



Urban Spirit Newsletter

ACCESS envisions an urban Aboriginal community empowered through culture, wellness, achievement and self sufficiency.

Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society
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October 2012



Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society

Celebrating 10 Years of Service

2002 - 2012

11:00am - 3:00pm

Thursday November 15, 2012

"Judge Alfred Scow" Gym

Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre

1607 East Hastings Street, Vancouver



Community Forum

• Department Displays • Board Member Recognition • Success Stories

⇒ Entertainment ⇐

Mike Dangeli - Drumming and Dance

Opie - Comedian

Métis Jigging

• Food • Games • Fun • 50/50 Draws • Prizes

All members of the Aboriginal Community are invited to come and discover what your Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training agency has been doing for the past 10 years and enjoy a day of celebration.

For more information call 604-913-7933 or email info@accessfutures.com
www.accessfutures.com



BLADERUNNERS SUCCESS STORIES



Julian Wolfchild (left) is employed by BOSA Construction and is a registered 2nd year Cement Mason Apprentice. He is a Senior Bladerunner.

“Bladerunners have been very supportive to me over the years. I’m now into an apprenticeship and able to provide and make a good living for my family.”

Michael Raynes is also employed with BOSA Construction and is a registered 1st year Cement Mason Apprentice. He started in Bladerunners in July of 2012.

“I had no construction experience when I first started with Bladerunners. With their support as well as BOSA Construction I’m now a registered apprentice and on my way to a career in the trades.”



Urban Spirit Foundation is now accepting donations to provide food hampers and presents for the 2012 Children’s Christmas party. See USF website at www.urbanspiritfoundation.com. For more information contact: lucie@urbanspiritfoundation.com or elaine@urbanspiritfoundation.com

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ACCESS TRADES NEWS



Success Story

Eddie deBucy graduated from the ACCESS-BCIT Welding Level C program in 2011.

“Big thank you. I passed the weld test and starting work tomorrow, can't wait.”

A celebration was held on September 21, 2012 to honour the 23 graduates of the ACCESS-BCIT Boilermaker Foundation and Metal Fabrication Foundation programs.

Boilermaker trainees are now members of the Boilermakers Lodge 359 and during the weeks following graduation will be dispatched to various sites in BC and Alberta. The Metal Fabricator trainees will be interviewed by local companies including Steel Guys, Seaspan, Marine and Industrial Workers Local 1, and ISM Manufacturing for placement with their companies.

Top students from both classes received awards from BCIT Aboriginal Services, Urban Spirit Foundation and the Boilermakers Union. Top Boilermaker student was David Fairleigh and Guy Mercredi took the award for top Metal Fabrication student. We were pleased to have tremendous support from industry and the community. Guest speakers included Rod Goy, BCIT Dean of Construction; Lisa Bumbaco Vice-President, Human Resources, Seaspan Ltd; Al Bennett, Boilermakers Lodge 359; Erin Johnston, Manager, Labour Supply Initiatives, Industry Training Authority; Derik Joseph, BCIT Aboriginal Services; and George MacPherson, Marine & Industrial Workers Union Local 1. Student speakers were Randall Jules and Lisa McIvor.



Top Student Awards go to David Fairleigh-Boilermaker (standing) and Guy Mercredi - Metal Fabricator



David Fairleigh, Lisa McIvor, Guy Mercredi, and Bruce Mah, ACCESS Trades Job Coach

Photos courtesy of ITA

ABORIGINAL POLICE CADET PROGRAM

"I thought the program was amazing, I learned so much. I have memories that I will carry with me the rest of my life." by Steven Campo



2012 VPD cadets Tim Johal, Steven Campo and Savanna Smith

The Aboriginal Cadet Program is an initiative between the British Columbia Aboriginal Workforce Strategy (BCAWS) and the Province of British Columbia to promote employment and career development opportunities for Aboriginal people within the VPD.

The Aboriginal Cadet Program is aimed at mentoring and coaching Aboriginal youths 19 to 29 years who have demonstrated a desire to become Police Officers. ACCESS has provided sponsorship for the 2012 program, which ran from June until the end of August.

During their internship, the cadets spent half their time working at the Kiosk and the other half "riding along" with various sections within the Department.

One of the most important requirements for potential candidates is a demonstrated interest in eventually

becoming a police officer. For 2012, the VPD will be looking for applicants that meet the following basic requirements:

- 19 – 29 years old
- excellent character (behaviour and lifestyles choices that are consistent with the values of the Vancouver Police Department)
- grade 12 diploma or equivalent
- no criminal convictions, no adult criminal charges pending
- a valid Class 5 driver's license with a good driving record

If you or someone you know are interested in applying to the Aboriginal Cadet Program, please contact Detective Constable Corinne Allan in the VPD Recruiting Unit at (604) 717-8288.

ACCESS COMMUNITY FORUM



Janice De Vries, Vice President IATSE Local 891 with ACCESS Finance Director Lynn White and BladeRunner Coordinator Brenda Crump



ACCESS COMMUNITY FORUM
MAY 31, 2012

The theme of the spring forum was Youth Futures. The Forum was an incredible success with 340 community members and exhibitors attending. Guest speakers included members of the film industry from IATSE Local 891 and Stunts Canada.

During this event ACCESS Essential Skills for Aboriginal Futures (ESAF) hosted their graduation event for the Clerical Administration Program that was delivered in partnership with the Cities of Vancouver and Surrey. A very successful program! We thank the City of Vancouver and the City of Surrey for their hard work and support in making this program a success.

Thirty-nine exhibitors were on hand to provide people with information about training programs, careers, and services. Raffle prizes were donated by Red Dragon Skate, BCIT, Skull Skates, Native Education College, Chatters Beauty Salon, Starbucks, Oceanside Beer, Wine and Liquor, BC Lions, Trev Deeley, First Nations Mental Health, VCC, Justice Institute of Vancouver and BC Hydro. Sharon Sauls 'The Bannock Lady' donated baked goods and White Caps tickets were donated by Gord McKeechie.

ACCESS would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Community Forum.



Informational booths provide clients an opportunity to gain valuable information about careers



Everyone loves horses! John Webster, ACCESS CEO poses with an officer and one of the 'FRIENDS' that the VPD brought along for everyone to pet at the Forum.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR ABORIGINAL FUTURES



“My experience at ESAF had been very positive. The staff has been supportive in every way possible. I struggled with computers in the past and Geetha was a very patient teacher. I also think that I really benefited from all of the confidence building stuff that we did such as our time with Zaccheus, lessons taught by Rich, working on portfolio’s with Cathy. The JI Institute two day workshops were awesome! Meeting people from the different organizations and doing tours helped to feel more comfortable in applying to jobs and interviews. Rich and Cathy were both really helpful with my resume. Ivan’s grammar

lessons were helpful and Heather was a jack-of-all-trades. The other students in the program are amazing too! Hooray for ESAF.”

-Candice Pylychuk.



“The clerical/administrative program has impacted me in many ways. To me, the most important impact is on my self-confidence. The staff at ESAF are truly amazing, helpful and uplifting. My favorite part of program was the two days we participated in the Communications Toolbox Course through JIBC. Raj is an inspirational person, someone I definitely look up to, career wise. The essential skills lessons have brought to light what I need to do to be an employable person and with that, I am extremely thankful and appreciative of the staff and

the ESAF program. I hope the program lives on for the betterment of aboriginal peoples in this area.”

-Sharelle Lucier

URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION



Urban Spirit Foundation was in attendance at many of the graduation ceremonies in Vancouver to present scholarships and to wish the USF scholarship recipients good luck on their journey to success.



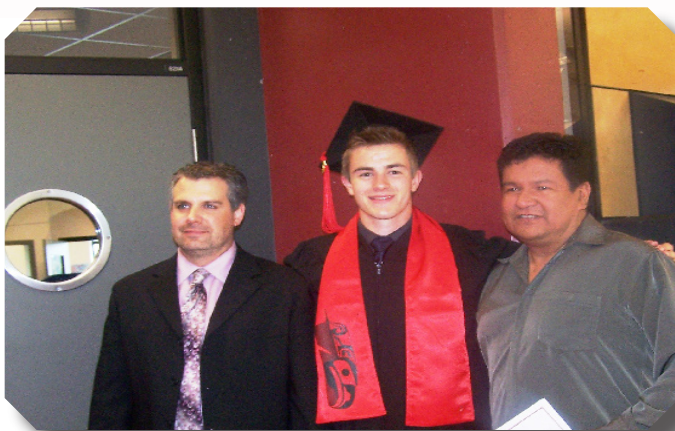
Susan Tatoosh, USF Chair and John Webster, USF Executive Director with USF scholarship recipients Edna Alga and Lyle McSween

USF will be at Trev Deeley Motorcycle Dealership on Saturday November 17, 2012 located at 185 Boundary Road in Vancouver. The event will feature an art exhibition by Roy Henry Vickers. Urban Spirit Foundation will be there to add a bit of Westcoast fare by selling Indian Tacos to raise funds for Urban Spirit Foundation.

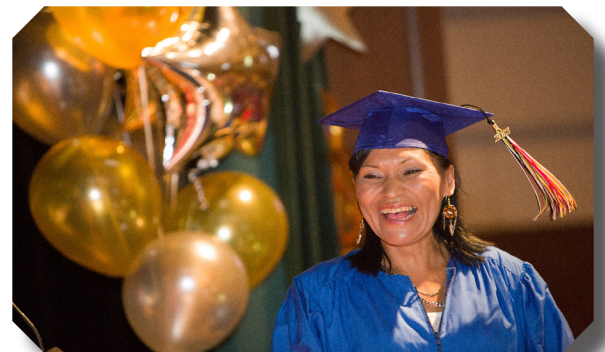
USF will be having a silent auction at Trev Deeley Motors in February to fundraise for our three core purposes: employment and training programs, scholarships, and relief of poverty. See USF website for more information closer to the event date.



Tenaia Gatland from Clayton Heights Secondary accepts scholarship from Merv Thomas, USF Director



Clayton Heights Vice Principal Denton Muir shown here with Michael Morarity and USF Director Merv Thomas



Edna Alga from Native Education College smiles as she receives the 2012 Single Parent Bursary award scholarship from USF

Please visit us online at www.urbanspiritfoundation.com or to make a donation you may contact the Foundation directly at (604) 913-7933

MUSQUEAM ELDER ROSE POINT 1934-2012



Norma "Rose" Point, a well-known Musqueam elder whose mission in life revolved around First Nation education and health, passed away unexpectedly on July 2, 2012.

Rose, who is best known as a teacher, has graced many of ACCESS graduation ceremonies, often performing the opening and closing prayers as a First Nations elder up until this year's Templeton graduation ceremony.

During her career she was involved with the Native Education College and worked at the University of British Columbia Vancouver School Board and Musqueam Indian Band.

She will be missed by her family, her fellow BCIT employees, by the ACCESS staff as well as by the entire Aboriginal community. Rose, we at ACCESS appreciate and respect all your hard work that you did to help promote education and wellness in the Aboriginal community.



Mission Statement

To increase Aboriginal participation in the labour market

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Join Urban Spirit Foundation at Trev Deeley Motorcycles to view an art exhibition by Famous artist Roy Henry Vickers and enjoy an Indian Taco. Proceeds from the taco sale goes toward Urban Spirit Foundation.

