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## *ISSofBC helps highest number of refugees in over a decade at Welcome House*



In 2014, ISSofBC saw a 46 per cent increase of Government Assisted Refugee (GAR) clients at the Welcome House--the only facility to provide resettlement support and temporary housing to newly arrived GARs in BC.

"This is good news as it means more refugees were resettled and offered a chance to continue their life in a safe place," said Caroline Dailly, ISSofBC Resettlement Assistance Program Manager.

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### *LCC students and staff celebrate 20th anniversary*

Over 100 students and staff joined an afternoon pizza party to celebrate the success of LCC`s last two decades in providing English language and career classes to students from all over the world.

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### *LINC showcases strengths at national online forum*

Two teams from ISSoBC's Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada program (LINC) presented online across the country during REALize! – a national online forum for English language educators on January 23.

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### *Skills Connect hosts info session with Iranian society*

Over 40 participants from a variety of professional backgrounds joined the first ISSoBC Skills Connect for Immigrants information session partnered with the Tri-city Iranian Cultural Society (TCICS).

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***Volunteer Connections*** - Over 1000 active ISSoBC 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 three for the month of January as "Volunteers of the Month." – [Read more](#)

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*New Welcome House* – The tower crane is now fully operational on the building site. While work continues on the second phase of the parkade, walls on level one have begun. Completion of the parkade and ramp entrance is scheduled for February. Construction crews are now working six days per week to maintain the schedule and the project completion date after some delays in December due to weather and permit issues. – [Read more](#)

*ISSofBC Blog* – ISSofBC MAPLE 2.0 interns Carlos Vasconcelos and Emilio Cabrera share their success stories with the program which led to their current positions at Unifiller, a global provider of portioning depositors for bakeries and food manufacturers. – [Read more](#)

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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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