

BURNABY THROUGH THE EYES OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

PHOTO EXHIBITION

Burnaby through the Eyes of Immigrants and Refugees A Photo Exhibition

Burnaby is a vibrant city, bringing together people from all walks of life, ethnicities and cultures. This city is home to one of the most culturally diverse populations in the world and it continues to welcome people from across the globe.

It is within this diversity that Burnaby residents find common values and build a sense of community. In a city where more than a 100 languages are spoken, residents find ways to connect, build relationships and form bonds of kinship creating an inclusive environment where everyone can live in harmony. It is this inspiring city that led two artists, Mary Blanca Villa y Battenberg and Elena Lis (Kozachenko), to bring a group of new Canadians together to create visions of Burnaby.

Mary Blanca and Elena facilitated a photography workshop for twenty immigrants and refugees who have made Burnaby their home. The idea was to capture images of Burnaby through their eyes and share them with the community. As you go through these images and thoughts behind them, you will see that these are places and sites that we all enjoy and cherish in Burnaby.

The photo workshop was funded by the Neighbourhood Small Grants and Vancouver Foundation. The Burnaby Public Library and Burnaby Family Life supported this project by providing free space for the exhibition. The exhibition was open to the public for two weeks at the Metrotown-Bob Prittie Library and the McGill Library. The Burnaby Art Gallery framed the photographs and put up the artistic display at both the libraries.

This project was also supported by the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table (BIPT) which is Burnaby's Local Immigration Partnership (LIP). The BIPT-LIP is a working group of 23 prominent Burnaby organisations, agencies and institutions working collaboratively to facilitate the integration of immigrants and refugees.

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