



BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

December 2025

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.

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.

WHO ARE WE?

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.





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.



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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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FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE IN WESTSHORE

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- 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 Grammar & Conversation

Every Thursday, starting January 9th, 2025

- 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 us: 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.

****Elementary/Pre-Intermediate:**

- Perfect for those with some basic English knowledge.
- Enhance your skills and sub skills.
- Practical lessons to help you in real-life situations.

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For more information about schedule, please contact:
Zahra Dehini
Settlement Counsellor & ELT Instructor
Zahra@vircs.bc.ca / 778-587-9205

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

Job Search Project Plan

Career Navigation and Job Search Project: Using Project Management to Build Your Canadian Career

Course Description:
This course will guide you to create a plan to find a job in Canada. Over 6 weeks, you will learn how to plan your job search like a project. You will set goals, make a plan, avoid risks (like job scams), and work step by step to reach your career goals.

Instructors

Olga Gould

MSc, MEng
Instructor of UVIC and Camosun College
Founder and Chief Data Officer of GLF Venture Inc.

Iván Rincón

P.Eng., PMP, PgMP, PMI-RMP, CISA
Executive Director of Project Management Connectivity at the Ministry of Citizens' Services, BC

Light refreshments provided!

Bus tickets provided!

Key Features:

- Hands-on project: Finish with a real job search plan.
- Learn practical skills for Canada: Resume, LinkedIn, networking, and AI tools.
- Focus on Canadian jobs: Everything follows Canadian standards.

6 sessions:

Every Wednesday from Nov 05, 2025 - Dec 10, 2025

4:30 pm-6:30 pm

VIRCS multipurpose room
1004 N Park St, Victoria, BC V8T 1C6

GET Certificate of Completion

Registration contact: bcnsp.hiro@vircs.bc.ca

Job Search Project Plan

Our Employment Counselor has arranged a very interesting course for job search skills. This course is a **6-part series** of workshops that will teach you how to plan your job search like a project and create a plan for your career in Canada. Please see the attached poster and course description for more information.

Wednesdays 2025
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
At VIRCS (1004 North Park St)

If you would like to register or have more questions, please contact Hiro:
bcnsp.hiro@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.

All BCNSP services are provided at no charge and are 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



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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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Global AI Expo 2025

VIRTUAL EVENT | DEC 10

[Register here](#)

JOB FAIR **UNIQLO** - Victoria - Dec 5th & 6th

Description

UNIQLO is having a Job Fair on Friday Dec 5th and Saturday Dec 6th from 10AM-12PM and 2PM-4PM in Victoria, BC. Hiring for UNIQLO Mayfair Location

Location: To be shared only to those who have completed the above survey. Shared via email by Thursday Dec 4th.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO SCHEDULING:

1. Please ensure that you have attached a copy of your Resume with your RSVP application.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

- Position: Sales Associate
- Start Date Dec 10th
- Rate of Pay: \$19/hour

[Apply here](#)



Tech Pathways - Women

What is Pathways?

A tuition-free, 15-week exploratory technology program is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and attributes to make informed decisions regarding potential career paths in the technologies. The program welcomes students into a supportive learning environment who may be curious about careers in technology but do not have the foundational knowledge or experience. The program is tailored to address the underrepresentation of Women in the technology sector.

What to expect?

Students will experience an interactive, on campus, and face to face delivery:

- Explore various technology fields to make informed career decisions
- Develop confidence in their ability to learn and succeed in one or more of the four fields of technology
- Use a technology perspective to analyze problems and consider solutions to real-world problems
- Develop the academic and learning skills to pursue technology-based education or academic upgrading
- Access college and academic support services to support further learning and career planning

... all while experiencing life as a college student in the post-secondary environment!

What will I do?

You will attend Camosun College's Interurban Campus five days per week for 15 weeks. During each session, you will spend the day in each of the areas listed above and participate in a variety of interesting and engaging activities.

Go to:

<https://camosun.ca/tech-pathways> for more details and an application package!

Eligibility

- Open to anyone who identifies as a woman
- Grade 10 English or English 10 Camosun Alternative recommended
- Enthusiasm to learn about four technology fields (Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electronics and Computer Science) in a post-secondary environment

When

January - April 2026

Where

Camosun College, Interurban Campus
4461 Interurban Road Victoria BC

Contact

Tech Pathways Coordinator
techpathways@camosun.ca
<https://camosun.ca/tech-pathways>

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SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS



CANADIAN STREET SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Proud National Partner to the Homeless World Cup



Braefoot Park Turf Field - 3970 Braefoot Rd #3944, Victoria, BC



Every Sunday - Starting November 16th, 2025 from
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Open to everyone! **Free** to participate & inclusive of all skill levels and abilities



Contact Us

Email: victoria@canadianstreetsoccer.ca

Phone / WhatsApp: +1 (403) 638-6869

Free Soccer Practice and Community Connections for Immigrants

- Every Sunday, starting Nov 16, 2025
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- at Braefoot Park Turf Field - 3970 Braefoot Rd #3944

Phone/ WhatsApp: **403-638-6869**

Email: victoria@canadianstreetsoccer.ca



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**Are you temporary residents in Canada?
Do you have immigration questions?**

Our law clinic offer free consultation for eligible clients who are:

- 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.



Immigration
consultation

FREE

By Registered Canadian Immigration
Consultant – Immigration Refugee
Board (RCIC – IRB)

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To book a free appointment,
please email:
bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

Free Immigration Law Clinic

If you have questions related to immigration and citizenship matters, we can book you a free, limited appointment with our immigration consultants/lawyers.

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



WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Online Functional English for Daily Life 6:00 – 7:30 PM Zahra	2 Immigration Law Clinic* (E) 10:00 AM -12:00 PM	3 Immigration Law Clinic* (I) 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Job Search Project Plan (Career Navigation and Job Search Project) 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM @VIRCS	4 Beginner Grammar & Conversation 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM @Coastal Offices - Zahra Pre-intermediate Grammar & Conversation 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM @Coastal Offices - Zahra	5 Employment Cafe 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM @VIRCS - Hiro Pronunciation Class 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM @VIRCS - David Immigration Law Clinic* (M) 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
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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 Coastal Offices: 328 Wale Rd #132, V9B 0J8	Employment services *Open to certain eligible clients - Pre-employment training - Resume /Cover Letter Review - Employment workshops and job search navigation Contact bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca to know more about eligibility requirements and registration info.

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 I 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM ELT I A 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM @VIRCS - Mike ELT I D 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM @VIRCS - David	2 ELT II 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @VIRCS - Mike	3 ELT III 9:30AM – 12:30PM @VIRCS - David ELT I - II 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM ELT III - IV 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM @ GVPL Juan de Fuca - Mike	4 ELT I - II 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ELT III - IV 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM @City Light Church - Mike	5
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How to register for free English class? 1. Email bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca to assess your eligibility requirements. 2. Have a short assessment with the ELT Instructor to determine a suitable class for you.		Class Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVPL Juan de Fuca Branch - 1759 Island Hwy, V9B 1J1 City Light Church - 550 Obed Avenue, V9A 1K5 VIRCS - 1004 North Park St, V8T 1C6 		Program Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Foreign Workers* CUAET-visa holders Naturalized Citizens* * Restrictions apply

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

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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). For registration, please send an email to: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca.

