<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vancouver - The City</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vancouver Neighbourhoods</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Settlement Services</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LGBTQ Resources</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Health Services</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education System</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Art</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELSA Resources</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employment Resources</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Centers</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Libraries</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Festivals</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arts Resources</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QMUNITY Programs</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
VANCOUVER, B.C. CANADA

Vancouver population: 603,502 (Census 2011)

Vancouver: Along with Victoria, Vancouver has the mildest climate in Canada – though one of the rainiest. You can ski, golf, bike, sail and kayak in Vancouver – all on the same day!

Stanley Park: A 1001 - acre urban park borders the city. It is 10% bigger than New York City’s Central Park. A 5.5 mile path circles the seawall. It’s extensively used by walkers, runners, cyclists and roller bladers.

Languages spoken: While English is the main language, Vancouver residents speak more than 70 Languages. After English and Mandarin, the most common languages spoken are Punjabi, German, Italian, French, Tagalog (Filipino) and Spanish. 18% of students in BC were born outside of Canada, 6% had lived in Canada between 2 and 5 years, and 3% had lived here for less than 2 years. Almost half (47%) of all BC students spoke a language other than English at home, at least some of the time.
Vancouver is a city of neighbourhoods. Vancouverites appreciate and identify with their neighbourhood, each of which has its own distinct character. The following is a list of Vancouver’s neighbourhoods:

1. ARBUTUS RIDGE
2. DOWNTOWN
3. DOWNTOWN - EASTSIDE
4. DUNBAR - SOUTHLANDS
5. FAIRVIEW
6. GRANDVIEW - WOODLAND
7. HASTINGS - SUNRISE
8. KENSINGTON - CEDAR COTTAGE
9. KERRISDALE
10. KILLARNEY
11. KITSILANO
12. MARPOLE
13. MOUNT PLEASANT
14. OAKRIDGE
15. RENFREW-COLLINGWOOD
16. RILEY PARK - LITTLE MOUNTAIN
17. SHAUGHNESSY
18. SOUTH CAMBIE
19. STRATHCONA
20. SUNSET
21. VICTORIA-FRASERVIEW
22. WEST END
23. WEST POINT GREY
24. YALETOWN
25. UBC ENDOWMENT LANDS
26. COAL HARBOR
27. CHAMPLAIN HEIGHTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House
Address: 5288 Joyce Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5R 6C9
Telephone: 604 435 - 0323
E-mail: info@cnh.bc.ca
Website: www.cnh.bc.ca

Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia
E-mail: iss@issbc.org
Website: www.issbc.org
Address: 530 Drake Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2H3
Telephone: 604 684 - 7498

Kiwassa Neighbourhood House
Address: 2425 Oxford Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5K 1M7
Telephone: 604 254 - 5401
E-mail: info@kiwassa.ca
Website: www.kiwassa.bc.ca

Little Mountain Neighbourhood House
Address: 3981 Main Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5V 3P3
Telephone: 604 879 - 7104
E-mail: info@lmnhs.bc.ca
Website: www.lmnhs.bc.ca

MOSAIC
Address: 1720 Grant Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 2Y7
Telephone: 604 254 - 9626
E-mail: mosaic@mosaicbc.com
Website: www.mosaicbc.com

Jewish Family Service Agency
Address: #305 - 1985 West Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4Y3
Telephone: 604 257 - 5151
E-mail: mosaic@mosaicbc.com
Website: www.mosaicbc.com

REACH
Address: 1145 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 3X3
Telephone: 604 254 - 6468
E-mail: mosaic@mosaicbc.com
Website: www.mosaicbc.com

YWCA
Address: 955 Burrard Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1Y2
Telephone: 604 689 - 9622
Fax: 604 699 - 9622
E-mail: mosaic@mosaicbc.com
Website: www.mosaicbc.com

Synergizing Efforts of Settlement Services
Accompanying Youth Groups
Employment Services

Collingwood Neighbourhood House | X | X | 
Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia | X | X | X | 
Kiwassa Neighbourhood House | X | X | X | 
Little Mountain Neighbourhood House | X | X | 
MOSAIC | X | X | X | 
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House | X | X | 
Multicultural Helping House Society | X | X | 
Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society | X | X | X | 
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. | X | X | X | 
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House | X | X | X | 
Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House | X |
## Settlemnt Services

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interpretation &amp; Translation</th>
<th>Settlement Support</th>
<th>Health Services</th>
<th>Subsidized Housing</th>
<th>Food Programs</th>
<th>Library</th>
<th>Sports Programs</th>
<th>Counseling</th>
<th>Internet Access</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
<td><img src="#" alt="X" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Educacentre
- **Address:** 896 West 8th Avenue
- **Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1E2**
- **Telephone:** 604 708 - 5100 ext. 1104
- **E-mail:** mosaic@mosaicbc.com
- **Website:** www.mosaicbc.com

### Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
- **Address:** 800 East Broadway
- **Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1Y1**
- **Telephone:** 604 879 - 8208
- **E-mail:** info@mpnh.org
- **Website:** www.mpnh.org

### Multicultural Helping House Society
- **Address:** 4802 Fraser Street
- **Vancouver, B.C. V5V 4H4**
- **Telephone:** 604 879 - 3277
- **E-mail:** melindau@helpinghouse.org
- **Website:** www.helpinghouse.ca

### Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society
- **Address:** #102 - 8157 Main Street
- **Vancouver, B.C. V5X 3L2**
- **Telephone:** 604 371 - 8552
- **E-mail:** pics@pics.bc.ca
- **Website:** www.pics.bc.ca

### S.U.C.C.E.S.S. - Granville Service Centre
- **Address:** #300 - 8268 Granville Street
- **Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z4**
- **Telephone:** 604 323 - 0901
- **E-mail:** settlement@success.bc.ca
- **Website:** www.successbc.ca

### S.U.C.C.E.S.S. - Social Service Centre
- **Address:** 28 West Pender Street
- **Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1R6**
- **Telephone:** 604 684 - 1628
- **E-mail:** settlement@success.bc.ca
- **Website:** www.successbc.ca

### South Vancouver Neighbourhood House
- **Address:** 6470 Victoria Drive
- **Vancouver, B.C. V5P 3X7**
- **Telephone:** 604 324 - 6212
- **E-mail:** svnh@southvan.org
- **Website:** www.southvan.org

### Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House
- **Address:** 2131 Renfrew Street
- **At 5th Avenue**
- **Vancouver B.C. V5M 4M5**
- **Telephone:** 604 251 - 1225
- **Fax:** 604 254 - 3764
- **Website:** www.froghollow.bc.ca
LGBTQ RESOURCES

QMUNITY
QMUNITY is BC’s queer resource centre - the hub for lesbian, gay, bi, trans* and queer community programs, training and advocacy. Our team of skilled professionals reach 35,000 people annually and deliver vital social services and programs including:

• Generations: For aging and elder members of our community
• Gab Youth: For queer, questioning and allied youth from 14-25 years
• Education + Outreach
• Volunteer Services
• Information & Referrals, Peer Support Groups, Free Counselling, Community Meeting Spaces & our “Out on the Shelves” Library - the largest queer library in Western Canada.

For 34 years, we have supported community development through innovation, volunteerism and collaboration and provide a host of resources that value, celebrate and transform the lives of queer people and communities.

Address: 1170 Bute Street Vancouver B.C.
Telephone: 604 684 - 5307
Website: www.qmunity.ca

GAB YOUTH @ QMUNITY
QMUNITY Gab Youth is BC’s largest program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and queer (LGBTQ) youth and their allies across the province. Each year, the program provides support, education, and outreach to over 6,300 LGBTQ and allied youth who, statistically, experience higher levels of poverty, homelessness, and drug and alcohol abuse than non-LGBTQ youth. Core activities include weekly drop-ins, special events including dances and cabarets, leadership training and PrideSpeaks (anti-homophobia / transphobia workshops) for students K-12, colleges, universities, teachers, school nurses, counsellors, parents, and youth serving agencies.

Address: 1170 Bute Street Vancouver, B.C.
Telephone: 604 684 - 5307

GENDERQUEER VANCOUVER @ QMUNITY
A free, fun and inclusive space for folk who identify outside the gender binary to connect and socialize! Currently, this group meets in room 1 at QMUNITY from 6pm to 7:30pm on the first and third Monday of each month (Please note, this location is unfortunately not currently wheelchair accessible).

Address: 1170 Bute Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Telephone: 604 684 - 5307 ext. 112
E-mail: genderqueer@qmunity.ca

TRANS GATHERING @ QMUNITY
This group is a drop-in for all variations of trans-identified & gender-variant folks with the opportunity to connect, share, discuss, and learn in a safe and supportive environment. Significant others and family are welcome. Currently, this group meets every Monday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Address: #103 - 1033 Davie Street Vancouver, B.C. (Fully accessible location).
Telephone: 604 684-5307 ext. 112
E-mail: education@qmunity.ca

PFLAG
PFLAG Canada is a national voice that advocates for a more accepting Canadian society by providing support, education and resources on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Address: 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver, B.C.
Telephone: 604 626 - 5667
E-mail: info@pflagvancouver.com
LGBTQ RESOURCES

VANCOUVER PRIDE SOCIETY
Vancouver Pride Society offers inclusive events for queer families and youth. We strive to support our entire community and want everybody to feel welcome. We have something for everybody at Pride!
Address: Suite #304 - 1080 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Telephone: 604 687 - 0955
E-mail: info@vancouverpride.ca
Website: www.vancouverpride.ca

OUT IN SCHOOLS
Out in Schools engages youth through film in the promotion of safer and more diverse learning environments, free from homophobia and bullying.
Address: #405 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Telephone: 604 844 - 1615
Website: www.outinschools.com / www.outonscreen.com

GENERATION OUT YOUTH DROP-IN GROUPS
Are you questioning your sexuality? Well you’re not alone. PLEA Community Services Society of BC is thrilled to present a LGBTQ youth drop-in for youth ages 13 - 18 every week in Maple Ridge, Coquitlam & Vancouver. Come out for support, movie nights and other activities or just to meet people like you.
Telephone: 604 871 - 0450 ext. 765
E-mail: info@plea.bc.ca
Website: genout.blogspot.ca/p/generation-out-vancouver-coastal / www.plea.ca

RAINBOW REFUGEE COMMITTEE
Rainbow Refugee Committee (RRC) supports lesbian, gay, bisexual and Trans* individuals who are in Canada and looking for information and support around making a claim for refugee status. RRC also provides information via e-mail for LGBTQ people globally. In Vancouver, the RRC currently meets as a drop-in group on the second Thursday of each month at QMUNITY at 7:30pm.
Address: 1170 Bute Street, Vancouver, B.C.
E-mail: info@rainbowrefugee.ca
Website: www.rainbowrefugee.ca

LEGIT - CANADIAN IMMIGRATION FOR SAME-SEX PARTNERS
LEGIT has been working on Immigration issues since 1992 and successfully helped change Immigration Law to include same-sex partners in the Family Class. LEGIT provides information and support to Canadian permanent residents and citizens wanting to sponsor their partner for immigration purposes. Monthly drop-in sessions are currently held at QMUNITY. These take place on the last Thursday of every month (except December) at 7:30pm.
Address: 1170 Bute Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Telephone: 604 877 - 7768
E-mail: vancouver@legit.ca
Website: www.legit.ca
HEALTH SERVICES

In Canada, health and medical services are provided through a public health insurance system. Each province runs its own separate system. In B.C., health and medical services insurance is provided through Health Insurance BC and the Medical Services Plan (MSP). To qualify, you must enroll in MSP and pay a monthly fee. MSP pays for most health costs—for example, doctor’s visits, many medical tests, and treatments. If you are new to B.C., you must apply to Health Insurance BC in order to qualify for health insurance. New residents or persons re-establishing residence in B.C. are eligible for coverage after completing a waiting period that normally consists of the balance of the month of arrival plus two months. To know if you are eligible and to register for MSP:

- Telephone: 604 683 - 7151
- Website: www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp

If you need help filling out the forms, a settlement services worker can help you with registration. To find a settlement agency close to you, check pages 4 & 5 of this guide.

THE VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (VCHA)

The Vancouver Coastal Health Authority is the governing body responsible for planning, funding and coordinating health services in Vancouver. It administers hospitals, treatment centers, community health centers and offers specific services. Some of those services are:

PRISM SERVICES

Prism is Vancouver Coastal Health’s clinical, education, information and referral service for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, queer and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S) communities.

- Website: www.vch.ca/prism
- E-mail: prism@vch.ca

TRANSGENDER HEALTH PROGRAM


- Telephone: 604 734 - 1514 | Toll-free: 1 866 999 - 1514
- Website: transhealth.vch.ca

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCIES

If you need help in a medical emergency, you can call 9-1-1 for an Ambulance or go to the Emergency Department at a hospital. The Emergency Department at hospitals in Vancouver are open during the day, but only some are open at night. To make sure, call the hospital to find out if their emergency department is open. Vancouver hospitals include:

**Vancouver General Hospital**

- Address: 899 West 12th Avenue
- Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 1M9
- Telephone: 604 875 - 4111

**St. Paul’s Hospital**

- Address: 1081 Burrard Street
  * Downtown
- Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1Y6
- Telephone: 604 682 - 2344

**BC Children’s Hospital**

- Address: 4480 Oak Street
- Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3N1
- Telephone: 604 875 - 2000

**Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children**

- Address: 3644 Slocan Street
- Vancouver, B.C. V5M 3E8
- Telephone: 604 453 - 8300
HEALTH SERVICES

Three Bridges Community Health Centre
At Three Bridges Community Health Centre, you can receive basic health care and learn how to keep yourself healthy. It provides services for people of all ages.
Address: 1292 Hornby Street, Vancouver B.C.
Telephone: 604 736 - 9844

Options for Sexual Health
Options For Sexual Health offers confidential, nonjudgmental clinical services, reliable contraceptive options, and comprehensive education and information, provided by well-trained professionals. Their web site has tons of information on sexual health, birth control, and pregnancy as well as a province-wide listing of youth clinic services.
Address: 3350 East Hastings Street, Vancouver B.C. V5K 2A7
Telephone: 604 731 - 4252
Website: www.optionsforsexualhealth.org

YouthCO AIDS Society
YouthCO is a non-profit organization that works with and for youth between the ages of 15-29 throughout BC to reduce vulnerability to HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis C through peer support, peer education and shared leadership. It offers individual, group and young women’s support programs for HIV or Hepatitis C positive youth aged 15-29.
Address: 568 Seymour Street, Vancouver B.C. V6Z 1B3
Telephone: 604 688 - 1441
Fax: 604 688 - 4932
E-mail: dirceu@youthco.org
Website: www.youthco.org

Bute Street Clinic
The Bute Street Clinic is a sexually transmitted infections (STI) drop-in clinic for gay, bisexual, trans* and lesbian individuals. No fee, no ID needed. Monday to Friday, 11pm to 6:30pm
Address: 1170 Bute Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Telephone: 604 707-2790

HIM (Health Initiative for Men) Health Centres
HIM is dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of gay men.
Address: 421-1033 Davie Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6E 1M7
Telephone: 604 488-1001
Website: www.checkhimout.ca
Address: 101-1416 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 3Y2
Telephone: 778 708-3568
Website: www.checkhimout.ca
WHAT IS THE SCHOOL SYSTEM LIKE?
In Canada, public education is free for people under 19. The school year starts in September and finishes in June. School hours in Vancouver are from 8:30am to 3:15pm and on Fridays from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Elementary school goes from 1st to 7th grade. Students then move on to Secondary School (High School), which ends in grade 12. Students who graduate from grade 12 get a diploma that allows them to move on to Post-Secondary Education. You are assigned to your grade according to your age. For example, if you are 13 years old, you will be in grade 8. If you are over 19, have not graduated from High School in your country and want to finish your education, you need to contact an Adult Education Center.

Website: go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/adulted

WHAT ARE THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?
Earn a minimum of 52 credits, including Foundation Studies (minimum 28 credits) and Selected Studies (minimum 24 credits). Selected studies are courses you choose depending on your career plans (apprenticeship, vocational, technical, university, college, entry to workforce). Ask your multicultural liaison worker or counsellor about this.

HOW DO I REGISTER IN SCHOOL?
If you are 16 years of age or younger, you have to attend school. To register in school, you need to make an appointment at the District Reception and Placement Centre. Registration hours are 8:30am to 11:00am, Monday to Friday 12 months of the calendar year.

Address: #1000 East 59th Avenue, Vancouver B.C. V5X 1Y7
Telephone: 604 713 - 5999
E-mail: drpc@vsb.bc.ca
Website: www.vsb.bc.ca/district-reception-and-placement-centre

MULTICULTURAL LIAISON WORKERS
The multicultural Liaison Workers are the cultural resource staff of the Vancouver School Board who are knowledgeable and active members of their ethnic communities. They are available to support students, families and school staff.

VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES (CES)
Community Education Services CES has more than 2,000 programs for adult education, and special courses for all ages. There are courses for those planning on attending a college or university, and ESL courses for beginners to advanced English speakers. CES offers courses in many languages, including Cantonese, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Sign Language and Spanish.

Telephone: 604 713 - 4500
Website: www.vsb-adult-ed.com
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Downtown Campus
Address: 555 Seymour Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3H6
Telephone: 604 434 - 5734
Fax: 604 687 - 2488
Website: www.bcit.ca

Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design
Granville Island
Address: 1399 Johnston Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3R9
Telephone: 604 844 - 3800
Fax: 604 844 - 3801
Website: www.ecuad.bc.ca

Langara College
Address: 100 West 49th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 226
Telephone: 604 323 - 5686
Fax: 604 - 323 - 5555
Website: www.langara.bc.ca

Simon Fraser University
Harbour Centre Campus - Downtown
Address: 515 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5K3
Telephone: 604 291 - 5000
Website: www.sfu.ca

University of British Columbia
Vancouver Campus
Address: 2329 West Mall
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z4
Telephone: 604 822 - 2211
Website: www.ubc.ca

Robson Square Campus - Downtown
Address: 800 Robson Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 3B7
Telephone: 604 822 - 3333
Fax: 604 822 - 0070
Website: robsonsquare.ubc.ca

Vancouver Community College
Broadway Campus
Address: 1155 East Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 4V5
Telephone: 604 871 - 7000
Fax: 604 871 - 7100

Downtown Campus
Address: 250 West Pender Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1S9
Telephone: 604 443 - 8300
Fax: 604 443 - 8588
Website: www.vcc.ca
SHE
by Nat Shivji

She makes love to me as if my gender mechanics seize to cause conflict;

Reads the contour lines of my past scars, memorizes them and embeds every insecurity into a box hidden in her memory which is kept sacredly to herself because she knows that on the inside I am screaming for a freedom I cannot have because of stigma caused by institutionalized genderphobia and the medicalization of my apparent gender identity disorder (GID).

She understands that I am crying, I just don’t want to show it because I do not wish for everyone to know it - and the thing is, it’s complicated and complex - doesn’t sit so well with society’s apathy and I AM SO TIRED.

She buries her head into my upper body and she tells me “one day,” I won’t have to worry and that it will happen “one day.” I will have that fairytale chest where I will be able to wear dress shirts and have them sit flat instead of binding my life away; Wear undershirts like the boys who don’t hurt in summers where my scars dig deepest and they can swim without tshirts on and embrace chest freedom because this sanity is right in front of them.

She tells me, “everything will be okay,” and I believe her but, there are just a few things: I am sinking beneath incidents of walking into the women’s washroom with the word “FREAK” seeped through my veins because the bartendar told me so I am knee deep in quicksand, each grain representing oppressive standards by your definitions of normalities which have paved roads of internalized suicide troubles - and yet you still manage to wonder why the rate continues to escalate.

She caresses my hair with her soft hands knowing that pronouns are unstable, cautioning the fact that with me everything is fluid and that with me, nothing is ever set in stone.

When in the back of my mind I am locked inside a prison cell, drenched in self loathing frustrations which make keys to these stubborn handcuffs impossible to find because these days it feels like my freedom is unattainable, without thousands of dollars, without respectable pronouns, without being referred to as a disorder instead of a human being, without being regarded as less than in a women’s washroom -

Without everything, so...

I fight and I fight and I fight and I fight until fight becomes built up inside of the rib cage which surrounds my heart trapping every ounce of fight into the calcium of my bones listening to each pound making damn sure I’ll never run out of beats.

And next time you want to call me a “FREAK,” in the women’s washroom, I dare you to call me beautiful because that... is what I would have called you.

---

Nat identifies as a Desi queer femme trans* boi and is a poet and writer currently residing on unceded Coast Salish territory. He loves spending his days with a pen and journal in hand weaving words together and performing within the social justice community. Check out his work at: misterspadez.tumblr.com
Our City of Colours

Our City of Colours is a non-profit organization based in Vancouver, Canada. The agency’s mandate is to increase the visibility of, and address the issues facing LGBTQ people within a variety of linguistic and cultural communities. In doing so, Our City of Colours seeks to promote human rights, tolerance, and above all acceptance of GLBTQ individuals in their respective cultural and linguistic communities and in the broader mainstream society.

E-mail: info@ourcityofcolours.com
Website: www.ourcityofcolours.com

K!m Possible Villagante

K!m Possible Villagante is an artist who works across many mediums. She is proud to be queer and filipino, among many other things, and is constantly striving to create and find heART. k!m is currently leading a spoken word mentorship through ArtQuake, performing on many stages, and always doodling. Check her art and music out here: www.kimpossiblevillagante.tumblr.com
WHAT IS ELSA?
ELSA stands for English Language Services for Adults. The ELSA program provides basic and intermediate level English training for adult newcomers to Canada. ELSA is government-funded and is free to students.

ORGANIZATIONS IN VANCOUVER THAT OFFERS ELSA:

Collingwood Neighbourhood House
Address: 5288 Joyce Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5R 6C9
Telephone: 604 435 - 0323
Fax: 604 451 - 1191
Website: www.cnh.bc.ca/

Pacific Immigrant Resources Society
Address: #210 - 3680 East Hasting Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5K 2A9
Telephone: 604 298 - 5888
Fax: 604 298 - 7115
Website: www.pirs.bc.ca

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. - Granville Service Centre
Address: #300 - 8268 Granville Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z4
Telephone: 604 323 - 0901
Fax: 604 323 - 0902
Website: www.successbc.ca

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Training Institute
Address: 28 West Pender Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1R6
Telephone: 604 408 - 7274 ext. 2041
Fax: 604 684 - 1686
Website: www.successbc.ca

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. - Fraser Service Center
Address: 5834 Fraser Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5W 2Z5
Telephone: 604 324 - 8300
Fax: 604 324 - 2536
Website: www.successbc.ca

Vancouver Community College
Broadway Campus
Address: 1155 East Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 4V5
Telephone: 604 871 - 7000
Fax: 604 871 - 7100
Website: www.vcc.ca

Educacentre College
Address: 896 West 8th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 1E2
Telephone: 604 708 - 5100
Fax: 604 708 - 5124
Website: www.educacentre.com

Immigrant Services Society of BC
Address: 501-333 Terminal Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 2L7
Telephone: 604 684 - 2561
Fax: 604 684 - 2266
Website: www.issbc.org

MOSAIC - English Language Centre
Address: #301 - 2730 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5N 5P4
Telephone: 604 684 - 8825
Fax: 604 684 - 8859
Website: www.mosaicbc.com

Pacific Immigrant Resources Society
Address: 210 - 3680 East Hasting Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5K 2A9
Telephone: 604 298 - 5888
Fax: 604 298 - 7115
Website: www.pirs.bc.ca

Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society
Address: 3981 Main Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5V 3P3
Telephone: 604 879 - 7104
Fax: 604 879 - 7113
Website: www.lmnhs.bc.ca

Vancouver Public Library
Address: 350 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 6B1
Telephone: 604 331 - 3603
E-mail: info@vpl.ca
Website: www.vpl.ca

To find out about ESL courses and programs for immigrants, you can go to ELSA Net - Website: www.elsanet.org

14
Looking for work in Vancouver? The list of organizations below provides several services to help you start your career. Services include job search assistance, training, language education, and mentoring from professionals in your field.

**Social insurance Number (SIN)** Everyone must have a Social Insurance Number to work in Canada and to open a bank account. A SIN card is not a personal identity card. Do not show your card unless you are applying for a job. The only people authorized to ask you for a SIN card are Canadian Government officials. **For more information about how to get a Social Insurance Number** - Website: www.hrsdc.gc.ca

**The Vancouver Northeast Employment Centre**
Address: #312 - 2555 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4C1
Across from Broadway Skytrain Station
Telephone: 604 708 - 9300
Fax: 604 708 - 9314
E-mail: northeastesc@mosaicbc.com
Website: www.mosaicbc.com

**Drive Youth Employment Services**
Address: 2106 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4B4
Telephone: 604 253 - 9675
Fax: 604 215 - 2474
E-mail: driveemployment@frog hollow.bc.ca
Website: www.driveyouthemployment.ca

**Kiwassa Community Connections**
Address: 2425 Oxford Street, Vancouver, B.C. V5K 1M7
Telephone: 604 254 - 5401
Fax: 604 254 - 7673
E-mail: info@kiwassa.ca
Website: www.kiwassa.ca

**La Boussole Employment Services for Francophones**
Address: 612 Broadway Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1X6
Telephone: 604 683 - 7337
Fax: 604 684 - 1565
E-mail: laboussole@lbv.ca
Website: www.lbv.ca

**WorkBC Employment Services Centre Career Zone Youth**
Address: 1256 Granville Street (2nd floor), Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1M4
Telephone: 604 605 - 4666
Fax: 604 605 7188
E-mail: careerzone@ywcavan.org
Website: www.ywcavan.org

**Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia**
Address: 530 Drake Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2H3
Phone: 604 684 - 7498
Fax: 604 684 - 5683
E-mail: settlement@issbc.org
Website: www.issbc.org
A community centre is a place to meet people and have fun. They offer a variety of sports, arts, recreational activities and outings to participate in after school and during the summer vacations.

For example:
- Camping trips, Skiing & Snowboarding, Sports/fitness, Arts & Crafts, Golf, Dance, Swimming, Skating, Child Care

**Leisure Access Card**
If you are a Vancouver resident and your family has a limited income, you might qualify to obtain a Leisure Access Card.

Some of the benefits of this card are:
- Free access to swimming pools and ice skating sessions.
- 50% discount off swimming lessons, skating lessons and entrance to the Van Dusen Botanical Garden

Website: www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/cc

**Buddy Programs**
Buddy means friend. Buddy Programs run out of community centres and pair up young people who are new to Canada (like you) with someone about the same age that has been here longer and can answer questions. They organize outings and activities for youth to access at no cost.

**COMMUNITY CENTRES**

**Britannia**
Address: 1661 Napier Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 4X4
Telephone: 604 718 - 5800
E-mail: britanniacc@vancouver.ca

**Champlain Heights**
Address: 3350 Maquinna Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5S 4C6
Telephone: 604 718 - 6575
E-mail: champlaincc@vancouver.ca

**Coal Harbour**
Address: 480 Broughton St
Vancouver, B.C. V6G 3H4
Telephone: 604 718 - 8222
E-mail: coalharbourcc@vancouver.ca

**Creekside**
Address: 1 Athletes Way
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 0B1
Telephone: 604 257 - 3050
E-mail: creekside@vancouver.ca

**Douglas Park**
Address: 801 w. 22nd Ave
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 1Z8
Telephone: 604 257 - 8130
E-mail: douglasparkcc@vancouver.ca

**Dunbar**
Address: 4747 Dunbar Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2H2
Telephone: 604 222 - 6060
E-mail: dunbarcc@vancouver.ca

**Evelyne Saller Centre**
Address: 320 Alexander Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1C3
Telephone: 604 665 - 3075

**False Creek**
Address: 1318 Cartwright Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3R8
Telephone: 604 257 - 8195
E-mail: falsecreekcc@vancouver.ca

**Gathering Place**
Address: 609 Helmcken Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R1
Telephone: 604 665 - 2391

**Hastings**
Address: 3096 E. Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5K 2A3
Telephone: 604 718 - 6222
E-mail: hastingscc@vancouver.ca
COMMUNITY CENTERS

Hillcrest
Address: 4575 Clancy Loranger Way
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 2M4
Telephone: 604 257 - 8680

Kensington
Address: 5175 Dumfries Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5P 3A2
Telephone: 604 718 - 6200
E-mail: kensingtoncc@vancouver.ca

Kerrisdale
Address: 5851 West Boulevard
Vancouver, B.C. V6M 3W9
Telephone: 604 257 - 8100
E-mail: kerrisdalecc@vancouver.ca

Killarney
Address: 6260 Killarney Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5S 2X7
Telephone: 604 718 - 8200
E-mail: killarneycc@vancouver.ca

Kitsilano
Address: 2690 Larch Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6K 4K9
Telephone: 604 257 - 6976
E-mail: kitscc@vancouver.ca

Marpole-Oakridge
Address: 990 W. 59th Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6P 1X9
Telephone: 604 257 - 8180
E-mail: marpolecc@vancouver.ca

Mount Pleasant
Address: 3161 Ontario Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 3H7
Telephone: 604 257 - 3080
E-mail: mtpleasantcc@vancouver.ca

Ray Cam Co-operative Centre
Address: 920 E. Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 3T1
Telephone: 604 257 - 6949
E-mail: raycamcc@vancouver.ca

Renfrew Park
Address: 2929 E. 22nd Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5M 2Y3
Telephone: 604 257 - 8388
E-mail: renfrewcc@vancouver.ca

Roundhouse
Address: 181 Roundhouse Mews
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2W3
Telephone: 604 713 - 1800
E-mail: roundhousecc@vancouver.ca

Strathcona
Address: 601 Keefer Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 3V8
Telephone: 604 713 - 1838
E-mail: strathcc@vancouver.ca

Sunset
Address: 6810 Main Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5X 0A1
Telephone: 604 718 - 6505
E-mail: sunsetcc@vancouver.ca

Thunderbird
Address: 2311 Cassiar Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5M 3X3
Telephone: 604 713 - 1818
E-mail: thunderbirdcc@vancouver.ca

Trout Lake
Address: 3360 Victoria Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4M4
Telephone: 604 257 - 6955
E-mail: troutlakecc@vancouver.ca

West End
Address: 870 Denman
Vancouver, B.C. V6G 2L8
Telephone: 604 257 - 8333
E-mail: westendcc@vancouver.ca

West Point Grey
Address: 4397 W. 2nd Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1K4
Telephone: 604 257 - 8140
E-mail: wpgcc@vancouver.ca

The city of Vancouver Parks, Recreation & Culture website includes an extensive list of Parks & Outdoor Community Spaces, Swimming Pools, Water Parks, Sports Fields, Fitness Centres and more!

Website: vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/community-and-cultural-centres
The Vancouver Public Library (VPL) is part of the City of Vancouver and serves the whole city. At VPL, you can find just about any piece of information you need. The Library has 2.2 million holdings, including books, magazines, newspapers, videos, tapes, CD’s, DVD’s and e-books. You can also access the internet from computers in all libraries.

The VPL has 21 branches in neighbourhoods throughout Vancouver. The Central Library is located at the corner of Georgia and Homer Streets in Downtown Vancouver.

Telephone: 604 331 - 3603
E-mail: info@vpl.ca
Website: www.vpl.vancouver.bc.ca

Quick Information Line
One of the VPL’s most used services is the Quick Information Line, which provides fast answers to requests for a wide range of information. Call 604-331-3603 to access the Quick Information Line.

Getting a library card
Residents of most municipalities in Greater Vancouver can get a VPL card that allows them to borrow books and use library services at no cost. To get your VPL card, you will need a completed application and two pieces of identification. One piece of identification should have your printed name and your signature, such as a credit card, your birth certificate or passport. The other piece of identification should have your name and address, such as your driver’s licence, a hydro bill or a bank statement. Children under 14 do not need identification to get a card but must have the application form signed by a parent or guardian.

Books and information in other languages
VPL Central Branch has books for adults and children in languages other than English, including: Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Polish and Vietnamese. Each branch has books in the languages of the people in their neighbourhood. Ask your librarian to find these books. Vancouver Public Library ESL learning services has materials and services to help people who are learning English as a Second Language. All VPL branches have books, tapes, CD’s and videos people can use to learn English. The Central Branch has a Language Lab with tapes, videos and computers. The Lab is open whenever the library is open, and can be used on a ‘drop-in’ basis. Other VPL branches have Learning Centres where a tutor is on staff during some hours to help people learn English. Call your local branch to find out where the closest Learning Centres are and when it is open. You can also find out about ESL services at:
Website: www.vpl.vancouver.bc.ca

VPL computer and Internet services
All VPL branches have computers you can use to find information on the Internet. You can also learn about computers and using the Internet through library courses. You can access the Internet for half an hour at a time, up to two times a day. You can also use e-mail on VPL computers. At the VPL Computer Lab at the Central Branch, you can use word processing, spreadsheets, or desktop publishing programs for at hourly cost. Call Computer Lab Bookings to reserve computer time.
Telephone: 604-331-3685
| LIBRARIES |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| **Central Vancouver Branch** | Address: 350 West Georgia Street | Vancouver, B.C. V6B 6B1 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 331 - 3600 |
| **Britannia Branch** | Address: 1661 Napier Street | Vancouver, B.C. V5L 4X4 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 2222 |
| **Carnegie Branch** | Address: 401 Main Street | Vancouver, B.C. V6A 2T7 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3010 |
| **Champlain Heights Branch** | Address: 7110 Kerr Street | Vancouver, B.C. V5S 4W2 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3955 |
| **Collingwood Branch** | Address: 2985 Kingsway | Vancouver, B.C. V5R 5J4 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3953 |
| **Dunbar Branch** | Address: 4515 Dunbar Street | Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2G7 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3968 |
| **Firehall Branch** | Address: 1455 West 10th Avenue | Vancouver, B.C. V6H 1J8 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3970 |
| **Fraserview Branch** | Address: 1950 Argyle Drive | Vancouver, B.C. V5P 2A8 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3957 |
| **Hastings Branch** | Address: 2674 East Hastings Street | Vancouver, B.C. V5K 1Z6 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3959 |
| **Joe Fortes Branch** | Address: 870 Denman Street | Vancouver, B.C. V6G 2L8 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3972 |
| **Kensington Branch** | Address: 1428 Cedar Cottage Mews | Vancouver, B.C. V5N 5Z1 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3961 |
| **Kerrisdale Branch** | Address: 2112 West 42nd Avenue | Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B6 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3974 |
| **Kitsilano Branch** | Address: 2425 MacDonald Street | Vancouver, B.C. V6K 3Y9 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3976 |
| **Marpole Branch** | Address: 8386 Granville Street | Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z7 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3978 |
| **Mount Pleasant Branch** | Address: 1 Kingsway | Vancouver, B.C. V5T 3H7 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3962 |
| **Oakridge Branch** | Address: #191 - 650 West 41st Avenue | Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2M9 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3980 |
| **Outreach Branch** | Serving patrons with disabilities | Address: 345 Robson Street |
|                      | Vancouver, B.C. V6B 6B3 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 331 - 4100 |
| **Renfrew Branch** | Address: 2969 East 22nd Avenue | Vancouver, B.C. V5M 2Y3 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 257 - 8705 |
| **South Hill Branch** | Address: 6076 Fraser Street | Vancouver, B.C. V5W 2Z7 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3965 |
| **Strathcona Branch** | Address: 592 East Pender Street | Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1V5 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3967 |
| **Terry Salmon Branch** | Address: 4575 Clancy Loranger Way | Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 2M4 |
|                      | Telephone: 604-665-3964 |
| **West Point Grey Branch** | Address: 4480 West 10th Avenue | Vancouver, B.C. V6R 2H9 |
|                      | Telephone: 604 665 - 3982 |
FESTIVALS

Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival
Pride is not just a celebration for gays and lesbians. It’s a celebration of diversity, and anybody who shares the ‘life is a cabaret’ spirit will feel right at home!
Website: www.vancouverpride.ca

Vancouver Queer Film Festival
Celebrating the best in independent queer cinema, the Vancouver Queer Film Festival is Vancouver’s second largest film festival and the largest queer arts event in Western Canada. The Festival hosts a variety of performances, workshops, panels, parties and more, facilitating a unique community space for 11 days each August.
Website: www.queerfilmfestival.ca

Vancouver Dyke March
Taking place in East Van, the annual Vancouver Dyke March & Festival focuses on LGBTQ women but welcomes everyone: Families, kids and allies. Along with the “Dyke March”, the festival includes a 19+ beer garden, kids’ area, community booths and vendors, local food vendors and loads of live music on the Vancouver Dyke March Festival Stage.
Website: www.vancouverdykemarch.com

Queer Arts Festival
The Queer Arts Festival is an artist-run 3 week multidisciplinary festival held in Vancouver, celebrating queer art and artists, featuring a curated visual art exhibition, provocative new live performances and inspiring workshops.
Website: queerartsfestival.com
The festival also offers events and workshops specifically geared towards youth. For examples of workshops offered in 2013: queerartsfestival.com/events/category/youth-events/upcoming
Trans and Genderqueer Liberation and Celebration March

Since 2010, trans* and genderqueer people in Vancouver have gathered and marched before the Pride weekend. This march is a celebration of our strength, beauty, diversity, and resilience, as well as a protest of our ongoing exclusion, erasure and oppression. Before the march, we gather in a public park and make signs to express whatever message each of us feels drawn to express. Then we march through the streets to share our messages with the world! We end the march with speeches by community members.

transpridevancouver.wordpress.com

Vancouver International Fringe Festival

Experience a diverse and thought-provoking assemblage of theatre productions, independent plays and unconventional performance art at the Vancouver International Fringe Festival, a long-standing arts event that promotes “theatre for everyone.”

Website: www.vancouverfringe.com

Vancouver Folk Music Festival

Every year, masses of people flock to Jericho Beach Park for the annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival, a weekend-long event offering a wide range of folk music performances and spoken-word poetry.

Website: thefestival.bc.ca
Annual Vancouver International Hip Hop 4 Peace Festival
The Festival includes performances by local and international talent including MC’s, Break-dancers, DJ’s and Graffiti writers. The festival also includes workshops on rapping and break-dancing as well as forums on youth activism, women’s rights, Indigenous struggle, Hip Hop’s internationalism and its growth alongside the movement for peace, equality and social justice.
Website: hiphopforpeace.blogspot.ca

Car Free Vancouver Day
Vancouver’s cyclist community is a diverse and passionate one, and it’s not uncommon to see massive bicycle events making their way through the city. During Car Free Vancouver Day, expect to see hundreds of thousands of people celebrating at various street parties, riding bicycles and watching live entertainment as an effort to promote a car-free lifestyle.
Website: www.carfreevancouver.org

Annual Vancouver International Film Festival 4 Peace
This festival has been captivating Vancouver audiences for the last 10 years. Promoting peace through a unique collection of documentary and feature films, this festival brings the reality of war and occupation to the big screen, and brings to light the struggle for self determination and social justice being fought by hundreds of millions of people around the world. The festival features films spanning the world; from Latin America to Africa, from the Middle East to Asia, and from Europe to here in North America.
Website: www.filmfest4peace.org
@FilmFest4Peace

Caribbean Days Festival
Immerse yourself in island culture with the Caribbean Days Festival, a tropical-themed event touting a multicultural street parade and a festival at North Vancouver’s Waterfront Park. Indulge in international cuisine, listen to Caribbean-style music and experience the fun, laid-back vibe of the islands.
Website: www.caribbeandays.ca
Asu

Completing her stage design and costume history education in Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul, Turkey, Asu had been working in this field for many years providing designs for Theatre, Feature Films, TV, Advertisement and Exhibit as well as artistic works in installations, writing, painting and sculpture. Since 2008 she continues her work in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Lately, her artistic works are focused on installations, paintings, music as well as writing.

The focus of her artistic work lies in experimenting with the expressive artifacts coming from social media and their parallel interpretations in audio-visual, language and interaction. She has a particular interest in interactive sound installations which shifts the role of the spectators to authors of their very message. These have been presented in venues in Istanbul and Vancouver.
WHO WE ARE

QMUNITY was founded in 1979, and is BC’s leading service organization for the lesbian, gay, transgender, and bisexual (LGTB) communities in the province. For the past three decades, our team of skilled professionals have delivered a variety of vital social services and programs that reach 35,000 people annually.

WHAT WE OFFER:

QMUNITY Gab Youth is BC’s largest program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and queer (LGBTQ) youth and their allies across the province. We reach over 6,300 LGBTQ and allied youth though support and education. Core activities include weekly drop-ins, special events including dances and cabarets, leadership training and PrideSpeaks (anti-homophobia / transphobia workshops) for students K-12, colleges, universities, teachers, school nurses, counsellors, parents, and youth serving agencies.

QMUNITY Education + Outreach promotes and advances the health and well-being of LGBTQ individuals and communities through delivering awareness workshops, network and partnership building, information and referrals, developing and distributing resource materials, facilitating queer competency trainings and co-coordinating community health initiatives. In 2012, we reached over 6000 people through our programming across BC.

Our other services:

• Information and Referrals
• Out on the Shelves library – Western Canada’s largest queer library
• Free counselling
• Peer support groups
• Community meeting spaces

CHECK US OUT AT WWW.QMUNITY.CA!