



# BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM

## NEWSLETTER

May 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.

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](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca).



BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP)

### WHO ARE WE?

BCNSP program is to provide free services to temporary residents and Naturalized Canadians living in the Greater Victoria. The program aims to help clients achieve their best possible settlement outcomes and successfully integrate into the Canadian society.

### Contact information

 [bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

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 250-361-9433

 1004 North Park St



# EVENTS HIGHLIGHT

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## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Presented by George Colussi from Volunteer Victoria

BENEFITS

PROCESS

OPPORTUNITIES

### WHY ATTEND?

Join us to learn more about the volunteer program, benefits, recruitment process and what to expect as a volunteer.

- Gain Canadian work experience through volunteering
- Build skills, confidence, and references
- Learn how volunteering leads to jobs and networking
- Explore opportunities with Volunteer Victoria

**THURSDAY**  
May 28,  
2026

**2PM**  
to  
**3PM**

**@Hotel Inn Express**  
318 Wale Rd, V9B  
2W3

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL:

[bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca)

## Volunteer Information Session

Volunteer is a great way to earn transferable skills and experiences and network. Join us at:

**318 Wale Rd, V9B 2W3 (Hotel Inn Express)**

**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

For more info, please email

[bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca)



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## JOB FAIR & CAREER EXPO

Join our Job Fair & Career Expo to connect with local employers, explore job opportunities, and learn about career pathways in your community.



**THURSDAY**

11th June, 2026



**START AT**

12:00pm - 2:00pm

**Reminder:**

- Bring your resume
- Dress Professionally
- Be ready to introduce yourself
- Ask questions and network

**Location:**

**VIRCS Building**

1004 North Park St, Victoria,  
V8T 1C6



## Job Fair and Career Expo

This is a great opportunity for job seekers to meet different employers and explore career opportunities. Drop-in is welcome! Join us at:

**1004 North Park St (VIRCS)**

**Thursday, June 11, 2026**

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

For more info, please email

[bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

# 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 Clinic

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
- pre-employment training (First Aid, Food Safe, and WHMIS)
- skilled-based workshops to enhance your skills

**FREE**

Services are available to VIRCS clients who are

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

\* Restrictions apply

**Available Online or In-person**

To book a free appointment, please email: [bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

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**NANAIMO CAREER AND EDUCATION EXPO**

FEATURING 45+ EXHIBITORS AND GROWING!

Black Press CAREER & EDUCATION EXPOS

## SKIP THE LINE!

REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
FREE ADMISSION

TITLE SPONSOR  
 BC Corrections

MAY 14, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

YANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY GYM  
Building 190, 900 Fifth St., Nanaimo, B.C.

## LinkedIn & Networking Skills for Job Seekers (English)



Hosted by BCNSP .

### Details

Boost your confidence and expand your career opportunities in Canada! This practical workshop will introduce the fundamentals of professional networking—both in person and online—and show you how to build a strong, job-ready LinkedIn profile. Learn how to make meaningful connections, create an effective elevator pitch, reach out to professionals, and use LinkedIn to find job opportunities.

To register for this event, please fill out this

form: <https://success.jotform.com/team/bcsis/RF>

Please fill out this form 24 hours before the event to ensure that you get the link to attend.

If you are accessing the webinar by phone, you have to download the GoToWebinar app on your phone prior to attending. Mobile users can install the GoToWebinar app free on iOS, Android or Windows devices.

BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP) is one of the many programs within S.U.C.C.E.S.S., a multicultural, multi-service social service agency. BCNSP is gratefully funded by the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills to provide support to post-secondary international students, foreign workers who hold a valid work permit, PNP nominees, refugee claimants and naturalized citizens in employment, settlement, and exploring immigration pathways.

### To Register Visit:

<https://success.jotform.com/team/bcsis/RF>



Monday, May 4 · 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM PDT



Online event

Link visible for attendees

**Tim Hortons**  
Conkeira Holdings Ltd.

### Food Service Supervisor

Location : 3749 Shelbourne St. Victoria BC V8P 5N4

4 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](mailto: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.

845 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



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# NEW ONLINE ENGLISH CLASSES

## Everyday English for Beginner – Online course

**Date:** Every Saturday  
**Time:** 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Through Zoom**

For more information and free registration, please email:  
[bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

## Structured English for Intermediate level

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

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**FREE ONLINE ENGLISH CLASS**

**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)

**Everyday English for Beginners – Online Course**

**Saturdays, starting May 9, 2026**

- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Through Zoom

For free registration, please email us:  
[bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto: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."*

**What you can learn:**

Build confidence in everyday English!  
Learn basic English skills and useful daily/life conversations.

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- Naturalized Canadian Citizens \*
- Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa holders (\*restrictions applied)

**Online Formal ELT Intermediate Level**

**Tuesdays, starting March 24, 2026**

- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- Through Zoom

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<https://www.vircs.bc.ca/bcnsp>

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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](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)) to learn about available classes and eligibility requirements.

\*Please see page 5 and 6 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](mailto: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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### FREE ENGLISH CLASS IN SAANICH

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 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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## English at Workplace Intermediate/Upper-intermediate level

**Date:** Every Thursday  
**Time:** 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
**GVPL Central Branch**  
(735 Broughton St)

For more information and free registration, please email:  
[bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

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### FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE

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 at Workplace**  
(Intermediate/Upper-intermediate level)

**Every Thursday, starting May 14, 2026**

- 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- At the Greater Victoria Public Library - Central Branch (735 Broughton St, V8W 3H2)

For free registration, please email us:  
[bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

**About the instructor**

Colin is an experienced English language instructor with over 10 years of teaching adults in diverse international settings. He holds a university degree along with specialized certification in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). Having worked in more than 12 countries, he brings a global perspective and practical expertise to his teaching. Colin has also run his own business and specializes in business and workplace English, helping learners communicate effectively and confidently in professional environments.

**About this class**

- designed to enhance employment readiness.
- suitable for those who are looking to improve their language skills in a workplace or business setting.
- good for those who want to improve their reading and writing skills for language proficiency tests as well.

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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (ELT) CALENDAR



## BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP) May 2026 ELT Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> ELT I 9:30 AM – 12:30PM ELT I A 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @VIRCS - Mike  ELT I D 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM @VIRCS - David	<b>5</b> ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - Mike  Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)	<b>6</b> ELT III 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David  ELT I - II 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM ELT III 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM @GVPL Juan de Fuca - Mike	<b>7</b> ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT I) 10:30 AM – 12:00PM (Sedi)
<b>11</b> ELT I 9:30 AM – 12:30PM ELT I A 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @VIRCS - Mike  ELT I D 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM @VIRCS - David	<b>12</b> ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - Mike  Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)	<b>13</b> ELT III 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David  ELT I - II 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM ELT III 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM @GVPL Juan de Fuca - Mike	<b>14</b> ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT I) 10:30 AM – 12:00PM (Sedi)
<b>18</b> Victoria Day  VIRCS Closed	<b>19</b> ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - Mike  Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)	<b>20</b> ELT III 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David  ELT I - II 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM ELT III 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM @GVPL Juan de Fuca - Mike	<b>21</b> ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT I) 10:30 AM – 12:00PM (Sedi)
<b>25</b> ELT I 9:30 AM – 12:30PM ELT I A 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @VIRCS - Mike  ELT I D 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM @VIRCS - David	<b>26</b> ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - Mike  Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)	<b>27</b> ELT III 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David  ELT I - II 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM ELT III 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM @GVPL Juan de Fuca - Mike	<b>28</b> ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT I) 10:30 AM – 12:00PM (Sedi)
<b>How to register for free English class?</b> 1. Email <a href="mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca">bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca</a> to assess your eligibility. 2. Have a short assessment with the ELT Instructor to determine a suitable class for you.		<b>Class Locations</b> 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		<b>Program Eligibility</b> Temporary Foreign Workers* CUAET-visa holders Naturalized Canadian Citizens* * Restrictions apply	

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## May 2026

The English Language Training (ELT) is available for **FREE** for Temporary Foreign Workers, CUAET-visa holders and Naturalized Canadian Citizens only (restrictions applied).



# WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b> <b>Functional English for Daily Life (Online)</b> 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Zahra)	<b>5</b> <b>Employment Clinic (online or in-person)</b> Hiro – by appointment only	<b>6</b> <b>Income Assistance Clinic</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Heather @VIRCS	<b>7</b> <b>Pronunciation Class</b> 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM David @VIRCS  <b>English at Workplace</b> 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Colin @Central Library	<b>8</b> <b>Pronunciation Class</b> 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM David @VIRCS  <b>Employment Clinic (online or in-person)</b> Hiro – by appointment only
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<b>Employment Clinic</b> * Open to certain eligible clients - Pre-employment training - Resume /Cover Letter Review - Employment workshops and job search navigation.				

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