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IMMIGRANT WELCOME CENTRE ALLIANCE FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND



VANCOUVER ISLAND ATTRACTS thousands of new immigrants each year. Immigrant settlement agencies welcome newcomers and help with the transition to life in a new community and a new country. As 2011 begins, the Island's leading immigrant settlement agencies are pleased to announce The Vancouver Island Immigrant Welcome Centre Alliance.

Four agencies have come together to develop and sign a Memorandum of Understanding "to enhance the capacity of the agencies on Vancouver Island to provide services to immigrants and to build a welcoming and inclusive community."



While the four member agencies will continue to operate independently, the Island Alliance allows for greater collaboration between the staff, sharing of resources and an increase in capacity of each agency. The four agencies will use Immigrant Welcome Centre branding for Vancouver Island, a name chosen to reflect "who they are and what they do". The common name and branding for these Island communities will send a clear message to new immigrants. The message – "Vancouver Island welcomes you!"

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