

## Give back this holiday season!

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### Giving Tuesday: December 1, 2015

You've probably heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. But how about Giving Tuesday?

Nidus is a proud partner of Giving Tuesday, a movement that builds a spirit of generosity at the start of the holiday season by facilitating a day of charitable giving after Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

**This year, Giving Tuesday is on December 1.** We at Nidus would love it if you'd mark this date on your calendar, check out the [Giving Tuesday website](http://www.givingtuesday.ca), and consider giving to your favourite non-profit or charity on this day.

**Interested in contributing to Nidus?** Your donation will help us provide information, legal forms, and tips on how you can help yourself and each other with Representation Agreements and personal planning. We are a small charitable organization that depends on the support of individual donors rather than large grants, so your contributions really make a difference! [Donate to Nidus](#)

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### Online and In-person Presentations in December

**Wednesday, December 2 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm** – Online webinar – Click to sign up for [Demo of the Personal Planning Registry](#). Take a tour of the Personal Planning Registry to get the most out of this valuable service.

**Wednesday, December 9 at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** – In-person presentation on Representation Agreements at **South Granville Seniors Centre** (1420 West 12 Avenue, Vancouver). Learn best practices on how to prepare for the future so that your wishes regarding health, personal, financial, and legal affairs will be honoured if you become incapacitated. No registration required.

### **Monday, December 21 at 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

– Online presentation – Click on link to sign-up for [Planning for Quality-of-Life \(to the end-of-life\)](#). Grab some cocoa, gather your friends, neighbours and family, and join us for a special webinar on strategies to ease the burden on others by getting your affairs in order.

*Do you live in Kitimat? Join [Kitimat Public Library](#), which is hosting the Dec. 21 webinar for seniors in their community and providing snacks, coffee, and transportation. Save a seat – call 250.632.8985 to register.*

### **Host a Webinar**

Are you a community group or public library interested in hosting our regular webinars for your clientele? Check out our [Presentations](#) page for dates and information about upcoming sessions. We can provide a poster for promotion.



## **Resources to use this Holiday Season and in the New Year!**

The holidays are a perfect time to think about personal planning and discuss it with friends and family. You can help Nidus spread the word. Share your experience and our resources with others. Click on headings/links below.

[Introduction to Personal Planning](#) — **NEW!** This powerpoint presentation gives a brief overview about personal planning and the legal documents available in BC. (It is best to download the document to your computer and then open the file.) A great way to get started!

[Values and Beliefs Discussion Guide](#) — this tool will help you focus your thoughts about the future and guide you in talking about your experiences, preferences and beliefs with others.

[Resources for Community Groups and Professionals](#) — Nidus is compiling teaching resources for professionals and intermediaries to use when assisting seniors and boomers with planning for incapacity and end-of-life.

[Videos](#) — stay tuned for new videos on how to introduce and use a Representation Agreement with financial institutions and health care professionals.

**New Planning Packages** — Nidus is revising the website planning sections and our Representation Agreement form packages. Go to [www.nidus.ca](http://www.nidus.ca) > click on the heading that best fits your situation.

*Thank you*

Nidus has a big mandate but limited resources. We are grateful for the support of volunteers and other community organizations.

## **NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

[Individualized Funding Resource Centre](#) provides assistance to people with disabilities who want to use the Choices in Support for Independent Living Program (CSIL) through the Ministry of Health. Representation Agreements are part of the CSIL policy and Nidus is providing RA forms and training to IFRC.

[Access Pro Bono BC](#) provides legal assistance to low income seniors and terminally ill patients with personal planning and Wills. Nidus is providing RA forms, education and support to make this valuable service more accessible and effective.

Legal Services Society is working on a new online service - [MyLawBC](#) - to help British Columbians access legal information for self-help. Through its personal planning module, LSS will refer the public to Nidus information and RA forms.

## **ONGOING SUPPORTERS**

[Courthouse Libraries BC](#) and its [Clicklaw Program](#) are helping to raise awareness about Representation Agreements, personal planning and Nidus' resources. CLBC reaches out to public libraries and hosts webinars for community advocates and for lawyers (for CPD credits). The webinars given by Nidus are among their most popular.

[Alzheimer Society of BC](#) makes personal planning one of its key topics for those newly diagnosed with dementia and for caregivers. ASBC makes referrals to Nidus services and resources. Read about their efforts to build [dementia-friendly communities](#).

[Parkinson Society BC](#) highlighted personal planning at its four regional conferences this year and at its online Care Partners Connect series. Staff took training with Nidus so they can help members move from awareness to action.

[COSCO](#) volunteers from around the province met for two days of intensive training on a variety of topics (including Representation Agreements) in order to give workshops for seniors in their communities. Congratulations to former president Art Kube who was awarded the Order of Canada.

## VOLUNTEERS

Nidus is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers on our Board of Directors. We also appreciate the contributions of many others who quietly and generously give of their time and expertise.

- **Hugh McLellan** of [McLellan Herbert](#) is an expert in the fields of personal and estate planning and helps Nidus' staff with analysis and information on many legal issues.
- **David Chalmers** of [Nicola Wealth Management](#) is an experienced financial advisor who gives back to his profession and the community. We are grateful for his efforts to connect like-minded innovators.
- **Jennifer Chew** of [DuMoulin Boskovich](#) is the legal supervisor for our UBC Pro Bono student and provides input to our resource materials.
- **Richard Bell** of [Bell Alliance](#) is a leader in the use and promotion of the Personal Planning Registry. Richard shared his analysis of client trends in his presentation at a recent conference on elder law.
- **Katharine Wong** is our current [UBC Pro Bono Law](#) student. She is helping us with research on a number of topics including Wills, discharge from Adult Guardianship and personal planning documents in other provinces.
- **Maureen MacDonald** is volunteering with Nidus (in the office) as well as with the [South Granville Seniors Centre](#). She is committed to helping seniors build support networks to combat social isolation and enable them to make and register a Representation Agreement for their future needs.

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## What's Upcoming?

The **Nidus AGM** and social will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in Vancouver. Please email for details if you would like to attend [info@nidus.ca](mailto:info@nidus.ca).

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## Please Support Nidus



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