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SWIS YOUTH TEAM



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SWIS YOUTH TEAM!

ALONG WITH DISTRICT WIDE PROGRAMS, THE SWIS YOUTH TEAM OFFERS SCHOOL SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AT VARIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOL SITES.

THESE PROGRAMS ARE OFTEN RUN IN COLLABORATION WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER SUPPORT AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES TO NEWLY ARRIVED YOUTH.

THE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO RUN THESE PROGRAMS ARE:

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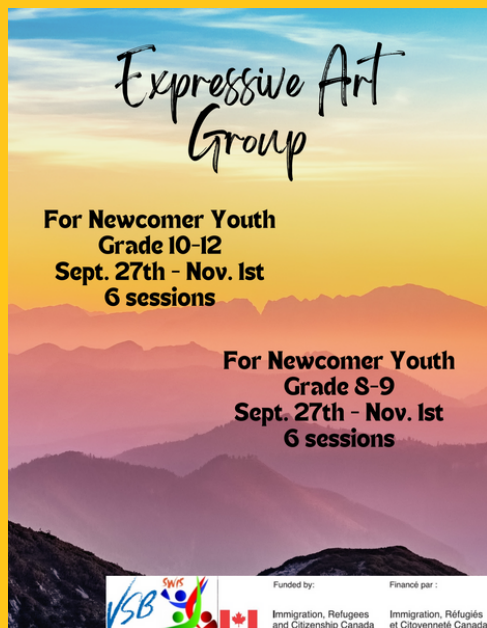
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School-Based Programs


ACTIVITIES AT SPECIFIC SCHOOLS

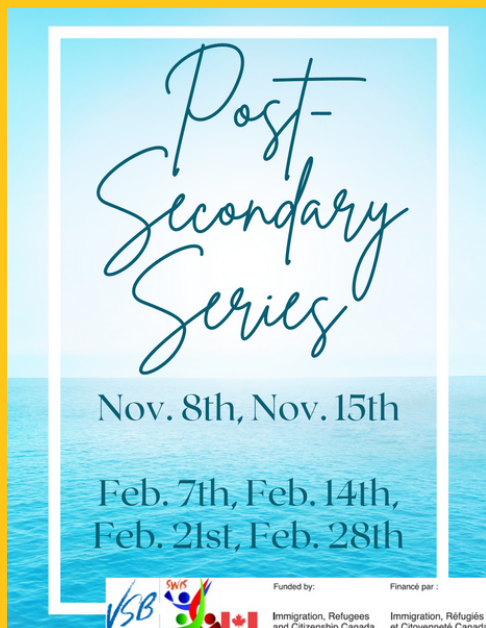


Expressive Art Group

**For Newcomer Youth
Grade 10-12
Sept. 27th - Nov. 1st
6 sessions**

**For Newcomer Youth
Grade 8-9
Sept. 27th - Nov. 1st
6 sessions**


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Post-Secondary Series

Nov. 8th, Nov. 15th

**Feb. 7th, Feb. 14th,
Feb. 21st, Feb. 28th**

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TEEN TO CHEF COOKING

DATES: _____

**APRIL 11TH, APRIL 18TH, APRIL 25TH,
MAY 2ND, MAY 9TH**

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Work Permit Application Workshops/ Employment Series

**Nov. 22nd,
Nov. 29th and
Dec. 6th**

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VOLUNTEER MONTH

APRIL

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District-Based Programs

SWIS NEWCOMER YOUTH PROGRAM

NEWKIDS VPD PROGRAM

Sign up for to join our fall cohort!

Program Description:

- 10-week program every Tuesday
- Learn about police work; participate in field trips and workshops.
- Develop skills for future career and personal goals.

First Cohort:
Oct. 3-Nov. 20 (Every Tuesday)
4pm to 6:30pm@Vancouver Police Department

Second Cohort:
April 2-May 21 (Every Tuesday)
4pm to 6:30pm@Vancouver Police Department

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FEB 7-MAR 13

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Settlement Workers in Schools

Grade 12 Series

Learn what you need to know about post-secondary access

Workshop topics include:

- Admission and Program Requirements
- College Applications
- College tours
- Career and Trade Programs
- Scholarship Applications

This program is open to all Grade 12 newcomer youth*

*students with permanent resident, refugee, or work permit status

For more information, please contact
SWIS-Youth Team

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Join our Farsi Youth Circle

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In
Newcomer Welcome circle:
1000 E 59th Avenue, V5X1Y7

Every Thursdays 4-6, Starting From Oct 12

Snacks and bus tickets provided
Play games, have fun, cook together, art, movie night, make friends, practise English

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Volunteer opportunities

Youth Volunteer Recruitment event
meet at
Killarney Secondary School,
6456 Killarney St. Vancouver, BC V5S 2K7

Register here

January 18 Wednesday
From 3:30pm - 5:30pm

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YOU ARE AMAZING AND YOU WILL GET EVERYTHING YOU WANT!
TRUST YOU.

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**SPORTS
ARTS
CONVERSATIONS**

Newcomer Welcome Center
Starting From Oct. 11
Wednesdays 4-6pm

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Youth Welcome Circles

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL
SECONDARY SCHOOL 2023-2024
WELCOME CIRCLE

Every Thursday
**11:40AM-
12:20PM**
Room 250

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**All newcomer students are welcome
to join our safe and open space !**



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We have a Youth Welcome Circle in 17 of 18 Secondary Schools

Any Newcomer Youth Are Welcome to Drop In

Please refer to VSB SWIS Website to find dates, times and locations



ROAD TO GRADUATION & INDIVIDUAL TRANSITION SUPPORT



WE WELCOME ANY INVITATIONS FROM OUR SWIS PARTNERS OR SCHOOL TEAMS TO FACILITATE A SHORT WORKSHOP ON THE ROAD TO GRADUATION.

PLEASE ALSO REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY STUDENTS IN NEED OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT WITH PREPARING FOR THEIR NEXT TRANSITION. WE CAN SUPPORT IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, INCLUDING APPLYING FOR POST SECONDARY, OR OTHER FORMS OF ADULT EDUCATION, AS WELL AS SECURING WORK OR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

PLEASE CONTACT NOLI COLE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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