

Education Working Group: Language Service Assessment

Purpose: Our purpose is to improve Syrian newcomer access to language training/ support on Vancouver Island.

Information Links

Our intention with this form is to collect language training and learning program data from stakeholders and agencies across Vancouver Island. We will compare this with individual Syrian newcomer information concerning needs and requests for language training. The VIRRT will collect and share this information from Settlement Agencies, RAP services, Service Agreement Holders, Mosques, and groups who are working with Syrian newcomers.

- Please contact Alix Hotsenpiller, VIRRT Coordinator, or Andrea Westfall, VIRRT Co-Coordinator, with any questions. 250-361-9433 (ext 211).

LISTN is a directory of ESL courses & Employment Programs for newcomers in British Columbia, and can provide regional information. This directory is a way to find English classes and employment programs <http://listn.info/esldirectory/index.php>. The program information may not be updated.

VICTORIA/SOUTH ISLAND RESOURCES

Organization Providing Language Training	University of Victoria, English Language Centre, Division of Continuing Studies
Program Name	Various
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Formal study. 6 levels from high beginner to university entrance. Also monthly programs.
Location	University of Victoria
Funding requirement	Yes
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes. Various stops: http://www.uvic.ca/home/about/campus-info/maps/maps/busroutes.php
Duration	Various - One month, 12 weeks, one year +
Start and End Dates	various
Summer Programs	Yes monthly
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	Adults 18+
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child	No

minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	required
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	no
Website	www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc
Contact Person: Email and Phone	General information: elc@uvcs.uvic.ca
Other Information	We currently have two Syrian students whom have received tuition for one year each. We are able to provide 1-2 more scholarships.

Organization Providing Language Training	Real English Victoria Language Co-Op
Program Name	Skill-building Classes, Project Based Learning, Citizenship Classes
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	These classes are conversation-based with project focused learning. All levels of ESL learners are placed together to help facilitate practical learning.
Location	#301-1111 Blanshard St., Victoria (Downtown Victoria)
Funding requirement	Yes
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes. Multiple BC Busses
Duration	All year long.
Start and End Dates	All year long.
Summer Programs	Yes.
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	Youth (age 15+), Adult Women and Men
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	No, ESL Learners have brought children to classes and the outcome has worked.
Supplies (provided or required)	required

Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	no
Website	www.realenglishvictoria.com
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Drew Thompson office@realenglishvictoria.com , 778-265-9825
Other Information	These classes offered provide options for the working adult as evening courses are available. Cost of classes vary.

Organization Providing Language Training	Camosun College
Program Name	English Language Development - ESL
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	ESL Training – All Levels
Location	Camosun College Interurban Campus
Funding requirement	95% of Applicants are funded for tuition and in many cases fees too.
Accessible by Public Transportation	#21, #8, #39, #11, #4
Duration	Depends on student preference. Likely 10/20 hrs per week.
Start and End Dates	Sept – Dec, Jan – April, May – Aug.
Summer Programs	In Progress
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	17+
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	Currently unavailable on campus, but student funding can provide \$200/ month per child towards childcare.
Supplies (provided or required)	Granting provides- Students are given bookstore gift cards.
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	Provides pathway into post-secondary, but settlement language training is available too.
Website	http://camosun.ca/services/help-centres/esl.html
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Ian Humphries Humphri@camosun.bc.ca 250-370-3297
Other Information	

Organization Providing Language Training	Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society
Program Name	ESL Language Training
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Community based, structured
Location	VIRCS – 637 Bay Street 3 rd Floor
Funding requirement	12 class passes are sold for the following fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International students and visitors : \$245 • Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents: \$85

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration and Assessment Fee \$25 (one time charge at time of registration) <p>In addition to our daytime programs, we also offer a free evening Conversation Club Tuesdays 6:15pm - 7:30pm.</p> <p>We also offer Beginner ESL conversation through the Greater Victoria Public Library.</p>
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes.
Duration	Beginner class: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am - 11 am Intermediate and Advanced class : 11 am - 1 pm
Start and End Dates	Sept – June
Summer Programs	Summer programs are available. Contact Jennifer esl@vircs.bc.ca .
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	Yes
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://www.vircs.bc.ca/esl
Contact Person: Email and Phone	ESL Instructor/ Coordinator: Jennifer Rawlinson 250-361-9433.
Other Information	
Organization Providing Language Training	Saanich Parks and Recreation
Program Name	"Speak Well" English Conversation Program
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Non-formal, drop in, volunteers provide training
Location	Gordon Head Lawn Bowling Club
Funding requirement	Free
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes
Duration	Sept - June
Start and End Dates	Every Wednesday evening, 7pm to 8:30pm
Summer Programs	No
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	Adults
Child Care available (if possible indicate licensed, non-licensed, child minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/community-recreation-services/financial-assistance-inclusion/multiculturalism.html

Contact Person: Email and Phone	Jason Jones, jason.jones@saanich.ca , 250-475-1775
Other Information	
Organization Providing Language Training	Saanich Parks and Recreation
Program Name	ESL Youth Drop IN
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Non-formal, 13 yrs and up
Location	GR Pearkes Recreation Centre
Funding requirement	Free
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes
Duration	Sept- June
Start and End Dates	Every Wednesday Evening, 6pm to 9pm
Summer Programs	No
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	Youth 13 and up
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/community-recreation-services/financial-assistance-inclusion/multiculturalism.html
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Jason Jones, jason.jones@saanich.ca , 250-475-1775
Other Information	
Organization Providing Language Training	Cowichan Intercultural Society
Program Name	ESL Classes for Newcomers to Canada, LINC
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Registration required
Location	Cowichan Intercultural Society
Funding requirement	Free for eligible students
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes
Duration	Sept - June
Start and End Dates	Fundamental & Intermediate Levels: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday @ 9:00am to 1:00pm Fundamental Level: Wednesday @ 9:00am to 10:30am Advanced Level: Monday & Wednesday @ 1:00pm to 3:30pm Intermediate Level English for the Workplace: Wednesday @ 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Summer Programs	No
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	Adults
Child Care available (if	

possible indicate licensed, non-licensed, child minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://cis-iwc.org/event/linc-classes-resume/
Contact Person: Email and Phone	For free assessment and registration, e-mail settlement@cis-iwc.org or call (250) 748-3112.
Other Information	

Organization Providing Language Training	Inter Cultural Association Victoria
Program Name	LINC Program/ ESL (see http://www.icavictoria.org/welcome-centre/english-classes/) Homework Club (see http://www.icavictoria.org/welcome-centre/youth-services/homework-club/) LINC Home Study (see https://www.linchnational.ca/)
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Community Based ESL
Location	Victoria
Funding requirement	Government funded
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes
Duration	LINC Program: September to June 2016/17 LINC Home Study: yearly Homework Club: ?
Start and End Dates	
Summer Programs	
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	Permanent Resident or Refugee, 17 yrs and older
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	Preschool for LINC students – Ages 6 months to 6 years old. Specially licensed childcare through VIHA.
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://www.icavictoria.org/welcome-centre/english-classes/
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Todd Kitzler, Language Services Manager (250) 388-4728 ext. 115 tkitzler@icavictoria.org For LINC Home Study, please e-mail lincndhelp@linchomestudy.ca For Homework Club, please contact LissetteTougas, Youth Settlement Worker, (250) 388-4728 ext 123 or ltougas@icavictoria.org

Organization Providing Language Training	Greater Victoria Public Library (delivered by VIRCS staff and volunteers)
Program Name	ESL Beginner Conversation Class
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Formal Join us for a 6 week evening beginner ESL conversation class. Presented in partnership with the Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Centre Society. Register at gvpl.ca or call 250-940-GVPL (4875) for more information. Registration begins September 6.
Location	Central Branch 735 Broughton Street
Funding requirement	free
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes
Duration	Six weeks
Start and End Dates	Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, September 21 – October 26, 2016
Summer Programs	
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	Adults
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	No
Supplies (provided or required)	Yes
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	https://gvpl.ca/audiences/literacy-esl
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Jennifer Rowan jrowan@gvpl.ca , 250-940-4875 ext 224
Other Information	
Organization Providing Language Training	Victoria West Community Centre
Program Name	ESL for Adults
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Focus on speaking and reading, including grammar and vocabulary.
Location	Victoria West Community Centre, 521 Craigflower Rd., Victoria, BC V9A 6Z5
Funding requirement	\$60 for 20 classes
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes
Duration	3 months each, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Start and End Dates	High Beginners Intermediate: Sept 13 to Nov 17 & Jan 3 to Mar 9, 11:00am to 12:30pm High Intermediate Advanced: Sept 13 to Nov 17 & Jan 3 to Mar 9, 9:00am to 10:30am
Summer Programs	
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	Adults
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	Possible, on a case-by-case basis
Supplies (provided or required)	Provided.

required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	No
Website	http://www.victoriawest.ca/index.php/community-centre/programs/adult-programs/life-long-learning and on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ESLVicWest
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Dahlia Beck
Other Information	For more events and resources, please visit www.victoriawest.ca

NANAIMO/ CENTRAL ISLAND RESOURCES

Organization Providing Language Training	Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society
Program Name	Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	In-classroom. Levels 1 – 8. Based on assessment, participants may qualify for at home LINC study program. Call Jillian to assess.
Location	Immigrant Welcome Centre, 319 Shelby St., Nanaimo, BC V9R 2R4
Funding requirement	Free government funded.
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes.
Duration	September through June
Start and End Dates	Various
Summer Programs	Yes. July through August
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	Adults. Male classes and Female classes.
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	On-site child minding available during daytime English classes for parents with pre-school children.
Supplies (provided or required)	Provided
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	no
Website	http://www.cvims.org/learn-english/language-instruction-newcomers-to-canada-linc/
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Jillian Yun, Language Training Coordinator: 250-753-6911, jyun@cvims.org
Other Information	Private tutoring also available.

Organization Providing Language Training	Literacy Central Vancouver Island
Program Name	English Practice Groups, Five different classes.
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Non-formal. Drop-in classes. Conversation Practice Groups Level 1 Basic Beginner – Wednesdays 10:00 am to 11:30am Level 2 Beginner – Tuesdays 12:30pm to 2:00pm Level 3 Intermediate – Thursdays, 10:00am to 11:30am Level 4 Advanced – Fridays 12:00pm to 1:30pm Level 4 Advanced – Fridays 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Location	19 Commercial St., Nanaimo, BC V9R 5G3

Funding requirement	Free.
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes
Duration	1 to 2 times per week, 1 to 2 hours per meeting. Groups available during the summer.
Start and End Dates	Various programs offered all year long.
Summer Programs	Yes
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	Adults
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	No childcare available.
Supplies (provided or required)	Paper and pens provided. No textbooks required.
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	No.
Website	http://literacycentralvi.org/
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Wendy Chaplow, info@LiteracyCentralVI.org , 250-754-8988
Other Information	
Organization Providing Language Training	Vancouver Island North Nanaimo Regional Library
Program Name	English Conversation Group for ESL/ELL
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Non-formal, group
Location	6250 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 5M4
Funding requirement	Free
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes.
Duration	Every Tuesday, 10:30am to 11:30am
Start and End Dates	October 2016
Summer Programs	Summer programs are available. TBD.
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://virl.bc.ca/event/english-conversation-group-0
Contact Person: Email and Phone	General Inquiry: 250-933-2665, nanaimonorth@virl.bc.ca
Other Information	
Organization Providing Language Training	Vancouver Island University

Program Name	English Language Centre Program
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Formal, Academic ESL for students
Location	Vancouver Island University, Building 255, Room 178
Funding requirement	Yes.
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes. BC Transit #40, #6, and #15.
Duration	Various
Start and End Dates	Various
Summer Programs	Yes
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	Adults
Child Care available (if possible indicate licensed, non-licensed, child minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	No. Must financially provide.
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	https://international.viu.ca/english-language-centre
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Jason Jones, jason.jones@saanich.ca , 250-475-1775
Other Information	

NORTH ISLAND RESOURCES

Courtenay

Organization Providing Language Training	North Island College
Program Name	Academic English Language Program
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Formal in-class learning for pre-program learning and academic learning. LINC Program also offered on campus until March 2017
Location	Comox Valley Campus – Courtenay, 2300 Ryan Rd., Courtenay, BC V9N 8N6
Funding requirement	Tuition fees, student union fees and textbook fees all applicable.
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes. BC Transit.
Duration	Three terms beginning: September, January and May
Start and End Dates	See website
Summer Programs	
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	Adults and post secondary school students
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child	Yes, however expensive. Often filled with waiting lists. Provided at Beaufort Children's Centre: http://www.beaufortchildcare.ca/ 250-897-1233

minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	Student must provide.
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	no
Website	https://www.nic.bc.ca/program/english_as_a_second_language
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Student Services Inquiry, 1-800-715-0914, questions@nic.bc.ca
Other Information	

Organization Providing Language Training	Comox Valley Adult Learning Centre
Program Name	English Tutoring Programs and English Conversation Groups
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Private tutoring and in-formal group settings
Location	1507 McPhee Avenue, Courtenay, BC V9N 3A6
Funding requirement	Both programs are free.
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes. BC Transit.
Duration	Tutoring – once per week. Conversation groups – once per week.
Start and End Dates	Tutoring determined on English assessment.
Summer Programs	Yes
Coverage (e.g. Women, Children, Youth)	Adults
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	
Contact Person: Email and Phone	
Other Information	
Organization Providing Language Training	Immigrant Welcome Centre, Serving Campbell River, Comox Valley and the North Island
Program Name	English Conversation Circle
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Non-formal, group
Location	Group meets at the Courtenay Library Meeting Room
Funding requirement	Free
Accessible by Public Transportation	Yes.
Duration	Weekly
Start and End Dates	September to June
Summer Programs	

Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	Newcomers, Adults
Child Care available (if possible indicate licenced, non-licenced, child minding)	Not available
Supplies (provided or required)	Provided.
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://www.immigrantwelcome.ca/services
Contact Person: Email and Phone	Campbell River IWC: 250-830-0171 Comox Valley IWC: 250-338-6359 General Inquiry
Other Information	The IWC also provides additional services for newcomers and immigrants.
Organization Providing Language Training	Comox Valley International
Program Name	Various ESL Programs
Descriptor (Formal, Non-formal, Online)	Emailed information services October 6, 12:15pm
Location	
Funding requirement	
Accessible by Public Transportation	
Duration	
Start and End Dates	
Summer Programs	
Coverage (e.g. Women, Youth)	
Child Care available (if possible indicate licensed, non-licensed, child minding)	
Supplies (provided or required)	
Workplace/ Employer Sponsored	
Website	http://www.studyinbritishcolumbia.com/
Contact Person: Email and Phone	
Other Information	