



# BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM

## NEWSLETTER

June 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

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# EVENTS HIGHLIGHT

## 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.

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## 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)

## Music for Families Workshop

This is a wonderful opportunity for our clients to connect, have fun, and engage with music together in a welcoming environment. Join us at:

**Thursdays, May 28, June 4, & June 18, 2026**  
**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
**1004 North Park St (VIRCS)**

For more info, please email  
[bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

 **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

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AT VICTORIA IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CENTRE SOCIETY (VIRCS)

## THE MUSIC FOR FAMILIES WORKSHOP IS BACK



When: May 28, June 4 and 18

Time: 2 PM - 3 PM

Where: VIRCS Office at  
1004 North Park St

Light refreshments will  
be provided

Bus tickets available for  
participants

For registration and more info, please contact us at  
[bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca](mailto:bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca)

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# 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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## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Presented by George Colussi from Volunteer Victoria

### 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

**BENEFITS** **PROCESS** **OPPORTUNITIES**

**THURSDAY June 18, 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)

## WorkBC Centre Youth (AGES 16-30) Mini Job Fair

Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
1:30pm-3:30pm

WorkBC Centre Nanaimo  
101-155 Skinner Street  
Nanaimo, BC

REGISTER NOW

This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.  
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## LANGLEY CAREER AND EDUCATION EXPO

FEATURING 35+ EXHIBITORS AND GROWING!

LANGLEY CURLING CENTRE  
20699 42 Avenue, Langley, B.C.

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REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS!  
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FREE ADMISSION

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JUNE 18 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



# FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE

## English at Workplace

Intermediate/Upper-intermediate level

Every Thursday

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

GVPL Esquimalt Branch

(#101-503 Park Pl, V9A 0H4)

For more information and free registration, please email:

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

## English Grammar & Conversation

Every Thursday

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

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

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

(\*restrictions applied)

### English at Workplace

(Intermediate/Upper-intermediate level)

Every Thursday, starting May 21, 2026

- 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- At the Greater Victoria Public Library - Esquimalt Branch (#101-503 Park Pl, Victoria, BC, V9A 0H4)

For free registration, please email us:

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### 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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## FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE IN WESTSHORE

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- BC Provincial Nominees or BCPNP Entrepreneur Immigration candidates

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### English Grammar & Conversation

Every Thursday

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

At Hotel Inn Express (318 Wale Rd, Colwood, BC, V9B 2W3)

For free registration, please email us:

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### \*Beginner/Elementary:

Join our friendly and supportive English class designed for beginners and elementary learners! Build your confidence in speaking, listening, reading, and writing through simple lessons, everyday vocabulary, and practical conversations. In this class, you will:

- Learn basic grammar and sentence structure
- Practice speaking with confidence
- Improve listening and pronunciation
- Build reading and writing skills
- Meet new friends in a welcoming environment

### \*\*Pre-Intermediate/Intermediate:

Take your English to the next level in our engaging and supportive class for pre-intermediate and intermediate learners! Strengthen your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills through real-life conversations, practical grammar, and interactive activities. In this class, you will:

- Expand your vocabulary for everyday and workplace communication
- Improve grammar accuracy and sentence structure
- Build confidence in conversations and discussions
- Practice reading comprehension and writing skills
- Enhance pronunciation and listening abilities

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# FREE ENGLISH CLASSES



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## FREE ENGLISH CLASS IN WESTSHORE

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- 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

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

For free registration, please email us:

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**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)

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- WHO CAN REGISTER?**
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  - 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

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

For free registration, please email us:

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## FREE ONLINE ENGLISH CLASS

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- Temporary Foreign Workers with valid work permits \*
  - 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

For free registration, please email us:

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**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.

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## FREE ONLINE BEGINNER 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:

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**What you can learn:**

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

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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (ELT) CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</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>2</b> ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - Mike  Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)	<b>3</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>4</b> ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT I) 10:30 AM – 12:00PM (Sedi)
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<b>22</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>23</b> ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - Mike  Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)	<b>24</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>25</b> ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Lights Church - Mike	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT I) 10:30 AM – 12:00PM (Sedi)
<b>29</b> No Mike's class  ELT I_D 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM @VIRCS - David	<b>30</b> No Mike's class  Online Formal ELT II-III 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (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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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>1</b> <b>Online Functional English for Daily Life</b> 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Zahra)  *Employment Clinic Hiro – by appointment	<b>2</b> *Employment Clinic Hiro – by appointment	<b>3</b> <b>Income Assistance Clinic</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Heather @VIRCS  *Employment Clinic Hiro – by appointment	<b>4</b> <b>Pronunciation Class</b> 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM David @VIRCS  *Employment Clinic Hiro – by appointment  <b>English at Workplace</b> 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Colin @Esquimalt Library	<b>5</b> <b>Pronunciation Class</b> 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM David @VIRCS  <b>Beginner Grammar &amp; Conversation</b> 12:00 - 1:30 PM @ Hotel Inn Express - Zahra  <b>Pre-intermediate Grammar &amp; Conversation</b> 1:45 - 3:45 PM @ Hotel Inn Express - Zahra  <b>Music for Families</b> 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM @VIRCS
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