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## *ISSofBC recognized for mentorship programming provincially and nationally*



ISSofBC was recognized as a leading immigrant serving organization and an invaluable partner in professional mentorship programming for skilled immigrants during two separate awards ceremonies this month on the provincial and national stage.

“Developing networks, understanding the Canadian workplace and the experience gained through the process gives great advantage to a newcomer,” said ISSofBC CEO Patricia Woroch (photo: centre) who accepted the provincial award. [Read more](#)



### *Volunteers contribute 900 hours to income tax clinics*

Over 500 newcomers filed their Canadian income taxes on time this year thanks to the support of ISSoBC's Volunteer Connections team during 17 tax clinics held March and April at various ISSoBC locations.

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### *ISSoBC officially opens in Royal City Centre*

ISSoBC New Westminster clients cut the cake celebrating the opening of a new location in Royal City Centre along with over 160 friends, clients, staff, volunteers and honoured guests from the community.

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### *Immigrant job seekers attend motivational event*

More than 350 immigrant professionals connected for workshops and group sessions geared towards helping them achieve career goals during the annual BC Immigrant Professionals Conference.

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## *Immigrant seniors share challenges of Canada life*

Immigrant seniors voiced their concerns about poverty and the complex issues they face living in Vancouver with key decision-makers during an ISSoBC and United Way of the Lower Mainland forum.

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*Volunteer Connections* - [A new video series](#) is now available promoting the amazing opportunities for volunteers at ISSoBC. In addition, staff can also learn the ins and outs of utilizing volunteers in programs, services and events in a [training video](#) inspired by the popular reality TV series the Amazing Race.

*New Welcome House Construction* - Work is currently underway on level 3 on the northeast corner - a future classroom in the making. Level 3 is also the future location of eight classrooms for adult English language learners as well as a child minding centre for 14 children and administrative offices. - [Read more](#)

*ISSoBC Blog* - 2014 Immigrant Entrepreneur Exhibition participant, Jairo Prada originally from Colombia, shares his story of challenges and rewards of building an engineering consulting firm in the Fraser Valley. - [Read more](#)

*Career Fairs and more* - ISSoBC staff hosted, sponsored and participated in numerous career fairs, workshops and events over the last few months helping hundreds of newcomers navigate and succeed in the Canadian job market. Check out photos from these selected events.

[VCC Career Fair](#)

[18th Annual Career Development Conference](#)

[Langley Hiring Fair](#)

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# Upcoming events

[Calendar of events](#) – Career fairs, employment workshops, life skills and much, much more. This is the Immigrant Connections' weekly list of events for all your employment and settlement needs.

*Various dates and locations.*

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