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ISSofBC received Vancity's one-million dollar contribution towards our new Welcome House Centre. In the photo are (from left Manchan Sonachansingh, President of ISSofBC Board of Directors, ISSofBC CEO Patricia Woroch and Allen Gar, Director of Vancity Board of Directors.

Upcoming events

[Volunteer Connections July events listing](#) – July is packed full of amazing events and opportunities in Metro Vancouver from volunteering at the RCMP in Richmond to bowling with ISSofBC clients, friends and staff.

Various dates and locations

[Employment and Settlement summer events listing](#) – Immigrant Connections produces a comprehensive list of events for all your employment and settlement needs. Check out the summer listings and be sure to register soon.

[More events](#)

Vancity provides \$1 million towards new Welcome House



On World Refugee Day June 20, ISS of BC announced they are one step closer to providing vital support services to refugees, thanks to a \$1-million capital grant from the Vancity Credit Union (Vancity) to help build a new Welcome House Centre for refugees and immigrants.

"The new Welcome House Centre will be the first of its kind in the world," said Chris Friesen, ISS of BC director of settlement services. "The impetus for creating the new facility was to take everything that a refugee or an immigrant would need when they first arrive in the country and house it all in one building."

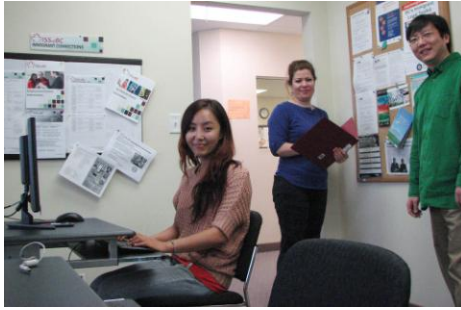
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Settlement Director co-chairs UN led Refugee Conference in Geneva

ISS of BC Director of Settlement Services co-chaired a UN led conference aimed at finding solutions to refugee resettlement issues around the world.

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IC Centres up in seven new ISSofBC locations

Immigrants needing access to information and resources to help them move forward in their settlement journey now have a few more places to get this help.

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ELSA students learn the ins and outs of politics

ISSofBC ELSA students learned what it's like to be a Member of Parliament (MP) in Canada's Federal Government thanks to guest speaker Libby Davies, MP for Vancouver East.

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