

PIRS Programs At-a-Glance | Fall 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 Westminister

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
September 23 - December 16, 2024	Mondays & Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Holy Trinity Community Hall: 514 Carnarvon St, New Westminister	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>
September 25 - November 28, 2024	Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Surrey Alliance Church: 13474 96 Ave, Surrey	Bettina Davalos (English/Spanish) bdavalos@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4438

Get Support

Safe Haven Program

Individualized support for women who are asylum seekers or refugee claimants. Attend Community Workshops. Support is *available in Farsi, Arabic, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Ukrainian.*

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Ongoing	Online and in-person	osw@pirs.bc.ca 604-298-5888

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>
August 12 - September 23, 2024	Mondays 6 - 8 pm	Online	Olena Zabrodska (Ukrainian/Russian) ozabrodska@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4118

IPALS (Immigrants Parents as Literacy Supporters) Program

Parenting program for parents with children aged 3-5 to prepare for school, and build English language and literacy skills.

Eligibility: newcomer women who are permanent residents.

<u>Dates</u> October 21 - December 16, 2024 (8 sessions)	<u>Time</u> Mondays 12:15 - 2:45 pm	<u>Location</u> Holy Trinity Community Hall: 514 Carnarvon St, New Westminster	<u>Contact</u> Zarina Ali (English/Dari/Farsi/Pashto) zali@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4285
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Immigrant and Refugee Women's Support Circle

<u>Dates</u> October 8 - December 10, 2024	<u>Time</u> Tuesdays 12 - 2 pm	<u>Location</u> Online	<u>Contact</u> nkhalil@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4018
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Employment Training and Leadership 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.

<u>Dates</u> September 3 - December 20, 2024	<u>Location</u> VCC Downtown Campus, 250 W Pender St, Vancouver	<u>Contact</u> Alena Worster contracttraining@vcc.ca (604) 443 8751
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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 80-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.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
September 25 - December 19, 2024	Tue - Fri, 9-2:30pm	Online: Tue & Fri In-person: Wed & Thu at 7485 Salisbury Ave, Burnaby	childcare@pirs.bc.ca (778) 653 2014