

NEW WESTMINSTER



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS.

That’s how we do things in New Westminster. We are so grateful to our partners who work with us to support both job seekers & employers in our community. Thank you to our amazing employer partners for sharing their knowledge & expertise with our clients, helping local job seekers gain vital information on employers’ needs.

Our wonderful community partners such as the New Westminster Public Library & the Welcome Centre at New West Senior Secondary helping to build a stronger network by working with us to engage with newcomers & other New West residents requiring resources.

Office Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday / Thursday

8:30am - 6:00pm

All services are available in-person & virtually. Masks are recommended. If you do not feel well, call us to re-schedule your appointment.

Business partners such as the New West Chamber of Commerce & the Downtown NW Business Improvement Association, keeping members informed about services such as the WorkBC Wage Subsidy & recruitment supports that are available to business members through WorkBC.



We couldn’t do it without our partners & we thank each and every one of you for coming together to work with us in building a stronger community. We are looking forward to continuing our collaboration in 2022.

“**The time is always right to do what is right.**” Martin Luther King Jr.

Guest Musings: Informational Interviews

Thinking about a career change or just graduated from high school or university? Whether you are upgrading your skills or thinking of going back to school, Informational Interviews can be a stepping stone in your journey. Informational interviews play a critical role when you are gathering labour market information on the industry and role you are interested in pursuing. Speaking to someone in the industry can save you time and money.



You can get a sense of your future career by asking questions & gathering information before you commit to a particular career path. As a bonus, you can build relationships with future employers and employees by connecting with them personally. Informational interview will be able to help you to decide if your chosen path is the right one for you. Together with career exploration workshops, informational interviews can provide you with the knowledge required to support your decision on career pathways that reflect your current skills, education and work experience. OR it might open you up to a whole new world of possibilities.

Informational interviews are usually done in person, however can be done via email, video call or phone conversation as well. Depending on the mode of communication, you'll want to spend some time preparing the questions accordingly.

If possible, you may want to arrange a meeting with prospective employers as well as current employees.

Things to keep in mind during the meeting:

- Dress professionally. Be on time whether in person or virtually.
- Research the industry and the organization.
- Prepare a list of questions.
- Be courteous and appreciative
- Stick to permitted time.
- Don't ask for a job.
- Don't ask about the salary of the person you are interviewing.
- Use the opportunity to network.
- Be respectful and don't let negative feedback discourage you



So what are the types of Questions you should ask? Here are a few suggestions.

- How long have you been at this role?
- What are things, you like and dislike about your job?
- What is your advice to someone like me that is entering in this career?
- Which school would you suggest that is recognized in the field?
- Are there future jobs for this role?
- What are the challenges for this role?
- What is work life balance for someone in this role, this depends on the employer mostly.
- Or anything you think that is important for you to know.

A final tip is to ask the person you are interviewing to refer you to someone that will be willing to speak to you about the industry and/or position. This will help you with identifying additional interviewees. Be sure to interview at least one prospective employer to help you support your decision. If you'd like to learn more about Informational Interviews, you can search up videos and material online and on youtube to help you with this process. Best of luck with your career.

Baljinder is a Job Developer at the WorkBC Centre in New Westminster & works tirelessly with clients to help them with their job search. Come in & see how a Job Developer can help you!

What's Coming Up in the Spring at WorkBC Centre New Westminster

- Mar. 22 - Working with You on Your Job Search – Virtual Information Services WorkBC Centre New Westminster
- Apr. 5 – RANDSTAD Employer Info Session / Hiring Fair
- Apr. 20 – New West Public Library & WorkBC Workshop Job Search Drop-In
- May 11 – Labour Market Info & Career Exploration Workshop at the Welcome Centre
- May 18 - New West Public Library & WorkBC Workshop Job Search Drop-In
- June 8 - Tools for Job Search/ WorkBC Services at the Welcome Centre
- June 15 - New West Public Library & WorkBC Workshop Job Search Drop-In
- June 23 – WorkBC New Westminster at New West Farmer's Market



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Hot Jobs

- Driver Helpers - Tippet Richardson
- Commercial Trailer Mechanic - Fremantle Trailer Repairs
- Financial Services - Raymond James
- Cleaners, Concierge - Alliance Maintenance
- Admin & Light Industrial jobs - Randstad
- Patullo Bridge Replacement Project Trades - BC Infrastructure Benefits
- Production Coordinator - Purdys Chocolatier



These positions are active as of the date posted. For information and details please contact our office.

Employers are you hiring?

Call us at **604-522-9701** to learn about the WorkBC Wage Subsidy Program.



Are you hiring? Your WorkBC Centre can help

Learn more about WorkBC Wage Subsidy

It provides financial reimbursement to employers who hire and train eligible job seekers. This service is available at **no cost** to employers or job seekers.

Both workers and employers benefit from this service. Workers gain new skills, experience and employment and employers gain a trained employee along with financial support to meet training needs.

"I am glad that WorkBC programs are here to support people who are searching for employment and improving the quality of their lives."

Client Testimonial



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