



BC Settlement and Integration Services Program Bulletin

BCSIS: Program Advisory Committee Membership

We would like to extend our thanks everyone who volunteered for the re-established BCSIS Program Advisory Committee. We held our first introductory meeting on Wednesday, April 20th, and are pleased to announce the group’s membership:

Name	Organization	Region
Neeru Gupta	Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society of Prince George	Cariboo-Chilcotin and Fraser Fort George
Donna Lo	Archway Community Services	Fraser Valley
Michelle Price	Chilliwack Community Services	Fraser Valley
Desneiges Profili	Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy	Kootenays
Raminder Kang	Progressive Intercultural Community Association	Metro Vancouver
Iris Solorzano	Options Community Services	Metro Vancouver
Adrienne Bale	DIVERSEcity	Metro Vancouver
Parampal Sharma	Impact North Shore	Metro Vancouver
Peggy Lau	SUCCESS	Metro Vancouver
Marzieh Nezakat	MOSAIC	Metro Vancouver
Shauna Wouters	Hecate Straight Employment Development Society	North Coast
Aubrey Odavar	Fort Nelson Community Literacy Society	Northeast
Andrea Dunne	Sea to Sky Sunshine Coast WelcomeNet	Sea to Sky
Jen Gamble	Shuwap Immigrant Services Society	Thompson Okanagan
Nasim Hamed	Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre	Vancouver Island
Jim Brennan	Multicultural & Immigrant Services Association of North Vancouver Island	Vancouver Island
Lori Cameron	AMSSA	Province of BC
Marta Stefanska	AMSSA	Province of BC

WelcomeBC: Newcomers’ Guide now available in Ukrainian

MUNI has finalized now finalized translation of the Ukrainian version of the Newcomers’ Guide, now available on the WelcomeBC website: [Newcomers’ Guide](#). The 2021 Newcomers’ Guide is now available in 10 languages, and we anticipate that translations into Dari and Russian to be ready shortly.

BC Government: Welcoming Ukraine Website Launch

A new, dedicated Welcoming Ukraine portal is operational and provides information to Ukrainians who are moving to the province, as well as for British Columbians who want to volunteer or donate to show their support.

The [website](#) complements Service BC’s phone line and is part of a series of supports the Province will be rolling out over the coming months. Service BC’s phone line is available at 1 800 663-7867.

Ukrainians using the website can connect to free services to find housing, sign up for health-care coverage, look for a job, sign children up for school and learn about other community services, among other supports. In addition to supporting displaced Ukrainians, the website can be used by British Columbians who want to offer support to Ukrainians fleeing violence, including offering housing, employment opportunities or donations.

- [News Release](#)
- [Welcoming Ukraine Website](#)

United Way BC: United for Ukraine - Access to Resources

The United Way has been contracted by MUNI to coordinate the collection, initial screening coordination of housing offers, donations of goods and services, and volunteer opportunities/requests related to the arrival of displaced Ukrainians.

Attached to this email, please find attached two important message from United Way BC.

The first email describes the temporary housing inventory intake process and forms to use when seeking housing for Ukrainian families, as well as the process to request donations of goods and services.

- [United for Ukraine Housing Intake Form](#)
- [In-kind Donations Intake Form](#)

The second email describes the hands-on support that United Way can offer organizations who are seeking volunteers, through their [iVolunteer.ca](#) website. This platform can be used to post volunteer opportunities and manage volunteer coordination.

- [Step-by-step guide](#) for posting volunteer opportunities
- [Video tutorial \(3 minutes\)](#)

ESDC: Income support and employer obligations with respect to TFWs

Attached to this email, please find attached an important message from ESDC regarding the information on income support and employer obligations with respect to Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) in Canada. In addition, the message provides information to TFWs about benefit programs for which they may be eligible.