

ISSofBC joins consortium to respond to employment needs



ISN Consortium: (L-R) Tung Chan (S.U.C.C.E.S.S.), Eyob Naizghi (MOSAIC), Charan Gill (PICS), Clifford Bell (ISSofBC)

Four of BC's largest immigrant serving organizations have for the first time joined forces to respond to an upcoming Request for Proposal (RFP) to deliver the Employment Program of BC that addresses the varying needs of British Columbians looking for work. The RFP is part of the Business Transformation Model for Employment being initiated by the BC government to deliver a comprehensive made-in-BC employment service delivery model.

The Immigrant Services Network (ISN) - comprising ISSofBC, MOSAIC, PICS and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. - has been established in response to the goal of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development's Business Transformation Project to "build working relationships with other organizations to develop a collaborative service delivery model to meet the community's needs"...[read more](#)

BC Hydro and ISSofBC partner in outreach initiative

The Skills Connect for Immigrants program is pleased to

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 9th, 2010

Richmond Job Fair

**1 - 5 pm
Richmond Public Library
100-7700 Minoru Gate**

For more information contact the Richmond Career Centre

Hosted by: Richmond Career Centre in partnership with Richmond Employment Resource Centre, and the Richmond Public Library

announce a new strategic partnership between ISSofBC and one of the top provincial employers, BC Hydro!

This outreach partnership, nurtured by **Gulnara Aituarova** from Skills Connect, will help BC Hydro to achieve the goal of creating an amazing breadth of career opportunities for a diverse group of immigrants in British Columbia by matching their job postings with talented and skilled immigrants from the Skills Connect program at ISSofBC.

BC Hydro recognizes the incredible value that ISS's well-developed programs bring to immigrants in helping them achieve success in the job search and hiring process. As part of this partnership, ISSofBC will select and coach qualified candidates for BC Hydro positions. BC Hydro Relationship Managers will provide feedback on clients' results in interviews and also address groups of clients regarding the potential dos and don'ts during the application process.

BC Hydro, as a rapidly-growing company with an increasingly multicultural staff, is planning to hire up to 400 additional employees per year.

ISSofBC Celebrates the World Cup!!



ELSA students World Cup winners along with ISSofBC staff

World Cup 2010 has come and gone, and what an historic event it was. Spain got their first win, Africa hosted its first World Cup, and the world was exposed to the never ending buzz of the Vuvuzela.

ISSofBC celebrated the World's Game through a fun contest. Students were given the chance to win \$500 in tuition if they could correctly guess the final top three teams. The end result was a five way tie between Sophie, Tania, Daehawn, Rangsan and Younghoo. For

Thursday, Sept. 16th, 2010

ISSofBC Annual General Meeting

**5:30 pm
Holiday Inn Express
Metrotown
4405 Central Blvd, Burnaby**

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010

"Connections to Employment" - Job Fair

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Vancouver Public Library
350 W. Georgia Street**

For more information contact:

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Hosted by: ISSofBC, MOSAIC, SUCCESS,PICS, Vancouver School Board, and Vancouver Public Library

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010

Vancouver's 3rd Annual Timeraiser

**Starts: 7 pm
Roundhouse Community Centre
181 Roundhouse Mews,
corner of Davie and Pacific**

Timeraiser brings together the arts and not-for-profit sectors, and allows energetic potential volunteers to bid on and win local art through the donation of volunteer hours.

ISSofBC will be represented by: Mentoring Connections, HOST program, and Volunteer program.

Green Tips

displaying the cognitive ability of Paul the Octopus, they each won \$100 in tuition and movie tickets. The contest was organized by soccer enthusiasts **Kristen Chow** and **Chelsea Hug**.

Richmond and Surrey employment centres host successful events with the Business Community



ISSofBC staff hosts an event for the Richmond Chambers of Commerce

The Richmond Career Center held a "Business event for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce that was deemed by all to be a great success. The RCC used the opportunity to inform the Richmond business community about ISSofBC's job development services.

They succeeded in their goal of raising the ISSofBC's profile in the business community, specifically the Employer Linkages program.

Organizer **Minakshi Bagai** even overheard members commenting that it was one of the best organized events the Chamber members have attended.

Surrey Multi-ERC also held an event in June that introduced hundreds of job seekers to the hiring personnel at Unisource Canada Inc. The Employer Information Session took place at the Delta Recreation Centre and was attended by over 400 participants.

Organizers **Bob Gabriel** and **Ellen Gao** were pleased with the results, as approximately 100 candidates were referred to Unisource for a final interview, selection, and hiring.

9 Items You Might Not Have Known Can Be Recycled

When you have a recycling bin, you might think that only paper and plastic items can be recycled. However, there are many other things that can be recycled. You just have to think outside of your recycling bin and maybe make a few calls.

1. Appliances
2. Running Shoes
3. Batteries
4. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
5. Electronic Equipment
6. Foam Shipping Peanuts
7. Printer Cartridges
8. Motor Oil
9. Telephones

For more info on how to recycle these items click [here](#).

ISSofBC gets greener everyday!!

In the next few weeks the building management will replace all the fluorescent tubes with energy efficient lights.

Please allow them access to the classrooms and offices.

Changing to energy efficient lights is not only cost efficient, it's also good for our health.

To learn more about fluorescent lighting and your health click [here](#).

Computer Tips

Here's some tips to reduce computer related strain on your body and increase your computer ergonomics:

To avoid eye strain:

Hit **Ctrl+** to increase the text size. Repeat until it's a size you're comfortable with. Reduce

International Studies making partnerships from coast to coast

ISSofBC is going Atlantic! The International Studies program has articulated with the University of Prince Edward Island. IS courses are now recognized as qualified English language preparation for UPEI's English for Academic Preparation (EAP) program.

UPEI has increasingly become a destination for international students and articulating with them will increase ISSofBC's exposure with that audience. No word yet on whether ISSofBC plans on incorporating lobsters or Anne of Green Gables into their curriculum.

International Studies is also collaborating with the SFU IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Test Centre to become an IELTS test venue. The first official IELTS test will be scheduled at our Terminal location on October 9th.



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Tri-Cities ELSA Picnic



On Tuesday, June 29th, 2010 the first Tri-Cities ELSA Picnic was held at Mundy Park in Coquitlam. This was an old-fashioned "company picnic" type event. ISSofBC

the text with **Ctrl -**.

To reduce developing carpal tunnel syndrome:

Switch mouse hands; switching to your lesser used hand takes the strain off your primary hand and wrist. If it makes the switch easier, swap the functions of the left and right mouse buttons in the Control Panel.

Reduce stress to your body by stretching:

Install a stretch reminder widget like **Breakpal**. Programs like these alert you at custom intervals to perform stretches. They also direct you to video examples of stretches you can do in your office (even from your chair!).

Staff & Program Updates

Annette Fraser - Departmental Coordinator (new) - LC & CS

Calvin Li - Appointed as new Career Advisor at Richmond Career Centre

Kendal Philippon - Departmental Coordinator (new) - LC & CS

ISSofBC CONGRATULATES Newly Certified Career Development Practitioners:

Genevieve Gougen
Shabnam Khanshaghghi
Sophia Lee
Alan MacInroy
Donnie Shen

Did You Know??

Minister Kenney announces

ELSA Tri-Cities, SUCCESS and CE43 worked collaboratively with the assistance of the Tri-Cities Literacy Outreach Coordinator to organize the picnic.

The City of Coquitlam Parks and Leisure generously provided the picnic area and CE43 was able to provide the liability insurance certificate for the event. Approximately 200-250 Tri-City ELSA students and their families attended the picnic.

Lunch was a potluck affair; there was a costume parade followed by the singing of “Oh Canada” by all ELSA students. All the organizers hope that this becomes an annual ELSA event in the Tri-Cities and encourage other groups to organize their own picnics.

Mentoring Connections goes on the film fest circuit!

Over the past two weeks, Mentoring Connections was once again a proud sponsor of the Vancouver Queer Film Festival (www.queerfilmfestival.ca). As a Platinum Sponsor, Mentoring Connections presented and spoke at two VQFF film screenings, and had it's new promotional video play before each of the festivals 38 screenings. The response from the VQFF community was fantastic, and Mentoring Connections looks forward to many new volunteers as a result of the partnership.

Continuing on with the film fest circuit, Mentoring Connections will once again be a sponsor at the Vancouver Latin American Film Festival (www.vlaff.org) from Sept. 2-12. As a Gold Sponsor, Mentoring Connections will have its promotional video play before each of VLAFF's 60 screenings, and like last year will encourage the VLAFF community to volunteer as career mentors and help our ISSofBC clients. If you're at a VLAFF screening, go say hi to **Catherine Rana** and **Veronica Heringer**, as these two film-nuts will likely be at all of the screenings!

improvements for temporary foreign workers

“The government is taking action to protect temporary foreign workers, including live-in caregivers, from potential abuse and exploitation,” said Minister Jason Kenney. “We owe it to them, their employers and all Canadians to ensure that the program is fair and equitable. After all, they are an essential element of Canada’s economic success.”

Read the full article [here](#).

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