



What's Happening? Monthly eNews
Campbell River & Courtenay
February 2021



Hello {{firstname}},

The Immigrant Welcome Centre is still here to serve you! During this time, as we all do our part to limit the spread of the COVID19 virus, we are working to serve clients by phone and internet. Our offices are now taking limited in-person appointments on a case-by-case basis. If you need help with settlement or immigration questions, we will continue to do our best

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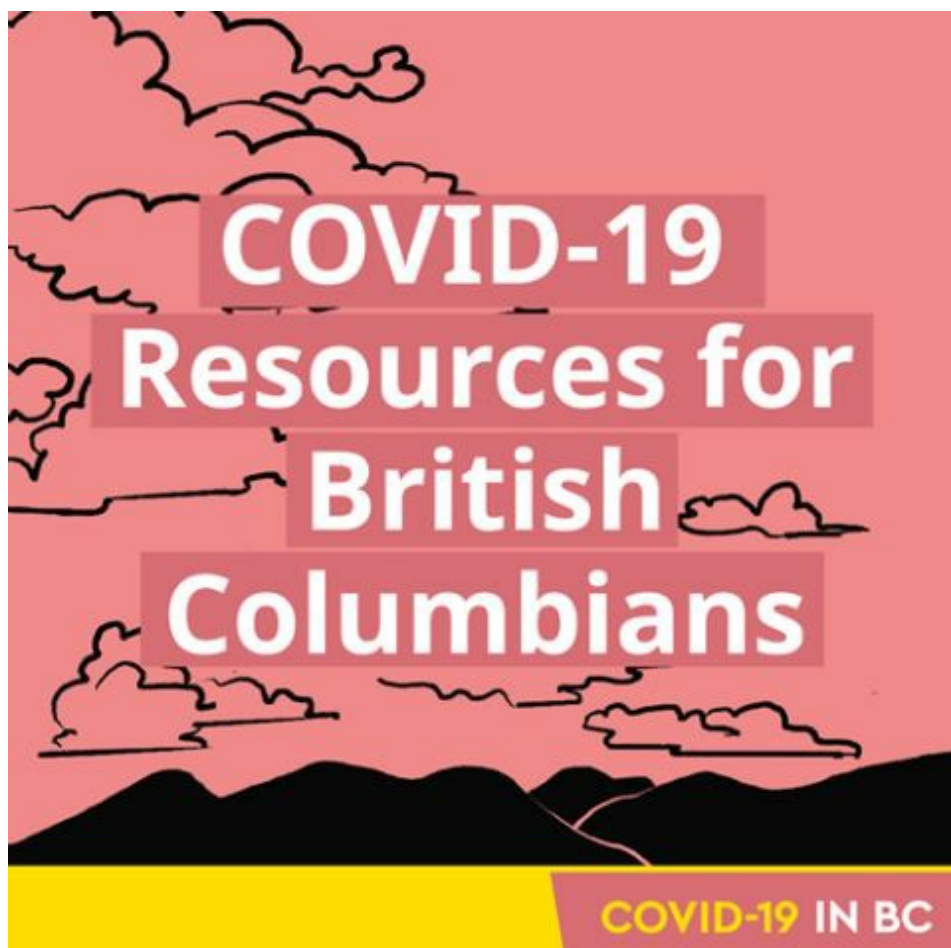


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event update, activities and more!**

**[Campbell River Facebook Page](#)
[Courtenay Facebook Page](#)**

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News and Events



**Access supports and stay informed about
COVID-19 in BC.
Do your part.**

<http://gov.bc.ca/COVID19>

**i COVID-19 financial supports www.gov.bc.ca/covidgovernmentbenefits
Non-medical Qs**

Call 1-888-COVID19

Text 604-630-0300

Medical Qs only

Call 8-1-1

If you need help accessing benefits,
contact the Immigrant Welcome Centre to
book a telephone appointment.

Campbell River 250-830-0171 or **Courtenay** 250-338-6359



LEARN
ENGLISH

LINC Classes

Campbell River/Courtenay

LINC classes are in session, both in person and online. In person classes are reserved for lower levels and students who have difficulty accessing classes online.

Class sizes are small to accommodate social distancing. Times/schedules are determined as student interest and availability becomes known.

For more information about the LINC classes click [here](#) or call our office.

Campbell River: 250-830-0171 or crinc@immigrantwelcome.ca

Courtenay: 250-338-6359 or cvinc@immigrantwelcome.ca



If you have questions, we have answers!
Call and book an appointment.

Our offices are not admitting visitors but are now taking limited in-person appointments on a case by case basis.

Do you need help accessing resources available to you during the current COVID-19 situation? Or would you like to know what resources are available to you?

Please contact us by phone or email to book an appointment:

Campbell River: 250-830-0171 info@ImmigrantWelcome.ca

Courtenay: 250-338-6359 admin@ImmigrantWelcome.ca

North Island Toll Free: 1-855-805-0171 info@ImmigrantWelcome.ca

**World Community Film Festival
February 5th - 13th**

30th Annual



The Immigrant Welcome Centre has partnered with the World Community Film Festival for the last five years and is proud to be co-sponsoring again this year. It is rewarding to bring what may be an abstract or daunting subject to a more immediate and personal level and present contemporary social issues affecting both the community locally and the world at large.

For more information or to purchase tickets: <https://worldcommunity.ca/film-festival/>

**Welcoming Communities Coalition -
Virtual Collaboratory Event**



The Immigrant Welcome Centre's Welcoming Communities Coalition will be hosting its first virtual Collaboratory event on February 24th from 2pm-4:30pm, bringing North Island communities together around the theme Beyond Inclusion: Focusing on Equity/Equality and Leveling the Playing Field for Everyone to Thrive. The session is open to all, and registration is free.

Participants will hear from Dr. Moussa Magassa, the University of Victoria's Human Rights Educator and specialist in anti-racism education, equity, diversity, inclusion curriculum design and program development. Participants will receive a brief overview of anti-racism and inclusion activities being undertaken in other communities and hear from newcomers who will share their experiences of settling in Canada in their own words. These presentations will be followed by interactive breakout sessions to give participants an opportunity to discuss key learnings, lived-experiences and solutions for moving forward. To continue with this work after the event, participants will take home activities for themselves and their organizations to work toward ensuring equity.



There will be some new rules regarding social distancing but the Community Garden built by and for our LINC students will be opening soon. That is some well needed happy news! It is located in Lush Valley's Share the Harvest Community Garden. Students will have space in one of two plots and the harvests are shared. Please call 250-338-6359 or email: admin@immigrantwelcome.ca to for more information..

February Dates To Remember

Please note that the Immigrant Welcome Centre will be CLOSED on the following date:

Family Day, Monday, February 15th



**Ground Hog Day
February 2**



Groundhog Day in Canada focuses on the concept of a groundhog coming out of its home in mid-winter to “predict” if spring is on its way in the northern hemisphere.

Valentine's Day February 14

Valentine's Day is an opportunity for people in Canada to tell somebody that they love them in a romantic way. It falls on February 14, the name day of two saints, St Valentine of Rome and St Valentine of Terni. In pre-Christian times, the middle of February was a time of pagan fertility festivals in Europe and allegedly the time when birds chose a mate.



Family Day February 15

In British Columbia, Family Day falls on the second Monday of February. This holiday celebrates the

importance of families and family life to people and their communities.



Make a donation today!

Your donation helps the organization stay open and keeps the services and programs going.

The Immigrant Welcome Centre thanks you for your Donation.

Click [here](#) to donate.



Become a Member today!

“The Immigrant Welcome Centre (MISA) is a registered not-for-profit society. Becoming a Member helps to maintain our status and shows your support for the organization and the work we do to help newcomers in our North Island communities.”

Click [here](#) to sign up as a member!

*****IWC GROUP PROGRAMS*****
Campbell River/Courtenay



While some of our groups are coming back others are yet to start up again.

We are continuing to explore COVID safe options for all of our programs.

Stay tuned for more information.

Beginners' Book Club (CLB 1-3)

Courtenay

This group is a safe and fun place for beginners to practice and improve their English reading skills. Listening and speaking practice is also included.

By Zoom

February 23, 2021 6:30-8pm

Register by calling 250-338-6359 or emailing admin@immigrantwelcome.ca

Newcomers' Book Club

Courtenay

The Newcomers' book club is where people attend with whatever they are reading. Bring your own books, articles, magazines based on a topic, and the conversation goes from there.

This is a fun and stress-free place to make friends, learn more English, and connect with the community. This group is best for intermediate level.

By Zoom

February 5, 2021 12:30-2pm

Register by calling 250-338-6359 or emailing admin@immigrantwelcome.ca

International Women's Group

Campbell River

Beginners' Conversation Group (CLB 1-3)

Courtenay

If you are interested in improving your English speaking skills then the ESL Conversation Group is the club for you! Everytime we meet we talk about a fun, new topic. We hope you will join us.

By Zoom

February 16, 2021 6:30-8pm

Register by calling 250-338-6359 or emailing admin@immigrantwelcome.ca

Newcomers' Conversation Group

Courtenay

If you are interested in improving your English speaking skills then the ESL Conversation Group is the club for you! Once a month we meet and talk about a fun, new topic.

By Zoom

February 12, 2021 12:30-2pm

Register by calling 250-338-6359 or emailing admin@immigrantwelcome.ca

International Family Recreation

Campbell River

International Senior's Group

Campbell River

International Co-Ed Adult Soccer

Campbell River

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