



BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

July 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



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.

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EVENTS HIGHLIGHT



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FREE

Nature Exploration and Wellness

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Glass Beach (2533 Beacon Ave W, V8L 1Y2)

Are you looking for activities to do during summer break? Come and join our FREE Nature Exploration and Wellness workshop! In this intertidal exploration, get an up-close visit with our weird, wacky, and wonderful coastal neighbours! Learn how we can explore our new homes while still being respectful to the non-living and living (including humans!) things that we find and who have called these places home for thousands of years. Then discuss how we, as a community, can make positive and impactful choices in our everyday lives.



Environmental educator **Stephanie Chong** (she/her) believes in encouraging curiosity, a joy of being outdoors, and environmental responsibility. In her spare time, you'll find her looking for wiggly creatures or in the garden. Stephanie has been fortunate to call the traditional territories of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples her home for the past four years.

For free registration and more information, please contact:

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

LIMITED SPOTS
PLEASE REGISTER
IN ADVANCE!

children, youth,
adults welcome!

Bus tickets
available

Nature Exploration and Wellness

This is a great outdoor activity for summer break. You will get an up-close visit with different coastal creatures and learn how to be respectful in their natural habitats.

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BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP)
at Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society (VIRCS)

Create, Connect, Stay Moving



A calm group session for body and mind

Starts Friday
June 19 •
Every 2 weeks
Guided by:
Brittany Dunstan

Time: 12:00 to 1:30 PM
At the VIRCS Office
1004 North Park St

For registration and more info, please contact
bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

Create, Connect, Stay Moving

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to connect, have fun, and engage with body and mind in a welcoming environment. Join us at:

Fridays, July 3, 17, 31

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

1004 North Park St (VIRCS)

For more info, please email

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.



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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

Services are available to VIRCS clients who are

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

* Restrictions apply

FREE



Available Online or In-person

To book a free appointment, please

email: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

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.

Email us for more info: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

Training Available

Elevate Your Skills!

Training Available:



Emergency First Aid

Food Safe

Availability:

- Limited spots available
- One course per person
- Waitlist available when the course is full
- Register by emailing bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca with your name, phone number, and a brief reason for taking the course
- Questions? Contact Hiro at bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca

Register Today

WorkBC Centre

the **WIRELESS kiosk @Costco** Hiring Fair

Tuesday, July 7, 2026
1:30pm-3:30pm

WorkBC Centre Nanaimo
101-155 Skinner Street
Nanaimo, BC

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Canada
BRITISH COLUMBIA

This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
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Overview

Come by the Nanaimo WorkBC Centre to meet with Canada's leading wireless retailer. Now hiring: Cell Phone Advisors

Find out about job opportunities, wages, benefits, and more. Bring copies of your resume and be prepared for an on the spot interview!

Why work for the WIRELESS kiosk @Costco?

- Competitive, industry-leading earning potential (base+commission)
- Health & dental benefits and maternity leave top-up
- Learning and development opportunities
- RRSP matching and 3 weeks' vacation
- Discounts on phone plans & wireless services



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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

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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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 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:

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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FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE IN WESTSHORE

FREE ENGLISH

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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

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

English for Everyday Communication
Pre-intermediate/Intermediate Level

- Every Thursday
- 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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

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

- We also provide free**
- Settlement Services**
- Immigration appointments through law clinic, 1-on-1 settlement services & referrals, assistance with non-immigration forms, community connections
- Employment services**
- Pre-employment trainings
 - Information sessions, support related to workplace issues, job search resources, resume/cover letter review
- English classes (online/ in-person)**
- Formal English classes and Grammar & Conversation practice

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English for Everyday Communication
Pre-intermediate/Intermediate Level

- Every Wednesday
- 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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

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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)

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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FREE ONLINE BEGINNER ENGLISH CLASS

FREE ENGLISH

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 - 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

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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
<p>How to register for free English class?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Email bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca to assess your eligibility. Have a short assessment with Mike to determine your level. 	<p>Program Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Foreign Workers* CUAET-visa holders Naturalized Canadian Citizens* <p>* Restrictions apply</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Canada Day VIRCS Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No Mike's class</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT 1) 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Sedi)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>No Mike's class</p> <p>ELT 1_D 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM @VIRCS - David</p>	<p>7</p> <p>No Mike's class</p> <p>Online ELT 2-3 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ELT 3 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David</p> <p>No Mike's class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>No Mike's class</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT 1) 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Sedi)</p>
<p>13</p> <p>ELT 1 9:30 AM – 12:30PM ELT 1a 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM @VIRCS - Mike</p> <p>ELT 1_D 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM @VIRCS - David</p>	<p>14</p> <p>ELT 2 9:30 AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - Mike</p> <p>Online ELT 2-3 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Sedi)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>ELT 3 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - David</p> <p>English for Everyday Communication 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM @ GVPL Juan de Fuca - Mike</p>	<p>16</p> <p>English for Everyday Communication 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Light Church - Mike</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Online Everyday Beginner Class (ELT 1) 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Sedi)</p>
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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
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				<p>Workshop with Brittany @VIRCS</p>

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