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*Clifford Bell retires as ISSofBC's director--
Carla Morales moves into position 2015*



After 20 remarkable years as Director of ISSoBC's Language and Career Services (LCS) department, Clifford Bell retires at the end of the calendar year 2014. Moving into the position in 2015 is Carla Morales, who has been working alongside Clifford in December, studying the department's operations in a move that ensures a smooth transition and turnover of responsibilities.

ISSoBC wishes Clifford a happy, well-deserved retirement and extends a warm welcome to Carla!

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ISSoBC recognizes volunteer commitment

From November to December, ISSoBC Volunteer Connections staff from across Metro Vancouver hosted numerous parties to honour the dedication and support from our over 1000 amazing volunteers.

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Learning in Action wraps up in Tri-Cities

Over 35 ISSoBC students and volunteers shared their favourite outings and time spent with their partners during an evening Learning in Action (LIA) wrap up in Coquitlam December 10.

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Women's peer support participant shares success

During ISSofBC's Immigrant Women's Peer Support Program, Maricel Loling says she learned effective facilitation, broadened her understanding of multiculturalism and most of all, that she is not alone in her journey.

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Jolly old Santa brings cheer to childcare

Over 25 childcare students sang Jingle Bells with the help of parents and staff at ISSofBC Terminal last Friday to help Santa Claus find his way to their annual afternoon Christmas party.

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Volunteer Connections - Over 1000 active ISSofBC volunteers contribute 45,000 hours each year in helping to build and connect a vibrant community. While all are appreciated for their contributions, Volunteer Connections staff have chosen five for the month of December as "Volunteers of the Month." - [Read more](#)

New Welcome House - The week of December 22 concrete for the parkade ceiling and first-level floor will be poured - a total of 10,000 square feet. The second phase pour is scheduled for January 12. The crane, which is estimated to be installed during the first week in January, will be placed on top of the first-level floor. Work will also begin next week on the parkade ramp beginning with necessary excavation work. We should see more dramatic progress in January as the building takes shape. - [Read more](#)

ISSofBC Blog - Networking, networking, networking. This is certainly a key to expanding your circle among peers and can help you with your career

goals. ISSofBC's Kim Abram explains how volunteering can be a very effective tool for networking especially when your colleagues can see how well you perform in the position. – [Read more](#)

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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