



BIPT

BURNABY
INTERCULTURAL
PLANNING TABLE



#inspiringBurnaby

Thursday, October 13, 2016

We're inviting all Burnaby based community service providers and employers to join us for an important discussion on making Burnaby an exceptionally welcoming and inclusive city.

Burnaby is one of the most diverse cities in Canada and it will continue to attract people from all over the world. To ensure that the community is responsive to the needs of both it's newest and oldest residents, **the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table (BIPT) is seeking your support and active involvement in implementing the newly developed [Burnaby Settlement and Integration Strategic Plan](#).**

EVENT DETAILS

- WHEN** : Thursday, October 13, 2016
- TIME** : 4-8 PM
- WHERE** : Diamond Alumni Centre
Simon Fraser University
- ADDRESS** : 8888 University Drive East,
Burnaby, BC
Free Parking in Lot C
(please see attached map for directions)

Light dinner will be served. Cash bar available.

This event is FREE, but registration is required.

Registration: www.surveymonkey.com/r/spforum2016

Or contact Shain at samershi@burnabyfamilylife.org or call 604-419-6907

Please share this opportunity with your colleagues

AT THIS EVENT WE WILL

- Present the **4 strategic priorities** of the Plan to help build a more welcoming and inclusive Burnaby
- Host **a panel discussion** with experts on the connection between the employment sector and immigration, the significance of intercultural connections, civic engagement, cultural representation and access to information in Burnaby.
- Host **table discussions** to put objectives in motion to improve labour market attachment of new comers and increase intercultural connections
- Provide an opportunity to **network**



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MEET OUR PANELISTS 2016 BIPT Community Forum

BILL WALTERS

Project Lead, DiverseCity onBoard

Bill Walters is currently the Project Lead for **DiverseCity onBoard – Metro Vancouver**, working on behalf of The Laurier Institution. In his over 30-year career as a senior executive in provincial government and the non-profit sector, Bill accumulated extensive experience working with multiple stakeholders in the areas of immigrant settlement, multiculturalism, education/training, and labour market policy and programming. Bill has also been highly engaged with non-profit organizations as an Executive Director and as a board member, and recently spent two years on an elections committee for a large credit union which involved the screening of candidates for the Board of Directors. In his spare time, Bill is an avid musician and performs with several jazz and concert ensembles.

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CHRISTIAN SAINT CYR

Coordinator of Community Outreach, GT Hiring Solutions

Over the past twenty years, **Christian Saint Cyr** has established himself as a leading British Columbia expert on job search and BC's labour market. As the Coordinator of Community Outreach with **GT Hiring Solutions**, Christian's primary responsibility is to generate awareness and share information about the BC Employment Program and Burnaby's three Employment Services Centres. Having published the BC Labour Market Report, written the BC Job Search Guide and as Director of the BC Employment Network, Christian has developed a dynamic understanding of effective job search and the varied needs of local employers. This unique experience has established Christian as a well-respected public speaker and media commentator on employment and labour market related topics.

www.gthiringsolutions.ca

DEB THOMAS

Deputy Chief Librarian, Burnaby Public Library

Deb Thomas has worked in libraries for 45 years and has been a public library manager for 28 years. She is currently the Deputy Chief Librarian of **Burnaby Public Library**. Previously she was the Chief Librarian for Nelson Municipal Library in Nelson, BC for 18 years and worked in academic libraries before that. She believes strongly in the power of libraries to transform lives and communities. In the summer and fall of 2015, she worked with UBC Library Science student David MacAtackney to survey newcomers in south Burnaby about their information seeking behaviours with assistance from local settlement agencies. There were over 400 responses and a rich amount of data collected. Assistance with more analysis of the data is being pursued through both SFU and UBC.

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TERESA SHEPHERD

Manager, Talent, Vancity

Teresa Shepherd is the Manager, Talent at **Vancity**. An experienced HR practitioner, Teresa's background includes retail banking, recruitment, business consulting, employee relations and organizational development. She is a Certified Human Resources Professional whose passion at work is providing innovative, practical and effective talent management solutions that contribute to organizational success.

In her spare time, Teresa enjoys travel, outdoor pursuits and mentoring fellow HR colleagues as part of a professional mentoring program.

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JOENITA PAULRAJAN

Program Manager, Centre for Intercultural Communication, UBC

Joenita Paulrajan, PhD, manages intercultural studies and international development programs for the **UBC Centre for Intercultural Communication**. She is involved in program planning and implementation, curriculum design, content development and delivery, student, corporate and community training and facilitation. Prior to her appointment at UBC, she served as faculty at Azusa Pacific University, California and taught courses in intercultural communication and anthropology. Her current research interests and conference presentations are in the area of intercultural studies, intercultural communication, international development, diversity and inclusion. She is a certified Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) administrator and an active member of the Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR) BC.

www.cstudies.ubc.ca/study-topic/intercultural-communication-diversity-inclusion
