

Diversity Kitchen Table Talks

The Action for Diversity Team invites you to host a conversation about diversity with a group of 5 to 10 of your friends – around the kitchen table. We want you and your friends to think about Nanaimo, asking yourselves:



- What contributes to making our community one that celebrates difference and encourages inclusion?
- What makes our community a place where People who have a difficult time with English, of different ethnic and religious backgrounds, People of Colour, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal People, People with Disabilities, both mental and physical, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered People, all those who make up our diverse community, feel respected and accepted?

By hosting a kitchen table talk you will be helping to involve as many members of the community as possible in setting the Team's agenda for the next year. We are hoping this will be a fun and informal way of getting the community talking about diversity.

If you are interested, please be in touch with Terre Flower, the CVIMS Diversity Coordinator and Coordinator of the Action for Diversity Team at 753-6911 loc 102 or tflower@cvims.org.

English Classes for Newcomers

ELSA (English Language Service for Adults)
Level 1, 2 & 3
Classes start Wednesday September 8, 2004
Four days a week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 am to 12 noon.
Child minding is available for part-time classes
Enhanced ELSA Class Level 5 - English for work and business
Classes start Monday September 13, 2004
Five days a week Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

These classes are offered to landed immigrants and new Canadians who want to improve their English language skills. New and Returning students, please register in person or by phoning Cecilia 753-6911

English Classes for Temporary Residents (Visitors)

We are offering an English class to Temporary Residents in September. Temporary residents can attend class for no more than six months.

For fee schedule and class hours, please contact Cecilia at 753-6911

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Summer Employment Workshops

Summer is a terrific time to get ahead in your job search. To help you do this the Employment Services Centre at the Multicultural Society is offering two workshops.

Friday, August 6th: 9:30 – 12:00 noon

Where are the jobs?


Find out more about Nanaimo's labour market to know what kind of work is available and how to find it. Joy Andrews, our Employment Counsellor will present information about the growing fields in the Central Island area and how you can find out more about the jobs in these fields.

Friday, August 20th: 9:30 – 12:00 noon

Succeeding in the Canadian Workplace

When you are looking for work and after you find a job it is important to understand the workplace culture. This workshop will help you understand business culture in this part of the world. This can help you to understand what employers want and how you can reach employers, get work and find success in the workplace.

The Employment Services Centre specializes in working with immigrants to help them gain employment. If you are unemployed or working less than 20 hours per week and you are looking for work, please come to these half day classes. Call (250) 753-5503.

 The Government of Canada has contributed funding to this initiative



CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND

Multicultural Society

Employment Services Centre

#109 - 285 Prideaux St. Phone: (250) 753-5503

Many people find work after coming to the Multicultural Society for employment assistance.


Our Services include:

DROP-IN EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

- Use of computers and High-speed Internet
- Help with resumes and cover letters
- Job Postings Board
- Photocopy, fax and message services

EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING

- Individual and Group Sessions
- Contact with Employers
- Job interview preparation
- Access to training and education
- Assistance with evaluation of foreign credentials
- BC Internationally Trained Professionals Network

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NEW!!

The CVI Multicultural Society Website And Your Job Search

The internet is a valuable tool for today's job seeker.

Our Employment Centre staff is currently developing on-line resources to help you with your job search.

In the *Employment Edge eManual* we will offer "how to" pages on different topics - from writing resumes to understanding the Labour Market.

Find the eManual on our website at www.cvims.org located under Employment Services

Some pages still under construction.

Good-bye and Thank You

We sadly say farewell to Peter Truong as our Outreach Worker. We regret that Peter's position will no longer be funded by the government. Peter has been a dedicated employee and member of our society for 15 years. Prior to taking the Outreach position, he volunteered as an interpreter and in many other ways for the society. It has been our great pleasure to work with Peter. He will be missed by staff and clients. Thank you Peter!!



Judith Summers, Treasurer CVIMS, Sonia Saltana Aslam winner of the Zonta/Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society 2004 Race Relations Award and Corinne Stewart of the Zonta Club

Multicultural Women's Group



Starting September 2004, the Multicultural Women's Group will meet every Friday instead of Thursday

First meeting of the season will be Friday September 17, 2004.

This support group is open to women of all cultural backgrounds. It is a safe place for us to share our concerns, feelings and experiences, and to care for each other.

On-site childcare is provided

For information, contact Cecilia at 753-6911
New members are always welcome!

Multicultural Games Evening

7 pm to 9 pm
2nd and 4th Tuesday
of every month
Starting September 14 2004



Fairview School
2nd Street and Howard Avenue



Free Admission
All ages welcome
On Site Childcare available
For more information call
(250) 753-6911

Orientation and Information Sessions for New Immigrants

Money Matters
Tuesday August 10, 2004 9:30 – 11:30 am

Dental Health for Children and Adults
Facilitated by a dentist
Friday, October 15, 2004 9:30 – 11:30 am

CVIMS Update

This year's practicum students from Malaspina University College are Nursing students Miyoko Fujima & Eunie Jo and Child and Youth Care Programs student Rebecca Mei-Hui Lin.

Fundraising Sale

Two of our members, previous owners of a gift shop, have donated many unsold merchandise toward our society's fundraising sale. These gifts items are on display in Room 108. Please come in and take a look.

Weyerhaeuser Jobs for Youth

Thank you to Weyerhaeuser for funding towards a summer student, Julia You Jin Choi, in her first job.

Job Posting

The Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society

IMMIGRANT SERVICES ASSISTANT

Assists Immigrant Services Coordinator in providing settlement and orientation services to newcomers and clients.

Classification: part-time 20 hours a week

Remuneration: \$12 (starting)

Duties and Responsibilities:

Immigrant Settlement

- Works under the direct supervision of the Immigrant Settlement Coordinator
- Reception and client intake
- Provides information, orientation, referral, cross-cultural counselling and advocacy to individuals, families and the community, both in person and on the telephone
- Coordinates client and membership events and functions

Communications and Other

- Keeps accurate records of work and activities
- Assists Immigrant Services Coordinator in completing reports and evaluations
- Organizes various duties for volunteers/helpers
- Participates in staff meetings
- Participates in professional development activities to remain current in the field
- Data entry and clerical duties
- Other duties as required

Qualifications and Requirements

- Diploma or degree in Social Sciences or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Knowledge and understanding of multiculturalism and diversity
- Ability to work effectively with culturally diverse populations
- Ability to speak, read and write in fluent English
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Good office and organizational skills
- Strong computer skills including MS Word, Excel, database entry, internet and e-mail
- Must be resourceful and able to work independently
- Fluency in a second language would be an asset

Submit resumes by August 15 to:
 Hilde Schlosar, Executive Director,
 Rm. 111, 285 Prideaux Street or
 hschlosar@cvims.org

Annual General Meeting

Members of the Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society are invited to attend our annual general meeting.

Wednesday September 29, 2004

7:00 pm

Maffeo Auditorium, 285 Prideaux Street

Refreshments will be served.

This will be an opportunity for our members have meaningful input into the work of the Society. We will accept nominations and elect board members. We also will talk about plans for the future of the Society.

We encourage all members to come and have your voices heard.

Canada World Youth Host Family

CWY, a national non-profit organization offering communities and youth unique international exchange experiences, has selected Nanaimo to host a group of 18 youths between 18-24 years of age from across Canada and China. They will live and learn with local host families, do volunteer work placements, and learn about community issues.

They are currently seeking enthusiastic people willing to share their home with a pair of young people (one Canadian and one Chinese) for twelve weeks - late August 2004 - late November 2004.

If you are interested in making new friends and introducing someone to the dynamic community of Nanaimo please call Julia at Canada World Youth, 754-0706 or email at jgingrich_cwy@yahoo.ca