# KINSHIP



### KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS

## A Time of Learning, and English Language is not the Exception!



# **Upcoming events**

# Saturday, July 11



10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Place: Community Hub
660 East 51<sup>st</sup> Ave Vancouver, BC.

#### Fall Term 2020

#### Registration

September 8 & 10 / 6:00 — 8:00 pm

#### **English Classes**

September 15 to November 26 Tuesdays & Thursdays\* 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Registration Fee....... <u>\$80</u>
Text Book............. \$40

Due to COVID-19, **Hybrid learning** method might be implemented. It will combine both traditional classroom and online classes.



Teaching in our English school can be a life-changing experience. It will enrich your life and expand your horizons. Please let us know if you are available to volunteer as an online teacher

Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

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These past months have been like no other. Together we have worked hard to follow every instruction given by the health authorities in British Columbia to keep ourselves and others safe throughout the health crisis caused by the COVID-19. This has been a time of fastpaced learning to adapt to the "new normal." As part of the learning process, some things had to be put to a stop for safety reasons, but the need for learning English couldn't wait for those who require it for their daily life! The pandemic restrictions created a challenge to keep the learning alive. It created unexpected realities for Kingcrest International Neighbours (KIN), as well as for all students. At the end of March, as everyone was adapting to help reduce the spread of the virus, we had to complete KIN's Winter Term a week early. Thus the students could not celebrate their graduation as they did in the past. Then, at the door of Spring Term we notified our students that we



had to cancel it and wait until the situation changed. But then...

We acknowledged that English Language is a need for every newcomer, to carry out their daily activities and broaden their employment opportunities. Therefore, we invited the students that were part of Winter Term 2020 and Fall 2019 to be part of a new way of learning. For this, they could come to our building to pick up worksheets for their class level.

We encouraged them to complete them at home, and then return them for revision and pick up the next lesson. While a lower number of students took advantage of this new strategy that we offered without tuition fees, we have been hap-

py to provide this opportunity for learning - not just English, but to maintain a connection to the community in these times.

We know that we must prepare for the future. The KIN Board has been meeting monthly to plan our return to a "new normal" for Fall Term 2020. We are already receiving requests for Fall Term details! There will likely be a "cap" on the number of students based on social distancing space and class level distributions. To accommodate as learners as we can, we plan to expand into the Peace Church on 52<sup>nd</sup> building to augment the space in our Community Hub facility. Our goal is to provide the best possible experience learning English in-person,

perhaps supplemented with on-line support. This opportunity to build community among the students and volunteers is also vital to our mission of outreach.

As you know, KIN school is a non-profit organization. All these years our doors have been open, thanks to the contributions of many gracious donors! Now, more than ever, we need your prayers and generosity. Please pray for the staff and volunteers who will work face-to-face with KIN's students this coming term. And please consider donating again, as many of you have done in other fundraising situations. We also pray that you will be safe and healthy in this time, and that God will give you strength to overcome the challenges that this health crisis has brought to everyone.

Our hope is that, even though the current situation has caused great uncertainty and stress, it will result in growth and improvement. We want to extend God's blessings to all, and pray that you will have a safe and healthy summer.

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