



Over 50 children, parents and friends had a chance to meet Santa Claus and receive a special gift during a holiday celebration at ISSofBC's Child Care Centre in Vancouver.

[Read a special note from Santa about his visit.](#)

## 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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## ELSA students show holiday spirit leading food bank drive



*What does 800 pounds of food look like? ISSofBC ELSA students in Richmond found out after they collected that amount and over \$500 to donate to the Richmond Food Bank Society.*

The drive was a student initiative as a result of recent class field trips to the food bank, located across from ISSofBC Cedarbridge. After the tour, students took it upon themselves to start collecting food to help those in need for the holiday season.

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## Staff shares volunteer benefits at settlement expo

Volunteering is not only a door to helping newcomers land a new job but can offer an invaluable experience, said ISSofBC's Silvia Di Blasio during her presentation at the event.

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## Charades and melodies of the Mediterranean kick off holidays at ISSofBC

Over 175 ISSofBC employees and guests attended the annual Christmas staff celebration with games, performances and dancing.

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## Settlement director co-chairs historic conference in Ottawa

Chris Friesen delivered the opening plenary remarks to over 400 settlement sector leaders and CIC policy makers from across Canada.

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