



THE MENTORING SWITCHBOARD

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Canadian Immigrant National Awards

Nominate an Immigrant for The 2010 Top 25 Canadian Immigrant National Awards.

For the second straight year, Canadian Immigrant Magazine will recognize some of the immigrants who have made a difference in Canada. To nominate a friend who you believe should be recognized as one of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants of 2010 go to this [website](#).

LinkedIn

Are you on LinkedIn? Join the *Mentoring Connections* group.

LinkedIn is a professional networking site that can help you stay informed about your contacts and developments in your industry. *Mentoring Connections* utilizes this professional networking tool to connect with local professionals as well as their volunteers and clients.

Do you blog?

If you have a blog, tell us about it. Send us the web addresses. We would love to read it!

Looking Ahead

2010 is going to be a big year for the city of Vancouver. As the city prepares to welcome the world, in a little office over on Main and Terminal, the *Mentoring Connections* program plans to continue their work finding mentors and matching them with skilled immigrants.

The program will organize more events for their clients, as well as their volunteers. *Mentoring Connections* hopes to continue with industry-themed networking events that have been received so well in the past year. To supplement the networking events, the program will also host, "Industry Insights," which will give a small group of participants the opportunity to discuss specific topics with an experienced professional working in the field.

To help clients cultivate important skills, *Mentoring Connections* will be developing workshops in the coming months that will cover topics like LinkedIn, Motivation, and Networking.

Upcoming Events in 2010

Here is a tentative monthly schedule of events that *Mentoring Connections* has planned:

January

- January 27th - All Industry Networking Event with HR Professionals

March

- LinkedIn Workshop
- Accounting Networking Event

April

- Workshop on Motivation
- IT Industry Networking Event

May

- Networking Workshop
- Manufacturing Networking Event

June

- *Mentoring Connections'* 2nd Anniversary

If you are willing to share information about your industry with a group of mentees, let *Mentoring Connections* know. Smaller groups can be arranged if your public speaking skills are rusty! Here are some topics that our speakers have presented in the past:

- The importance of setting goals and making your own "luck"
- Insight to future technologies in the telecommunications industry
- The power of making connections
- Reducing barriers to job seeking

If you have a topic that you are enthusiastic about, which could assist immigrant professionals with their career growth in Canada, we will happily work with you to develop a seminar or networking event.

Pass it on

Mentoring Connections is always on the lookout for excellent mentors. If you know any enthusiastic professionals who are interested in giving back to the community by sharing their knowledge with internationally-trained professionals, tell them about *Mentoring Connections*! We are currently looking for mentors in the following industries:

- Architecture
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Healthcare
- Interior Design
- IT
- Marketing
- Quality Control

If you can help us connect with an individual who is interested in volunteering as a career mentor, please contact us at 604-637-1307 or email mentoring.connections@issbc.org.

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