



The Immigrant Women's Networking Table

Background

For nearly four decades, Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) has been providing various programs and services to immigrant and refugee women and their children in Vancouver. Two notable Women's Development programs (Building Bridges and LEAD), conceived in the 1980's, remain strong in popularity due to the practical and effective curricula designed to prepare candidates who are ready to engage and participate in the community. Trainings include self-development, leadership skills, resource finding, financial management, civic rights and responsibilities, as well as pre-employment workshops.

As a result of an informal survey and our direct contact with immigrant and refugee women, the Immigrant Women's Networking Table is created as the necessary continuum to the above mentioned programs. The mission of the Table is to bring together proactive participants who will benefit from direct interaction with peers, mentors, consultants, leaders and professionals in the large community. Networking will pave the grounds for further personal growth, socially and culturally, but more importantly, it is a forum for immediate and concrete contacts and information that lend to productive relationships for employment or business.

The IWNT

The IWNT is an initiative that aims to help immigrant and refugee women to fully engage in Canadian society and economy. Meetings are held on monthly basis (except July, August, and December), and participants will have the opportunity to connect with members within and outside their immediate circle of contacts. Themes and relevant guest speakers will be arranged by organizers through consultation of members/participants to accommodate interests and needs.

Members and Participants

The IWNT invites all women to participate in the meetings; however, for best results, it is strongly encouraged that only those who have achieved conversational English at Canadian Language Benchmark levels 3 or 4 should join in. Regular attendance is also recommended in order to establish deeper connections and networking success.

Social Media Support

Social media will be instrumental in assisting the IWNT disseminate its important work in the community. The development of IWNT Blog, information through Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter will ensure that we could reach as many people as possible.

For more information, please contact the PIRS office at 604-298-5888 or at info@pirs.bc.ca.

