

Kitsilano Royal Canadian Legion Branch 176

# Billy Bishop Legion



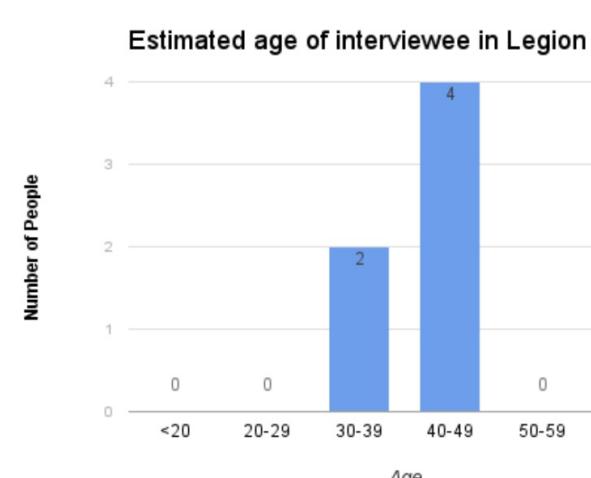
Legions originally served as a place for returning veterans to receive social, mental, and financial support.

## Project objective:

Assess the use of the Legion's kitchen with a community based assets approach

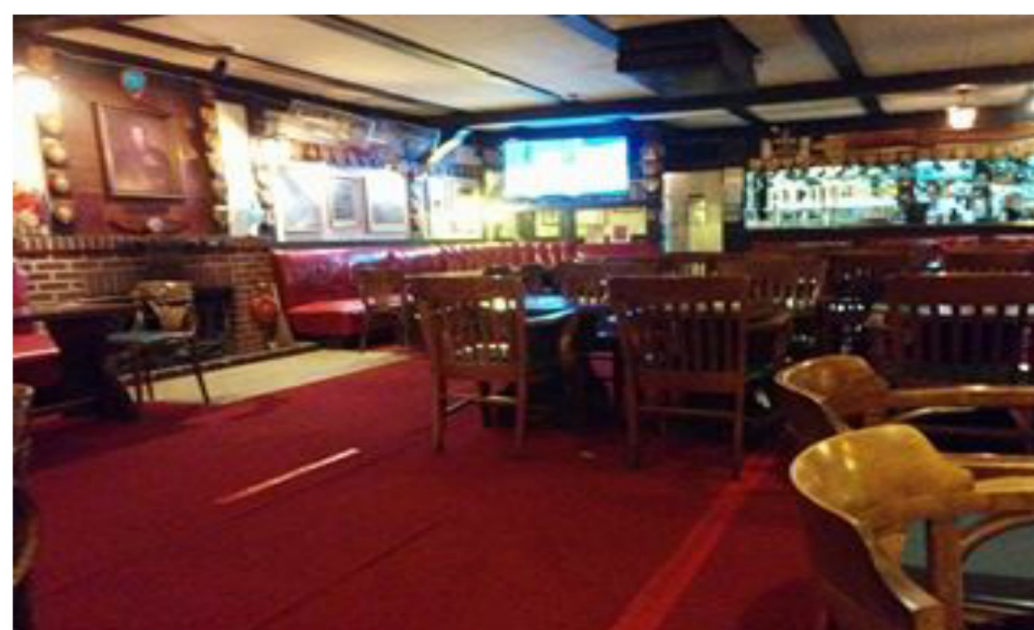
## Methods:

- Staff and event participants interviewed
- Observation of users and uses of the space



## Key Findings:

### The Legion serves as a social space



Fireplace & Spitfire Spaces



"I come here for the Guinness."

- Cheap beer
- Socialization over drinks

"My favourite [Legion] event is the meat draw."



- Sunday meat draws
- Prizes: meat, eggs etc.



Friday Night Roast Beef Dinners

- Kitchen used Fridays only
- Vegetarian option

## Current uses



Kitchen Space

## Potential uses



- Cooking classes and food-based workshops

## Outcomes:

### Foster social connections between Legion members and community members

- Connections with farmers and food experts



- Connections with Legion members

## Long-term success includes:

- Promotion of kitchen use (rentals)
- Inclusion & active participation by community members

For more details about our journey and experiences throughout this project, visit our **blog**:  
<https://blogs.ubc.ca/legioncollingwood2016f/>

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