

## Empower Us

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- **Funder:** Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)



The poster for the 'Empower Us Project' features a green vine with leaves at the top. Below it, the KCWA logo and name are displayed. A central text box contains questions in Korean: '한인 이민 1세대 분들은 어떤 이유로 캐나다로 오게 되신 걸까요?', '우리가 지금 알고 있는 캐나다 생활과 어떤 다른 점이 있었을까요?', '추억 상자 속에 담긴 소중한 기억을 꺼내 저희에게 들려주실 수 있으신가요?', and '여러분만이 알고 있는 이민 스토리를 알로로 한인 사회를 이끌어갈 청소년들에게 들려주세요.' The main title '우리들의 발자취' is in large red letters, with the subtitle 'Increasing Senior Community Participation through Storytelling' and 'Empower Us Project' below it. Four information boxes are arranged in a 2x2 grid: '대상' (Target) lists age groups and a limit of 20 participants; '일정' (Schedule) lists dates and times; '장소' (Location) provides the KCWA address; and '문의' (Inquiry) lists contact information. The bottom of the poster features the Canadian government logo.

- **Objectives**

The main objective addressed in Empower Us is to record Korean-Canadian immigration history.

In particular, it is aiming to have a group of youths to participate to interview Korean-Canadian seniors over the ages of 55 years who immigrated to Canada between 1960s and 1980s.

- **Project Activities**

-Two panels will be selected from each senior and youth group to jointly work with the project coordinator.

-Contents of storytelling and video editing will be mainly discussed with the panels.

The two groups, youth group and senior group, will undergo three education sessions to practice and one-on-one interviews will be held afterwards.

-Participants will share individual experiences and will be divided into small groups to practice storytelling and interviewing.

- **Outcome**

This project will not only record the history of Korean-Canadian immigration, but it will also allow two different generations to understand and get to know each other and in particular, the project will promote the social participation of seniors.