



Nanaimo Youth Services Association

"Believing in the power and potential of youth"

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I came into the NYSYA to look for a job because I hit rock bottom had no money, no food so I came here and over heard some people talking saying that there's a Women Bladerunners coming up so I signed up came to the meetings and got in I was so happy because

I entered this program with no future to speak of. I expected to drift from minimum wage job to minimum wage job until circumstance saw fit end my life. I had no plan, no hopes, no dreams. I didn't think of my next paycheck, just existing. I came into Bladerunners looking for a way out, like a trapped rabbit willing to chew it's own foot escape.

I found a reprieve, a sense of self and a glimmer of hope that a future might just be possible. I found a calm harbour to plot a course. When you live on a

Bladerunners I thank you for showing me that there is a chance in life and that you taught me how I can make a change in life, you know that if I had not went in to the program. I would not know half the stuff I know now!

Love

