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Look out for *Mentoring Connections* at the VLAFF. In addition to attending some of the screenings, *Mentoring Connections* has also sponsored one of the films. Indulge yourself in *Estômagô*, "a smartly constructed gastronomic allegory for ambition and survival."

Estômagô will be playing on September 13 at 5 PM

The VLAFF will be running from September 10th to September 20th

Check out what else is playing at the festival by visiting: www.vlaff.org

Vancouver Timeraiser

Take a ride on the Canada Line to the Roundhouse Theatre on Thursday September 24th for the 2nd Annual Vancouver Timeraiser. This event helps connect community organizations with highly skilled volunteers and provides a showcase for local artists and their work.

For more information about this event, visit www.timeraiser.ca

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THE MENTORING SWITCHBOARD

**Pave Your Path to Success: Network**

Come and make a connection with another mentee at one of the networking events organized by *Mentoring Connections*. Each networking event will have an industry theme and a speaker from that industry to give a brief presentation.

This series of networking events will be kicking off with an Accounting and Finance themed event at the end of September. However, we extend our invitation to those outside the fields of Accounting and Finance. So if you're interested in building your network and you want to meet other skilled immigrants, watch out for further details in the coming months.

In the meantime, here is a list of themes for the upcoming networking events:

September - Accounting and Finance
October - IT and Multimedia
November - Engineering and Architecture
January - General Industry

A Mentoring Activity

Are you looking for an activity that you can do with your mentor? Here's an idea that you might find helpful:

Collect 3 job postings and send them to your mentor. Review them separately and highlight the key words or skills you feel are MOST important. Compare answers together with your mentor, and discuss why you feel the ones you chose are important. Discuss and brainstorm how to include these in your resume and/or cover letter. Try to reflect on your own skills and experience and see how they relate to the job posting.

Did you do an activity with your mentor that you benefited from? If so, share it with the rest of us! Email it to [Mentoring Connections](#) or post it on our [LinkedIn group](#).

Meet a Mentee: Jason Tan

When I enrolled in *Mentoring Connections*, my immediate objective was to connect with a local professional who could provide me with a glimpse of my desired profession and who could expand my sense of what is possible. Mentoring allowed me to have better awareness and understanding of the local job market, and the specific skills required in my industry. It became easier for me to narrow down my choices when applying for jobs. With the information that I received from my mentor, my process of self-reassessment was easier. I eventually eliminated my other choices and focused on a single job target, Enterprise Risk Management. This was the initial benefit I got from my mentoring relationship - my million dollar question was answered. I established a clear job target that is consistent with what I want to do with my skill set.

**Mentoring Connections Teams Up!****The Certified General Accountants of BC**

The *Mentoring Connections* program has joined forces with CGA-BC to match newcomer CGA students/members with experienced CGA students/members in BC. The fax machine has been busy with mentors and mentees who are submitting applications to become involved in our program. We're excited to be working with CGA-BC and we welcome all the new activity. We can't speak for the fax machine though....

Women of the World

Together with Burnaby Family Life and Douglas College Working Solutions, *Mentoring Connections* is delivering the unique woman-to-woman mentoring program Women of the World (WOW).

Through one-on-one relationship building, informative workshops, networking opportunities and community events, WOW offers support and inspiration to immigrant women ready to move forward both personally and professionally in their lives.

Do you know an immigrant woman who would like to meet a local woman to help her adjust personally and professionally to her new life in Canada?

For more information about this program, contact mentoring.connections@issbc.org