

I hope you're enjoying these final days of summer and finding time to rest before the busy fall season begins. I'm reaching out with a round-up of important reminders, upcoming events, and opportunities for our network. Please take a moment to review and share widely where relevant.

Join Us on Monday!



Join Us for the Welcoming Week Proclamation – Monday, August 25



Many of you may not be familiar with Welcoming Week, a national initiative that celebrates the contributions of immigrants and the importance of building inclusive communities. This year, New Westminster will officially proclaim Welcoming Week at the City Council meeting on Monday, August 25 at 6:00 PM.

As part of the celebration, the WINS delegation will be present to honor Chinu Das—a first-generation immigrant, urban planner, former City Councillor, and lifelong advocate for inclusion. Chinu's legacy includes co-founding the Multicultural Society of New Westminster and helping establish the Welcome Centre at NWSS.

Welcoming Week is more than a celebration—it's a call to action. It invites us to reflect on the journeys that connect us and to recommit to building a city where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.

Your presence would be a wonderful addition to celebrate together and show our collective support for inclusion and belonging in New Westminster.



Our WINS LIP Meeting will be held in person

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2025

Time: 9:30–11:30 am

Location: Committee Room #2, City Hall (511 Royal Avenue)

An agenda and calendar reminder will be sent closer to the date. I look forward to seeing many of you there!



Remember! 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 once approved!

**Pathways to
Childcare Careers**

FREE
Employment Training Program for women to
develop job-specific skills for careers
in early learning and childcare

September - November 2025
Edmonds Church - Burnaby
Hybrid Delivery Mode
4 days a week
5.5 hours per day

Program Benefits

1. Occupation-specific language classes
2. Responsible Adult, First Aid, FoodSafe Certificate training
3. Essential and digital skills improvement
4. Trauma-informed approaches to early learning
5. Employment counselling and career exploration
6. Work transition skills training
7. Work experience (80 hrs.)
8. Connection to work opportunities in the field
9. Transportation costs and childminding provided for in-person sessions
10. A supportive and friendly learning environment

Eligible participants are:

- Women who are Permanent Residents (PR) and Protected Person
- Have CLB 5 or equivalent in English
- Possess basic computer skills and are able to attend all program sessions

Contact Person: Fahimeh Mostafaei
Email: pathways@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608-4098

  

PIRS Pathway to Childcare Careers Burnaby September Cohort

PIRS is launching a new cohort of the Pathway to Childcare Careers Program in Burnaby this fall. Please share this opportunity with immigrant women (Permanent Residents or Protected Persons) who may be exploring careers in childcare.

Program includes:

- Occupation-specific language classes
- Certifications: Responsible Adult, Foodsafe, First Aid
- 10 weeks of classroom learning + 80 hours of hands-on experience
- Support for childminding and transit costs

Dates: September to November 2025 (subject to change)

Contact: pathways@pirs.bc.ca

Douglas College is hosting a Volunteer Fair – September 24, 2025, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION New Westminster Campus, 2nd Floor Concourse

Registration Fee for exhibitor: \$100 + GST

A great opportunity to promote volunteer roles and connect with students. For details, contact Tatiana Gutierrez at gutierrezmartit@douglascollege.ca

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/student-support/career-centre/employers/fall-2025-volunteer-fair-application-form>

Professional Development Opportunity for LIPs – September 12

Introduction to Impact-Based Evaluation: Strategies to Effectively Measure LIPs' Work in the Community

This session is designed for all LIP staff—managers, coordinators, and team members—interested in strengthening their evaluation practices.

- Date: Friday, September 12, 2025
- Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM PST)
- Hosted by: National LIP Secretariat (NLS)

You can register by clicking on the image in the original invite or using the "Click here to Register" link in the attached PDF. Please feel free to share this opportunity with your colleagues and peers.

**NLS PD Session on Introduction to Impact-based Evaluation:
Strategies to Effectively Measure LIPs' Work in the Community**

Join us for an insightful learning session on:

- Introduction to evaluating LIPs' work in the community
- Measuring positive change that can be attributed to LIPs' work
- Ways of thinking about impact and impact evaluation
- Formal and informal ways of gathering data - tools and techniques
- Access to coaching and training on evaluation for LIPs



Meagan Reid
National LIP Secretariat



Margaret Roger
Eupraxia Training



Yvonne Lai
Peterborough LIP

Date: Friday, September 12, 2025
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. EST

Platform: Zoom
[Click here to Register](#)

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We are still looking!!

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/>



I-CARE Financial Literacy Series 2

Budgeting Basics Workshop

10:00AM–12:00PM
Anvil Centre
Office Tower
11 Eighth St
New West

September 6
Saturday

Register by August 22, 2025
604-527-5409
icare@douglascollege.ca

I-CARE Adult Literacy Program

Local Events



Literacy New West is celebrating Literacy Month with NWPL at the summer reading club wrap-up party
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM

PLACE : ANVIL CENTRE 777 COLUMBIA STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER

FREE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

THIS YEAR'S THEME: LITERACY: THE RIPPLE EFFECT



The Summer Music & Fireworks Festival is happening tomorrow Saturday, August 23rd, from 3:00 to 9:30 pm at New Westminster Quay.

Thank you all for your continued dedication to newcomer inclusion and support. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you next Monday at the proclamation and again in September at our WINS LIP Table meeting.

Warmly,

Maylen Crespo (she/her/hers)
Engaging communities with equity, inclusivity, and care.
Coordinator | Local Immigration Partnership
Languages: English & Spanish



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