



IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Vancouver FALL TRAINING 2017

Program Summary

The Immigrant Women's Peer Support Program provides mental, physical and social support to immigrant and refugee women experiencing challenges during their integration process. Each year 15-20 community members are selected to become peer support group facilitators or individual peer support workers. There are 100+ hours of classroom training, and 25+ hours practicum. For the practicum the trainees go back into their communities and deliver 10-week peer support groups for other newcomer women facing difficulties adjusting to their new lives in Canada or assist with the Resettlement Life Skills Program.

Our comprehensive training is delivered over 14-weeks where participants learn Group facilitation skills, peer support skills and examine cross-cultural societal issues. Candidates must have an immigrant and/or refugee background and a strong desire to help others and give back to their communities by assisting other immigrant and refugee women with their adjustment process. The successful candidates must be willing to make a commitment to the training and facilitation of the peer support groups or assisting with the Resettlement Life Skills Program practicum. Two certificates are issued upon successful completion of the training program.

Training Schedule for Facilitation and Peer Support Group Program (100 hours)

The training will take place at the ISSofBC Welcome Centre at **2610 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, BC V5N 4L2**

1. PeerNet BC - Facilitation Skills

1. September 09, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
2. September 16, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
3. September 23, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
4. September 30, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)

2. ISSofBC Peer Support Group Program - Cross-Cultural Societal Issues

5. October 07, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
6. October 14, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
7. October 21, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
8. October 28, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
9. November 04, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
10. November 11, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
11. November 18, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
12. November 25, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
13. December 02, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
14. December 09, 2017 (Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm)

3. Practicum (25-hours) with 2-3 facilitators per Peer Support Group to be coordinated at the end of the training based on languages of participants and locations available.



Immigrant Women's Peer Support Program
VANCOUVER – Application for Fall Training 2017
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Midnight August 5th, 2017

Instructions:

Please fill out the form with complete details. Do not leave any item blank unless not applicable.
Email completed form to: ajlin.mehmedi@issbc.org

Or Mail to: *ISSofBC Welcome Centre* or Fax to: *604-684-2797*
2610 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, BC V5N 4L2

Please send your resume with the application form.

Applicant Information

Date: _____ Client number: _____

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street /Address apartment/unit #

City Province Postal code

Home Phone: _____ Cell No. _____

Email: _____ Emergency No. _____

How long have you been in Canada? _____ Country of origin: _____

Languages you speak: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Status when entering Canada: _____
Day Month Year

Status in Canada: Permanent Resident (PR) - PR Number: _____

Refugee Citizen Other _____

English level: None Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Who referred you to this program? _____

Education

Education Level:

Primary High School College Degree Graduate School (i.e. M.A., Ph.D.)

Course Completed: _____

Have you taken any training in Canada? NO YES which training: _____

Work Information

Please describe your work experience: _____

Employment Status: Unemployed Employed Full time Part Time

I am able to commit to the requirements of the training? YES NO

What challenges and barriers are you currently experiencing in your life in Canada?

Please describe yourself in a few sentences

What are your strengths?

Why are you interested in participating in the IWPS Program?

How will this training help you with your short-term or long-term goals?

Please describe any volunteer or community work you have done

Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information

By signing this notice, I am giving permission for ISSofBC to disclose the personal information it collects to the funders or its designates, and enter the information into the ISSofBC and the funder data base.

I agree to be contacted by ISSofBC and the funder for future research or training. YES NO

I agree to receive ISSofBC electronic messages including e-newsletters, events calendar, program updates, workshop information, invitations to special events and other notifications. I can withdraw my consent at any time. YES NO

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please attach your résumé