



BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

April 2026

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

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

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WHO ARE WE?

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Contact information

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 250-361-9433

 1004 North Park St



EXPLORE Job opportunities

In this section, you will find information about job fairs and employment workshops taking place in the Greater Victoria area, as well as in other regions such as Vancouver.

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 the job market.

Our labor market support includes:

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

*The employment services are open to certain eligibility.

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Employment Café

Are you feeling stuck in your job search? Unsure about the next steps to take? We are here to help!

Our employment coordinator can provide you with:

- resume and cover letter review
- networking and job market navigation
- information and resources tailored to enhance your job search journey
- and more.

Come and meet us at:

@ VIRCS
 (1004 North Park St, Victoria, V8T 1C6)
 Fridays,
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

FREE

Services are available to VIRCS clients who are

- Work permit holders*
- Study Permit Holders*
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens*
- Refugee Claimants*

* Restrictions apply

For more information or to book an appointment, please email:
bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca

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Tim Hortons

Conkeira Holdings Ltd.

Food Service Supervisor

Location: 880 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, BC V9A 3M4

5 vacancies

Salary: \$20.15 / hour

Start date: As soon as possible

Languages: English

Education: No degree, certificate or diploma

Experience: 1 year to less than 2 years

Ability to Supervise: 5-10 people

Employment groups: Students, Youth, Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Visible minorities, Persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, Newcomers to Canada, Seniors

Terms of employment: Permanent, Full time, Part-Time, Day, Evening, Night, Weekend, Shift, Morning

Benefits: Medical, Dental, Disability Insurance

Work Conditions and Physical Capabilities: Fast-paced environment; Work under pressure; Tight Deadlines; Combination of sitting, standing, walking; Standing for extended periods; Bending, crouching, kneeling; Walking; Physically Demanding

Personal Suitability: Effective interpersonal skills; Team player; Excellent oral communication; Flexibility; Client focus

Additional Skills: Establish methods to meet work schedules; Train staff in job duties, sanitation and safety procedures; Address customers' complaints or concerns

Specific Skills: Supervise and co-ordinate activities of staff who prepare and portion food; Ensure food service and quality control; Maintain records of stock, repairs, sales and wastage; Prepare and submit reports

Work Setting: Food service establishment; Coffee shop; Fast food outlet or concession; Restaurant

Workers Supervised: Food service counter attendants and food preparers

How to apply

In person: at the above store location

By email: conkeira@hotmail.com

By phone: (250) 478-2422

All interested applicants who can legally work in Canada are encouraged to apply. If you are not currently authorized to work in Canada, the employer will not consider your job application.

15 Goldstream Ave Victoria, BC V9B 2X8	3150 Langford Lake Rd Victoria, BC V9B 0V1	840-2945 Jacklin Road Victoria, BC V9B 5E3	102-2890 West Shore Pkwy Victoria, BC V9B 0B2
880 Esquimalt Rd Esquimalt, BC V9A 3M4	3749 Shelbourne St Victoria, BC V8P 5N4	2343 Beacon Ave Sidney, BC V8L 1W9	



WorkBC Centre

LADYSMITH JOB FAIR

April 15, 2026 | 12 - 2 pm
 Ladysmith Eagles Hall
 921 1st Ave

WorkBC Centre LadySmith
 250.924.2884
workbccentre.ladysmith@workbc.ca
centre.ladysmith@workbc.ca

Canada 

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MEET THE EMPLOYERS

- BC Emergency Health Services
 - BC Ferries
 - BC Infrastructure Benefits
 - Canadian Army Reserves
 - Canadian Mental Health Association - Warmland House
 - Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society
 - ETHOS
 - First Nations Health Authority
 - Ron Anderson & Sons Ltd.
 - Sprott Shaw College
 - Statistics Canada
 - Tim Hortons
 - Vancouver Island University
- Plus more to be announced!*

Come see us to get help with your resume before meeting your next employer!



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MASTER MINDS

WORKSHOP + NETWORKING EVENT

BUILDING REFERRAL REVENUE THROUGH LINKEDIN

TIFFANY MCINTYRE, HERON MEDIA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH
 5:00 - 7:00PM

SPACES UPTOWN - TAKE THE ELEVATOR NEAR BEST BUY

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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.

*Please see page 4 and 5 for full details of our English classes schedule

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FREE ENGLISH CLASS IN WESTSHORE **FREE ENGLISH**

WHO CAN REGISTER?

- Temporary Foreign Workers with valid work permits *
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens *
- Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa holders (*restrictions applied)

Every Wednesday

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

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

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

We also provide free

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!

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Every Thursday,

- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM: ELT I & II
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM: ELT III & IV

At 550 Obed Avenue, Victoria, V9A 1K5 (City Light Church)

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Let's stay connected! You can find more information about us at: <https://www.vircs.bc.ca/bcnsp>

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Online Formal ELT Intermediate Level

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Through Zoom

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

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FREE ONLINE ENGLISH CLASS **FREE ENGLISH**

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- Naturalized Canadian Citizens *
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Online Formal ELT Intermediate Level

Tuesdays, starting March 24, 2026

- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Through Zoom

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

About the instructor

Sedi is an experienced and excellent English language instructor. She is passionate about creating engaging, meaningful learning experiences in a welcoming, student-centered classroom.

"I enjoy helping learners build confidence in their English and connect what they learn to real life. I create a space where everyone feels comfortable joining in, taking risks, and growing together."

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WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Wellness Coffee Corner 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM @VIRCS CRA 1-on-1 Tax Support Clinic 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @VIRCS	2 Pronunciation Class 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM David @VIRCS	3 Good Friday VIRCS Closed
6 Easter Monday VIRCS Closed	7	8 Income Assistance Clinic 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Heather @VIRCS	9 Pronunciation Class 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM David @VIRCS	10 Pronunciation Class 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM David @VIRCS Employment Cafe 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Hiro @VIRCS
13 Functional English for Daily Life (Online) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Zahra)	14	15	16 Pronunciation Class 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM David @VIRCS	17 Pronunciation Class 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM David @VIRCS Employment Cafe 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Hiro @VIRCS
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Program Eligibility · Work Permit Holders · Study Permit Holders* · Naturalized Canadian Citizens		· Refugee Claimants* · CUAET visa holders · BC Provincial Nominees or BCPNP Entrepreneur Immigration candidates. * Restrictions apply	Locations VIRCS: 1004 North Park St, V8T 1C6 City Lights Church 550 Obed Avenue, V9A 1K5 Hotel Inn Express: 318 Wale Rd, V9B 2W3	Employment services *Open to certain eligible clients - Pre-employment training - Resume /Cover Letter Review - Employment workshops and job search navigation.

For free registration and more information, please email bcnsp@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
		1 ELT III 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David	2 ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	3
6 Easter Monday VIRCS Closed	7 ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - Mike Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)	8 ELT III 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David	9 ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	10
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How to register for free English class? 1. Email bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca to assess your eligibility. 2. Have a short assessment with the ELT Instructor to determine a suitable class for you.		Class Locations GVPL Juan de Fuca Branch - 1759 Island Hwy, V9B 1J1 City Lights Church - 550 Obed Avenue, V9A 1K5 VIRCS - 1004 North Park St, V8T 1C6	Program Eligibility Temporary Foreign Workers* CUAET-visa holders Naturalized Canadian Citizens* * Restrictions apply	

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