



BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

September, 2024

WHO ARE WE?

Welcome, everyone! This is the newsletter from the BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP) team. Here, you can find the latest updates, schedule of our services, upcoming events, and community resources.

BCNSP program is to support the social and economic integration of newcomers to the BC province who are not eligible for federally funded settlement services. The program aims to help clients achieve their best possible settlement outcomes.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The BCNSP offers new workshops and events at no cost! Check out our monthly scheduled agenda below.

Some workshops require registration in advance and have eligibility requirements. Connect with us for the most up-to-date news! Email us at bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca.





Need to improve your English proficiency?

We offer **FREE** English classes & practice for all levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) that you can join to improve your language skills. These classes are available in-person or online at various locations. Please contact BCNSP team (bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca) to learn about available classes and eligibility requirements.



BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP)

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE IN LANGFORD

FREE ENGLISH

WHO CAN REGISTER?

- Work Permit Holders
- Study Permit Holders*
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens
- Refugee Claimants*
- Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa holders
- BC Provincial Nominees or BCNP Entrepreneur Immigration candidates

(*restrictions applied)

English Grammar & Conversation

Every Thursday, starting July 2024

- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM: Pre Beginner / Beginner*
- 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM: Elementary / Pre-Intermediate**

At Coastal Offices (328 Wale Rd # 132, Colwood, BC, V9B 1J2)

For free registration, please email: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

***Pre Beginner/Beginner:**

- Ideal for those new to the English language.
- Focus on basic grammar, vocabulary, simple sentences, and everyday conversation skills.
- Friendly and supportive environment.

For more information about schedule, please contact:

Zahra Dehni
Settlement Counsellor & ELT Instructor
Zahra@vircs.bc.ca / 236-638-4750

Funded by / Financed par:

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FREE ENGLISH CLASS IN WESTSHORE

FREE ENGLISH

WHO CAN REGISTER?

- Temporary Foreign Workers with valid work permits *
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens *

(*restrictions applied)

Every Wednesday, starting April 2024

- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM: ELT I & II
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: ELT III & IV

At Greater Victoria Public Library - Juan de Fuca Branch
(1759 Island Highway, Victoria, V9B 1J1)

To register, please email us: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

We also provide

Immigration and Settlement Services

- immigration consultation through law clinic, information & referrals, assistance with non-immigration forms

Labour market services

- Pre-employment training
- Networking info, support related to workplace issues, job search resources, resume/cover letter review

English Language Training (formal/ informal)

Meet us at our info table - outreach in the library

Every Wednesday
12:00pm - 2:00pm

for more information!

Funded by / Financed par:

*Please see page 5 and 6 for full details of our English classes schedule

Know Your Rights as a worker in BC

Learn about your rights, what employers and recruiters can and cannot do, the complaint process, and find community resources for support.

Know your rights as a worker in B.C. (Online)

Monday, September 23, 2024

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

via Zoom meeting

For free registration and more information, please

contact the BCNSP team at

bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca / 250-361-9433

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A WORKER IN B.C.

In-Person @ VIRCS

Friday,
August 30, 2024
10am - 12pm
(In English & Vietnamese)

Online (Zoom)

Monday,
September 23, 2024
6:30pm - 7:30pm
(In English)

PRESENTED BY
WORKER SOLIDARITY NETWORK

Are you a temporary foreign worker and want to learn about your rights in B.C.?

Too many workers have already experienced wage theft, unjust termination, and other violations of the Employment Standards Act. Learn about your rights, what employers and recruiters can and cannot do, how to calculate your wage, the complaint process, and find community resources for support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Please contact BCNSP team

250-361-9433
bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca
1004 North Park St, Victoria, BC



EXPLORE *Job opportunities*



Greater Victoria Hiring and Education Expo 2024

COME AND MEET RECRUITERS
IN-PERSON!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone looking for a new career
or post-secondary education
options.

Date: Tuesday, Sep 10, 2024

Time: 11 AM - 3 PM

Location: Bay Street Armoury,
(715 Bay Street Victoria, BC V8T
1R1)

FREE ADMISSION

Get a Free Ticket & see the List of
Exhibitors:



In this section, you will find information about job fairs and employment workshops taking place in the Greater Victoria area. We understand that immigrating and finding a new job can be challenging, and we want to support you during this journey.

BCNSP offers various services to increase workforce readiness and knowledge of job market.

All BCNSP services are provided at no charge and delivered with cultural sensitivity and confidentiality.

Our labor market support includes:

- Information, Orientation, and networking
- Information on workplace rights and responsibilities and supports
- Employment counseling
- Short-term pre-employment training
- Supported access to WorkBC and other provincial/federal employment training programs

**The employment services are open to certain eligibility.*

Email us for more info:

bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca



Langford Job Fair

Meet local employers and businesses with paid and volunteer opportunities at the Langford Job & Volunteer fair presented by WorkBC Centre Westshore & Sooke!

Meet organizations from various fields, including health care, public service, education, food service, retail, non-profit, financial, trades and more!

Register ahead on Eventbrite for a chance to win one of five prize packs.

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Time: 1-5pm

Location: Langford Legion Auditorium
(761 Station Ave)



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHT IN SEPTEMBER 2024



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WETLAND WONDERS exploration

Free nature exploration activity

Wednesday, September 25, 2024
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria, BC, V8X 3W1

Are you curious about what's in our water? Come and join our outdoor activity to learn about the importance of the Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary wetland ecosystem and the creatures that call it home. Then go down to the Founders Wharf to collect your own water samples to examine! It's a great opportunity to enrich our knowledge about restoration of ecosystems.

Suitable for all ages!
Bus tickets available

LIMITED SPOTS
PLEASE REGISTER
IN ADVANCE!

For free registration,
please contact Wing:
wing@vircs.bc.ca
236-638-4749

Funded by / Financé par:

Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary

BCNSP is organizing numerous free informative workshops and family activities throughout the Greater Victoria area. Be sure to register early to secure your spot!

Wetland Wonders Exploration

Come and join our outdoor activity to learn about the importance of the Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary wetland ecosystem and the creatures that call it home. It's a great opportunity to enrich our knowledge about restoration of ecosystems.

Wednesday, September 25th, 2024

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

@Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary

For free registration, please contact Wing:

wing@vircs.bc.ca / 236-638-4749

LGBTQ2S+ AWARENESS FOR ESL STUDENTS WORKSHOP SERIES

This workshop Series will

- Provide basic understanding of Diversity & Language
- Provide in depth understanding & experiences of Queer & Trans folks
- Provide Tools to communicate and allyship
- Provide multiple learning formats, simplicity for ESL learners & understanding of cultural & belief differences

Please contact **Natasha** for more details of Workshop Series.
natasha@vircs.bc.ca

Facilitated by:
Corey Keith, BSW, MED
Educator, Consultant

Corey Keith's Website:

SESSION 1
QUEER BASICS
SEPT. 5, 5-7 PM

SESSION 2
COLONIZATION & 2 SPIRIT
OCT. 3, 5-7 PM

SESSION 3
QUEERNESS & THE GLOBE, IMMIGRATION
NOV. 7, 5-7 PM

SESSION 4
FAMILY & ALLYSHIP
JAN. 30, 5-7 PM

LOCATION 777 Fort St.

Funded by / Financé par:

Wellness Coaching & Consulting

LGBTQ2S+ Awareness Workshop

Join us for private sessions to learn about and share your experiences with Queer and Trans individuals, including communication strategies, allyship, and understanding cultural and belief differences.

Date & Time: please see the poster

Location: Fort Tectoria

(777 Fort St, Victoria, BC)

For free registration, please contact

Natasha: natasha@vircs.bc.ca



WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 VIRCS Closed	3 Law Clinic* (A) 9:00-10:00am	4 Law Clinic* (Z) 9:00-10:00am Law Clinic* (I) 11:00am-1:00pm	5 Beginner Grammar and Conversation 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Pre intermediate Grammar and Conversation 1:45pm - 3:45 pm Zahra @ Coastal Offices	6 Employment Cafe 12:00-2:00pm Serena @VIRCS Pronunciation Class** (Week 8 of 8) David 1:00-3:00pm
9 Online Functional English for Daily Life 6:00 – 7:30 PM Zahra	Law Clinic* (M) In-person 1:30-3:30pm	10 Law Clinic* (Z) 9:00-10:00am Law Clinic* (I) 11:00am-1:00pm	11 Drop in Peer Support 1:00-3:00pm @VIRCS Employment Cafe 12:00-2:00pm Serena @Juan de Fuca	12 Beginner Grammar and Conversation 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Pre intermediate Grammar and Conversation 1:45pm - 3:45 pm Zahra @ Coastal Offices
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* Law Clinic (By appointment only) Contact BCNSP team to book an appointment. bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca			@VIATEC: Tectoria, 777 Fort Street, Victoria, BC @Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary: 3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria, BC, V8X 3W1 @Coastal Offices: 328 Wale Rd #132, Colwood, BC @Juan de Fuca Branch Library: 1759 Island Hwy, Victoria, BC.	
** Pronunciation Class To register, please contact Jennifer, esl@vircs.bc.ca				



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Check out our full workshops calendar and don't hesitate join our activities. We look forward to seeing you here. Send us an email at: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (ELT) CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 VIRCS CLOSED	3 ELT II 9:30AM – 12:30PM Mike Carrow	4 ELT III 9:30AM – 12:30PM David Bradley	5 ELT I- II 9:30PM – 11:00AM ELT III- IV 11:30PM – 1:30PM @City of lights Mike Carrow	6
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30 VIRCS CLOSED	Do you want to join English class? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Email Settlement Worker at bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca to register. Have a short assessment with Mike to determine a suitable class for you. Meet our ELT Instructors and enjoy the classes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVPL Juan de Fuca Branch-1759 Island Hwy, Victoria, BC V9B 1J1 City of lights Church - 550 Obed Avenue, Victoria, V9A 1K5 		Program Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Foreign Workers* Naturalized Citizens* * Restrictions apply	



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The English Learning Training (ELT) is available for FREE for Temporary Foreign Workers and Naturalized Canadian Citizens only (restrictions applied). For registration, please send an email to:

bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca.