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Local Community Integration Supports

As an international student in British Columbia (B.C.) understanding local culture and getting involved with the community can help you integrate into your new home away from home.

To learn more about British Columbia, visit: WelcomeBC-About British Columbia for information on a variety of topics, including History, Climate, Government and the Legal System, and Social Customs.

Welcome BC also has an extensive Resource Directory where you can find information on topics such as childcare help and support, driving help and support, health care help and support, housing help and support, mental health crisis and addiction help and support, and safety and security help and support. WelcomeBC - Start Your New life in BC - WelcomeBC

Local Community Supports to help you feel connected and supported:

Programs Offered by PICS (Progressive intercultural Community Services)

- Intercultural Volunteer HUB (IVH)
- International Student Support Program

Religious and Faith-Based Groups

- Multifaith Centre - Simon Fraser University
- Mountainview Christian Fellowship | Church in Vancouver, B.C.
- Vancouver Buddhist Temple
- Muslim Association of Canada- MAC

Community Groups and Cultural Clubs

- ACCUEIL | Le Centre Culture[Francophone de Vancouver
- Latin American Cultural Association of Vancouver
- Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver Chinese Language School | Vancouver B.C.
- Italian Cultural Centre
- Korean Community Centre

Sports and Recreation Groups

- Fitness and sports | City of Vancouver
- UBC Recreation
- Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre
- Coal Harbour Community Centre
- West End Community Centre

Other Resources for Newcomers

- WorkBC - job listings and information about B.C.'s economy and labor market
- SuperNatural BC- local travel information
- Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC): Free newcomer services, English classes (LINC), job support, settlement guidance and community integration programs.
- NewToBC – Newcomer Resource Hub: A central information site connecting BC newcomers to local library programs, settlement guides, language and community resources.
- BC Multi-Language Newcomer Resources: Official BC information in multiple languages about navigating public services (healthcare, licensing, taxes, etc.).
- MOSAIC- a registered charity serving immigrant, newcomer and refugee communities in Greater Vancouver for the past 40 years.

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