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## **BC Labour Heritage Centre Launches South Asian Labour History Project**

The BC Labour Heritage Centre has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Asian Studies Institute at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) to design and develop a module focusing on South Asian BC Labour History.

The project is part of the South Asian Canadian Legacy Project, supported by a 1.14-million-dollar contribution by the Province of British Columbia to the South Asian Studies Institute at the University of the Fraser Valley.

The one-year project will present the history of South Asian workers in British Columbia, with a focus on organized labour, union membership and activism. The project will also address non-unionized workers in BC's labour force and questions of racist exclusion and choice in union membership.

"This is an exceptional opportunity for the BC Labour Heritage Centre," said Board chair Joey Hartman. "It provides for new relationships, connections and an expanded body of work around South Asian workers, union leadership and activism."

"The partnership with UFV and the South Asian Studies Institute reflects a growing appreciation for our work and recognition of our expertise."

The South Asian Labour History Project will deliver a virtual exhibit supported by a print version. The project will also contribute a chapter to a larger social history book being published by the South Asian Studies Institute.

The project will run until March 31, 2022.

More information:

South Asian Canadian Legacy Project: <https://www.ufv.ca/sasi/south-asian-canadian-legacy-project/>

Government of BC: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0047-001659>

BC Labour Heritage Centre: <https://www.labourheritagecentre.ca/south-asian/>



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