

# WELCOME TO ABBOTSFORD



## Public Library

- At Abbotsford Community Library, individuals can discover books, eBooks, CDs and more for all ages - with some in different languages.

- Most public libraries contain services for individuals with disabilities.

- Public libraries have various services to access, such as activities for children and workshops for adults.

## Education

- The Settlement Workers in Schools Program supports children of newcomers and their families to settle in schools and communities.
- Schools offer newcomers English Language Learning classes along with their regular classes to support them in learning English.
- Adult learners may graduate from high school by completing either B.C. Certificate of Graduation or B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma
- Adult Basic Education, Adult Upgrading Programs, and Adult Special Education are programs which support adults with their education.



## Employment

- WorkBC allows individuals to navigate career options, possible jobs, and understand the local labor market.

- Through WorkBC, individuals can have an overview of occupations in BC along with their educational requirements, industry highlights, and annual earnings.

- Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants program supports new immigrants in finding employment with the experience and education they hold.

## Volunteer Work

### The Library Champions Project

- Organization: NewtoBC
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: September 2025 / October 2025

### Volunteer Engagement Lead - CIBC Run for the Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

### Fundraising and Stewardship - CIBC Run for the Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

### Run Day Experience Lead - CIBC Run for the Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Long-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

### Registration and Finance Lead - CIBC Run for Cure

- Organization: Canadian Cancer Society
- Commitment: Short-term
- Start: January 30, 2025

# Upcoming Events

## Rights & Realities in the Workplace: a workshop for LGBTQIA+ newcomers

- Location: Online
- Date & Time: July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Thursday) 4:00pm-6:00pm

## Future-Ready Skills for International Students: Using AI & ChatGPT for Education and Career Success Workshop

- Location: Online
- Date & Time: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Friday), 1:30pm

## Conflict Literacy at the Workplace (online workshop)

- Location: Online
- Date & Time: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Wednesday), 12:00pm

Visit <https://newtobc.ca/news-and-events/event/> for further details

## Programs and Services for Newcomers to BC

- Children's Services (0 - 12) – Abbotsford School District, Archway Community Services
- Employment Services – Archway Community Services, WorkBC Centre
- English Language Services – Abbotsford School District, Archway Community Services
- Migrant Workers – Archway Community Services
- Refugee Services – Archway Community Services
- Seniors' Services – Archway Community Services
- Services Delivered in French – La Cooperative du Relais Francophone de la C.B.
- Settlement Services – Archway Community Services, Fraser Health Authority, La Cooperative du Relais Francophone de la C.B.
- Teen and Youth Services (13 - 30) – Abbotsford School District, Archway Community Services

### Public Transportation

- BC Transit provides individuals with bus services.
- Individuals may purchase a bus pass or a book of tickets.
- Children under 5 years old, accompanied by an adult, may ride for free.
- Full-time students and seniors (65+) are eligible to pay a lower price with identification.
- Individuals with disabilities may also receive a special pass.

### BC Driver's License

- Must be 16 years or older to apply for a license.
- Individuals under 19 years older must have a parent or guardian sign the application.
- Individuals may not need to take the knowledge or road test if they are from another province of Canada, United States, Japan, Germany, South Korea, Austria, or Switzerland.
- To take knowledge test, road test, and apply for a BC driver's license, go to ICBC located on South Fraser Way.

### Shelters

- Cyrus Centre
- Penny's Place
- Older Adults Shelter (Sparrow Community Care Society)
- Lonzo Shelter / Riverside
- Sumas Shelter
- The Nest - Cedar Outreach Society
- Centre of Hope - Abbotsford Shelter



For immediate emergencies, call 9-1-1



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