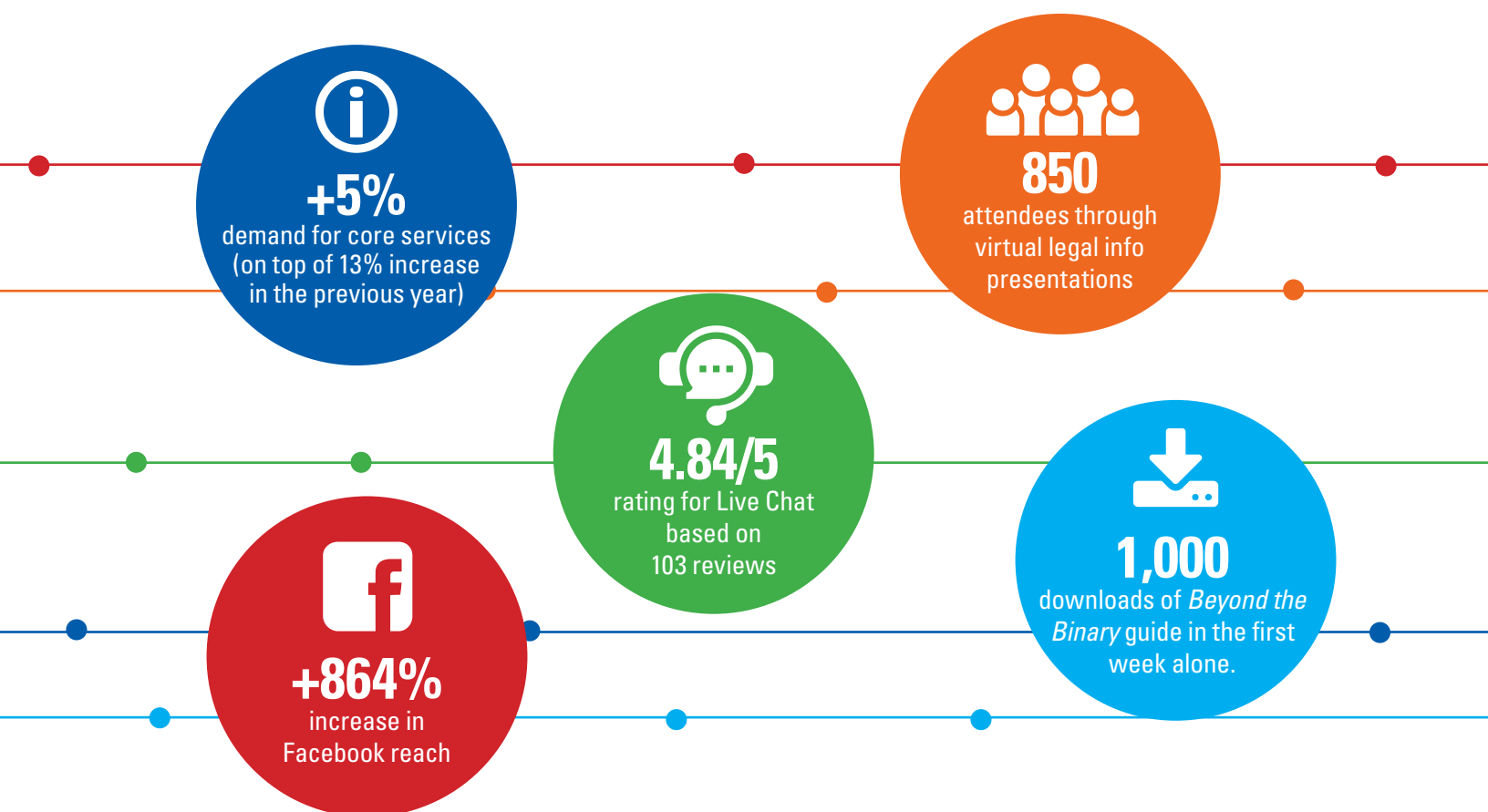
TRENDS IN WEBSITE DATA

Although the overall view count was down slightly, the number of high-quality visits to our website remained quite consistent with the previous year:

HIGH QUALITY SITE VISITS

	2021-22	2020-21
Clickthrough Visits	32,315	33,618
Long Visits	16,474	17,913
Quick Visits	8,453	8,689

** A visit refers to a time when a person came to our website (in analytics terms, a “visit” would be called a “session”). A “clickthrough visit” refers to a visit in which the person clicked on at least one page beyond the page on which they landed (in analytics this is called a “non-bounce session”). A “quick visit” is one in which a person came to our site and spent between 30 seconds and 2 minutes looking around. A “long visit” is one in which a person spent greater than 2 minutes on the site. Those time frames are based on the “average session duration” for our site, which is historically around 2 minutes.*



CONTINUING TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY SERVICES

Despite ongoing challenges posed by COVID, we continue to receive positive feedback regarding our services.

Our Live Chat had an approval rating of **4.84/5 based on 103 reviews** (24% of users provided feedback).

Our email service had a satisfaction rating of **87% based on 129 reviews** (7% of users provided feedback).

Feedback regarding the Legal Info Line continues to be positive as demonstrated by the following user comments:

"The person I spoke with was extremely helpful and knowledgeable." – Mar 16, 2022

"I thank you so much for taking the time to not only reply, but to reply with great detail in your answer. There is lots of information here for us to go through and will most certainly help us with our issue... We appreciate the time you took and also the speed in answering us... We were happy to be able to have this resource at our disposal... We thank you again and wish that all staff and families continue to be safe and well in these most trying times of the Pandemic. We wish you all a very nice day." – May 12, 2021

"This has been an incredibly valuable source of information. Not only to find out legal information, but because of the mental relief that being able to have legal facts provided gives. The agents are knowledgeable and friendly and this is a wonderful resource to have for those that can't afford a lawyer to ask questions too. Thank you so much for what you have provided." – July 28, 2021

"Thank you so much for this info - it was just what we are looking for. This is the first time (we've been in a situation like this). This is a wonderful resource to have available to email general questions to get the ball rolling." – Oct 29, 2021

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart! I love your organization and all that you do!" – Nov 10, 2021

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

In our third year of our five-year project, LISNS' successfully launched our bystander training, Employer Best Practices Toolkit, Safe Spaces and Safe at Work app and website, along with various other resources for Nova Scotian workplaces.

LISNS' also launched Safe Spaces in the Apple App Store, making our healing help available in a mobile app format — a first in LISNS' history. We're pleased to offer unique supports such as compassionate listening in partnership with Shelburne County Mental Health and Wellness Association, art therapy with Evie Dunville, bystander training, an option to share your story and free legal advice, all in one place.

This year, we reached out to 1,000+ community contacts, employers, employer associations and stakeholders to announce the launch of each resource, keeping them engaged with updates. We've received positive feedback from many sectors, such as the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, the Sexual Misconduct Response Centre at the Canadian Armed Forces, Halifax Water, Halifax Transit and many family, youth and women's centres across the province to highlight a few.

This year, we were proud to partner with the Nova Scotia Trucking Safety Association (NSTSA) to develop sector-specific bystander training. Together, we also launched a successful eight-week campaign on CTV to promote the training and our mutual stance against sexual harassment in any sector.

LISNS' is pleased to also partner with Whitney Gould, a local artist from Whycocomagh, N.S., most recently known for her "They Found Us" artwork, paying respect to the 215 children's bodies found at former Kamloops, B.C., residential school site. Gould is working across various LISNS' projects and has developed artwork to use in our Safe Spaces advertising on Halifax Transit buses in spring 2022.

As we enter year four, LISNS' is excited to embark on a year of public advertising of our SHWP materials across CBC, CTV, Halifax Transit buses and more, continuing to engage and support employers into creating safer workspaces.



The banner features a dark, atmospheric background with a man in a grey shirt sitting on the ground, looking up at a glowing butterfly in his hands. The text is white and purple, providing information about the Safe Spaces program.

Providing Nova Scotians with
Healing Help to Legal Problems

 **Safe Spaces**

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• Art Therapy • Share your Story • Bystander Training • Compassionate Listeners • Low Cost Legal Advice

Moving Beyond the Binary

On March 31, 2022, LISNS' launched our Moving Beyond the Binary publication to Nova Scotian workplaces. The 70-page guide is meant to enhance inclusivity of gender diverse people in any space. A special thanks to Shila LeBlanc, Allison Smith, Shae Morse and members of the queer community for organically creating this guide from the ground up.

The MBB team utilized ten months of consultations with the queer community, learning through lived experience to meaningfully develop this resource. On March 31, 2022, in recognition of International Day of Trans Visibility, LISNS' launched MBB, connecting with over 300 employers and community organizations across the province to announce the new toolkit. LISNS' is pleased to be able to provide a gender diversity inclusion policy template, extensive resources and easy-to-understand information, videos, a portrait gallery of all queer participants and free two-hour workshops as part of this guide.

LISNS' would like to thank the community for their excitement and embrace of this new guide. During our launch, we received widespread community sharing and feedback on social media from over 30 organizations across Canada. Our social media reach expanded beyond 1,300% and over 1,600 downloads of the guide. More than 20 local organizations have since requested a workshop to integrate the guide into their workplace.

As we move forward in the success of this guide, the MBB team is currently scheduling workshops across the province. As an extension of this project, LISNS' is pleased to be partnering with Halifax Regional Municipality to support their diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion needs, along with working alongside the Halifax Chamber of Commerce to help guide their development of a workplace inclusion document.



Youth Legal Information Guide

In preparation for the release of the Youth Legal Information Project, we've begun engaging with the community for their wish lists of what they'd like to see available to youth and how they'd like to see this information presented.

Our research began with an initial survey in December distributed across our social media. Ninety youth across Nova Scotia engaged with the survey, providing a foundation for the work on content and delivery to begin.

We followed this survey with a survey for service providers who work with youth that concluded in May 2022. This was distributed to over 583 service providers and followed up with personalized emails targeting specific key contacts we felt would be impacted at a high level. To date, 81 people participated in this survey and 42 have requested to maintain communication with LISNS to assist with the completion of the content and review process.

We further engaged with 13 youth, conducting in-depth interviews to discuss their experiences with the justice system. Many had experience within the justice system, noting that a youth legal information guide would have made a difference in their comfort level with their process and outcome. These youth identified and confirmed key themes for the Guide's content and gave feedback on how they'd like to receive and engage with LISNS.

Our next steps will be reviewing content themes and developing a design pathway that will be reflective of the feedback we've received, as well as being engaging for youth, service providers, and parents alike.

Status of Women Standing Together Project - Domestic Publications Updating

In partnership with Status of Women NS (SOW), LISNS has substantially revised and expanded "Making Changes", a 130+ page publication providing education and resources to survivors of domestic violence and service providers working in this space. We are also producing four original, animated videos as companion pieces, based on consultation with survivors, community members, and experts.

Drawing on source material created by The Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children at Western University, LISNS has also created three brochures and four animated videos as part of the "Neighbours, Friends, and Families" project. These materials identify and educate the public about how to recognize and respond to abuse in our communities, workplaces, and families.

As part of this work, we held focus groups with members of diverse communities within NS, including staff at ISANS, women's centres, transition houses, immigrant women, Aboriginal women, African-Nova Scotian women, and members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Members of the communities consulted will also participate in the above projects as narrators for the videos currently in production (these are paid opportunities).



At the request of Status of Women NS, LISNS reviewed and updated the Nova Scotia *Guide for Girls*, a guide which provides resources and information to empower youth and self-identified girls while growing up in the province. We created a plan that brings the resource into digital world that includes social media marketing and information recommendations, digital resources for facilitators and youth, (12) videos including conversations with community members, and a freshly designed hardcopy of the guide that focused on accessibility and engagement.

Included in this project were conversational focus groups with 41 youth from around the province. Conversations included Newcomers, Indigenous youth, 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, and African Nova Scotians. The information and conversations we had within these focus groups provided valuable insight into the youth experience in Nova Scotia, influencing not only the NS *Guide for Girls* and feedback to SOW, but LISNS future projects such as the Youth Legal Information Project.



“*This has been an incredibly valuable source of information. Not only to find out legal information, but because of the mental relief that being able to have legal facts provided gives.*”

— July 28, 2021



Medical Legal Health Partnerships

- The **IWK Family Legal Health Program** continued to provide free legal help to eligible IWK Health Centre patients and family members when a legal issue is impacting the patient's health. The program served 23 patients-families. Many thanks to supporting partners, McInnes Cooper and Pink Larkin. ***Since 2015 the IWK Family Legal Health Program has assisted 175 families.***
- The **Estate Planning Legal Health Program**, a pilot medical legal partnership between the Nova Scotia Health Authority and LISNS, served 9 patients-clients providing free estate planning documents including wills, powers of attorney and personal directives. The Program is available to lower income patients who have a life-limiting illness, and who are receiving care through the Victoria General Hospital, QEII. Our sincere thanks to the 8 lawyers who are supporting this important work; and to the NSHA staff, social workers and healthcare providers who continue to support and highlight the need for this service. ***Since the pilot commenced in November 2018, there have been a total of 45 clients served.***

Virtual Legal Information Presentations

We reached over **850 attendees** through virtual legal information presentations that included audiences for IWK Staff - Laws about Life Decisions: Finances and Property; 9 sessions with approximately 250 attendees in our Partners for Legal Education Online Legal Information Series for Newcomers presented with community partners ISANS and Antigonish Women's Centre & Sexual Assault Services - topics included Family Class Sponsorship; Family Violence; Child Protection; Being Safe Online; Landlord and Tenant Law; Employment Law; **5 webinars**, 3 in English and 2 in French. Topics included Small Claims Court, Probate Court, and Family Violence (as in previous years, this session was in very high demand, with 96 attendees); 6 webinars regarding Workplace Sexual Harassment Tools and Supports with the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and participating organizations.

Students supporting LISNS

We are so appreciative of the wonderful support provided by our 10 students listed in our table. Their volunteer efforts make a big positive difference to LISNS work in helping Nova Scotians gain access to justice.



FINANCIAL UPDATE 2021-22

LISNS achieved a balanced budget for 2021/22. Particular thanks to our anonymous donor who contributed \$4,000 to support our work. Many thanks to all LISNS donors for helping advance our work.

For 2022-23, LISNS is working in partnership with the NS Department of Justice, to develop a **Guided Family Law Pathway** for Family Law Forms with project funding of **\$430,000 over 18 months**. More than **50% of Nova Scotians** are self-represented at family law matters due to an inability to hire a lawyer. This project will help the many self-represented Nova Scotians deal with family law issues by having a guided pathway to complete required family law forms. This will provide Nova Scotia with its first *Do it Yourself Divorce Guide* in addition to supporting other areas of family law.

**FAMILY LAW
GUIDED PATHWAY**

Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia

LAUNCHING FALL 2023

WHAT IS IT?
Use the interactive pathway for step-by-step help on court forms used in family law applications.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY – REVENUES & EXPENSES

Fiscal year April 1 2021 to March 2022

REVENUE

GRANTS

<i>Law Foundation of Nova Scotia</i>	\$	137,600
<i>Department of Justice Canada</i>		163,300
<i>Department of Justice Nova Scotia</i>		50,000

DONATIONS		22,487
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SUB-TOTAL		373,387
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PROJECTS		809,738
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TOTAL	\$	1,183,125
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EXPENSES

PROGRAMS

Publications - Content Review
Publications - Printing

COST OF RAISING FUNDS		209
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PROJECTS		814,135
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ADMINISTRATION		367,648
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TOTAL	\$	1,181,992
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INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	\$	1,133
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A copy of our financial statements is available upon request



FINANCIAL SUMMARY – ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Fiscal year April 1 2021 to March 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT

<i>Cash</i>	\$	264,093
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>	\$	77,730
<i>Prepaid</i>	\$	2,562
<i>HST Receivable</i>	\$	20,151
	\$	364,536

CAPITAL ASSETS

TOTAL	\$	1,005
	\$	365,541

LIABILITIES

CURRENT

<i>Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities</i>	\$	214,278
<i>Deferred Revenue</i>		144,247

TOTAL	\$	358,525
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NET ASSETS

<i>Investment in Capital Assets</i>	\$	1,005.00
<i>Unrestricted</i>	-\$	3,989.00
<i>Contingency</i>	\$	10,000.00

<i>Net Asset Deficiency</i>	\$	7,016
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TOTAL	\$	365,541
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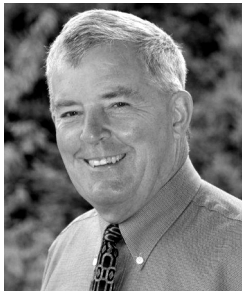
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