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Launching the Newcomers Mentorship Program



Vancouver City Hall's council chamber was the setting for the official launch of a new pilot program that matches new immigrants with City employees in career-focused mentorships. ISSofBC's *Mentoring Connections* has been working diligently with SUCCESS, MOSAIC, the Immigrant Employment Council of BC, and the City of Vancouver to launch this pilot program. One of the program's mentees, Karla Claros (picture above), was among the speakers at the event. In the presence of the Mayor and a handful of City councilors, she shared her personal experience and what she hopes to gain through the program. Read more about the event and our partnership [here](#).

The Vancouver Sun was at the launch at City Hall and wrote an [article](#) about this exciting pilot program.

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Mentee Spotlight: Tully Mtatiro's Success Story

Our newest Mentee Spotlight features Tully Mtatiro. Tully shares her story of coming to Canada and how her mentor helped with her personal and professional goals.

"I think everyone who is coming to Canada needs to be given a chance to put their skills to use so the country can develop. I feel good now that I have my professional job. I feel now that I'm somebody; I can pursue my career... I am very thankful to this program, my mentor and the staff." [Read more](#).

My trip to the BC College of Teachers by Catherine Rana

Since teaching in the public school system is a regulated profession, it is only natural that many of our teacher-mentees have questions about the certification process in BC. To better serve these mentees, I attended the BC College of Teachers' (BCCT) weekly info session last Tuesday, with the hope of picking up some tips. With the exception of myself, the room was full of immigrant teachers from all over the world. Because of this, I was able to gain some valuable info that I'll share with you, [here](#).

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Mentoring Discussion Tip - Common Work Email Mistakes

Mentoring Coordinator Romanda Simpson shares this helpful link with us about email communication at work:

Email communication is extremely important, and small mistakes could result in dire consequences. Some of our mentees may be unfamiliar with the differences in email etiquette between Canada and other countries. This is an excellent topic to discuss and possibly even practice with your mentee. Share some of the tips offered in this [article](#), as well as your own experiences to help improve the mentee's online communication.

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