

PIRS Programs At-a-Glance | Winter/Spring 2024

Community English Classes

Beginner English program where participants practice and improve their English language skills, make friends, gain self-confidence, and learn more about Canada.

New Westminster

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
January 8 - March 12, 2024	Mondays & Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Holy Trinity Community Hall: 514 Carnarvon St, New Westminster	Zarina Ali (English/Dari/Farsi/Pashto) zali@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4285

Surrey

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
January 17 - March 15, 2024	Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Salvation Army Surrey: 13474 96 Ave, Surrey	Rabia Kaihan (English/Dari/Farsi) rkaihan@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4438

Get Support

Ukrainian Women's Employment Support Circle

Employment support group for Ukrainian women to connect and focus on employment, resources and wellbeing. *Facilitated in Ukrainian.*

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
January 29 - March 11, 2024	Mondays 6 - 8 pm	Online	Olena Zabrodska (Ukrainian/Russian) Email: ozabrodska@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4118

Women's Leadership and Development Programs | For immigrant and refugee women with Intermediate level of English

Early Childhood Education Assistant Training

Skill training program for immigrant and refugee women to become skilled and certified ECE Assistants. Includes 12 weeks of classroom learning and four weeks of on-the job experience with a local employer.

Eligibility: Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons, entitled to work in Canada; at least 18 years old and have SIN; living in BC; unemployed or precariously employed; CLB 6 English or above; able to pass Criminal Record Check, including vulnerable sector check.

<p><u>Dates</u> May 6 - August 23, 2024</p>	<p><u>Location</u> VCC Downtown Campus, 250 W Pender St, Vancouver</p>	<p><u>Contact</u> Alena Worster Email: contracttraining@vcc.ca Phone: (604) 443 8751</p>
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Pathways to Childcare Careers

Occupation-specific English training program at CLB 5 and 6 level for women interested in working in the **early learning and childcare field**, and includes 40-hour paid work experience placement, Responsible Adult / First Aid / Foodsafe certification.

Eligibility: permanent residents, convention refugees or protected persons, CUAET permit holders. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required. Final acceptance is contingent on the Criminal Record Check clearance.

<p><u>Dates</u> May 14 - August 13, 2024 (to be confirmed)</p>	<p><u>Time</u> Tue - Fri 9:15 am - 2:45 pm</p>	<p><u>Location</u> Online with some in-person sessions at 7485 Salisbury Ave, Burnaby</p>	<p><u>Contact</u> Arlene Ordonez Email: childcare@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4168</p>
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Educational Bursary

PIRS bursaries help participants fund courses to upgrade their skills for work. Receive \$500 – \$1,000 to be used to cover tuition or other expenses to support education (i.e. books, childcare).

<p><u>Deadline to apply:</u> February 29, 2024</p>	<p>Learn more and apply here.</p>
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