

WINS-LIP members,

I hope you're all doing well! Below are updates and opportunities that may be of interest to you and your teams. Please feel free to share widely or reach out if you'd like more details.

Save the Date!

New Westminster Spokes will be offering a special workshop for WINS LIP members and their staff on ADHD in racialized communities, led by Dr. Anita Parhar.

Date: October 21, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: New Westminster Public Library

Spaces will be limited. Poster with registration details will be shared soon.



STAL'EW POW WOW

Saturday, September 13th
10:30am - 5:30pm

Immerse yourself in a day-long celebration of rich Indigenous culture, traditions, music, regalia and art.

Meet in the church parking lot for bus pick-up at 10:30am. Depart Langley Events Centre 4:30pm.

Food will be available for purchase.

Langley Events Centre
7888 200th Street,
Langley, BC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mount Zion Lutheran Church
930 Cumberland Street
New Westminster, BC

Register using the
QR code or call
604-521-0120

mountzion930@gmail.com



Stal'ew Pow Wow – Indigenous Cultural Gathering

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Location: Langley Events Centre, 7888 – 200 Street, Langley, BC

This event offers a rich celebration of Indigenous culture, traditions, music, regalia, and art.

Transportation: Bus pick-up at 10:30 AM from Mount Zion Lutheran Church (930 Cumberland Street, New Westminster). Return from Langley at 4:30 PM.

Food: Available for purchase on-site.

Registration: Contact

mountzion930@gmail.com or call 604-521-0120.

Job Posting – New Westminster SDI Coordinator

Purpose Society is hiring a **Project Coordinator** to lead a multi-year initiative supporting newcomer inclusion in New Westminster. This part-time role spans three years and offers a chance to work directly with community stakeholders and support the development of culturally responsive outreach strategies. Please share this opportunity to those who are passionate about community building and want to make a meaningful impact.

Click here to view the full job posting and apply:

<https://purposesociety.org/job/new-westminster-community-broker-project-coordinator/>





Walk the Talk Volunteers - Jumpstart - Refugee Talent

As a volunteer with Jumpstart, you have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact o...

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TALENT CANADA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Jumpstart Refugee Talent is a refugee-led organization supporting meaningful employment for newcomers. Their mentorship program connects Canadian professionals with refugees for a four-month experience focused on professional development, confidence building, and community integration.

- Approximate commitment: 3 hours/month
- Flexible scheduling
- Ongoing support and resources provided
- Mentorship Guidebook available

To learn more or express interest, book a time with Wazhma Rahmani here:

<https://jumpstartrefugee.as.me/WazhmaR>

For more information: <https://jumpstartrefugee.ca/volunteers/#mentor-a-newly-settled-refugee>

Douglas College Volunteer Fair

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Connect with Douglas College students at the Fall 2025 Volunteer Fair to promote your organization and recruit volunteers.

Date: Wednesday, September 24

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: New Westminster Campus

Cost: \$100 + GST

Includes table setup, marketing, job board access, and free parking.



More details in the **attached** info sheet

The Lower Mainland Purpose Society will be there, so I can come representing WINS-LIP.

Events organized by Vancouver LIP Open to everyone!

Gender Equity & Inclusion

VLIP Gender Network Launch

Date: Friday, September 5, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Location: VCC Downtown, Room #420, 250 W Pender St, Vancouver

Highlights include:

- VLIP Strategic Vision
- Gender Network Framework Presentation
- Workshop
- Newcomer Panel
- Speed Networking

Light refreshments will be provided.

Seats are limited; registration closes Monday, September 1.

See attached flyer for details.



Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership

LAUNCH
VLIP GENDER NETWORK
TOGETHER FOR GENDER EQUITY

DATE
FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 5TH

TIME
12:30PM – 4:30 PM

LOCATION
VCC DOWNTOWN
250 W PENDER ST,
VANCOUVER
EVENT ROOM # 420

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR REGISTRATION CLICK ON

THE SEATS ARE LIMITED. REGISTRATION CLOSED AFTER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.

HIGHLIGHTS

- VLIP Strategic Vision
- Presentation - Gender Network Framework
- Workshop
- Newcomer Panel
- Speed Networking

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VLIP Gender Network Launch is Co-Hosted in Collaboration with VLIP & Vancouver Community College

VCC

1. Gender & Inclusion Lunch & Learn Series

Presenter: Minnie Ng, VLIP Gender Specialist

Platform: Zoom | Open to all

Sept 18: Boundaries & Burnout

Nov 6: Intro to GBA+

Jan 8: Allyship in Gendered Spaces

2. Francophone Inclusion Lunch & Learn Series

Presenter: Cynthia Alves, Francophone Engagement Specialist

Platform: Zoom | Open to all

Oct 2: Francophones of BC: Past, Present & Future

Dec 4: Inclusive Outreach Strategies

Feb 5: Building Equitable Bilingual Partnerships



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VLIP LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

DATE: OCTOBER 2ND
TIME: 12-1PM
WEBINAR TOPIC: FRANCOPHONES OF BC: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE FRANCOPHONE PRESENCE IN BC, HOW THEY HAVE PRESERVED THEIR HERITAGE AND THE IMPLICATIONS ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRANCOPHONES AND ANGLOPHONES.

DATE: DECEMBER 4TH
TIME: 12-1PM
WEBINAR TOPIC: INCLUSIVE OUTREACH STRATEGIES. (WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT FRANCOPHONE IMMIGRATION, HOW TO BEST SERVE AND REFER FRANCOPHONE CLIENTS).

DATE: FEBRUARY 5TH
TIME: 12-1PM
WEBINAR TOPIC: Building Equitable Bilingual Partnerships: A How-To
→ Tools for co-leadership, shared decision-making, and accountability.

PLATFORM: ZOOM

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PRESENTER: CYNTHIA ALVES, FRANCOPHONE ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST

THE SESSION IS OPEN FOR ALL

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VLIP LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
TIME: 12:00-1:00 PM
TOPIC: BOUNDARIES & BURNOUT: WHO GETS TO BE CARED FOR?
• Examines how frontline burnout disproportionately affects women, femmes, and racialised queer staff.
• Collective self-care practices beyond commodified wellness.

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
TIME: 12:00-1:00 PM
TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS PLUS FRAMEWORK
• How GBA+ is a tool to assess how gender, race, class, ability, sexuality, and other factors intersect to shape people's experiences with policies, programs, or services.

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH
TIME: 12:00-1:00 PM
TOPIC: ALLYSHIP IN GENDERED SPACES
• How cis men or cisgender staff can practice real-time allyship in gendered or queer spaces.
• Power-mapping, repair practices, listening skills.

PLATFORM: ZOOM

SCAN SAME QR CODE FOR ALL SERIES

PRESENTER: MINNIE NG, VLIP GENDER SPECIALIST

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FREE ONLINE COURSE:

SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

The Canadian Women's Foundation is offering a free, self-paced course titled "Who Cares? An ARAO Guide to Supporting Youth Mental Health."

It's designed for youth workers, with a focus on supporting Black, Indigenous, and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth through anti-racist and anti-oppressive approaches.

 Enroll here: <https://learn.canadianwomen.org/courses/who-cares>

Other Important Updates:

Rebuilding Our Social Media Presence

We previously had a Facebook page, but over time we lost access to the admin account. To continue engaging with our community, I've created a **new Facebook page** and an **Instagram account** to accompany it.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578745321024>

The Facebook page is not yet active, but it will serve as a fresh start. If your organization is on social media, please **follow us** and **share with your networks**. Social media is a key tool for outreach, connection, and visibility.

Website Accessibility & Modernization

The City and WINS-LIP are beginning to explore ways to **update and modernize our website** to make it more accessible and user-friendly. This is an exciting step toward ensuring our digital presence reflects the values and needs of our community.

We'll keep you informed as this work progresses and welcome your input and participation, either by helping us creating and improving the site, or by sending suggestions or feedback you may have.

KUDOS

Big News: New Westminster Joins the Strong Cities Network

I am proud to announce that the City of New Westminster has officially joined the Strong Cities Network—a global initiative committed to building community resilience and preventing hate, extremism, and polarization. This marks a significant milestone in our shared commitment to inclusion, safety, and collaboration.

Kudos to Anna Akinmolayan & AmEnough Society

A huge thank you and congratulations to our amazing committee member Anna Akinmolayan for organizing the Village Square Event on July 26th through AmEnough Society. It was a beautiful, engaging, and fun gathering that brought our community together in celebration, connection, and joy.

Anna's leadership and passion for community care truly shone through. Her work continues to inspire us all, and we're so proud to have her as part of our team.



Invitation Watch Anna's Video

As a proud community agency of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, AmEnough Society is also helping make fresh, healthy, and culturally appropriate food more accessible to the communities we serve.

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