



HOT TIPS

Labour Market

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Upcoming Events and Programs

► The Art of Job Search – Free Workshop Series

Tuesdays November 12 to November 26 and Monday December 2, 10:00am to 12:00pm

Looking for work can be stressful! Engage in art making, writing and self-reflection in this 4-week supportive group program. Meet two hours each Wednesday at the Career Centre to explore the ups and downs of job search and career decision making. No art making experience required and nutritional snacks are included.

Call 250.248.3205 to register for this FREE workshop series.

► Implicit Career Search

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, November 19, 25 and 28, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Career Centre, #110-198 E. Island Highway, Parksville

Attend this 3 day workshop designed to assist you in developing a comprehensive career plan. Uncover what you want to contribute to the world and how you are going to get paid for it.

Speak to your Employment Consultant to register 250.248.3205.

► Advanced Forestry Skills Program

Do you have a passion for the outdoors and an interest in pursuing a career in forestry? This 19-week, fully-funded, field-based forestry program could be for you! Advanced Forestry Skills Training participants will gain a wide variety of skills, certifications and hands-on experience. This program includes valuable industry networking opportunities and three week job placements with local forestry employers.

Eligibility Requirements

- Currently underemployed or unemployed
- Must live in surrounding area
- Must meet EI Eligibility requirements

Program Curriculum

This Advanced Forestry Skills Training Program covers a wide range of valuable skills and certifications that will set you up for success in a future career in forestry.

The program includes:

- Forestry Field Studies, including species identification, map, compass, streams, wildlife management, forest health, GPS, GIS, timber cruising, layout, forest operations, fuels management, tree planting, silviculture and more
- Occupational First Aid - Level 3
- Silviculture Surveyor Certification
- Wildlife Danger Tree Assessor
- Harvesting and Silviculture
- Basic Chainsaw Operator
- Basic Brush Saw, Brushing and Thinning Training
- S100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety
- S185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance
- Basic Fall Protection
- Bear Aware
- WHMIS
- Canadian Safety Council ATV and UTV Off-Road Vehicle Operation
- BC Hydro Utility Tree Worker
- Teambuilding, Leadership, Work Readiness and more

Program Dates: February 2, 2020 to June 12, 2020 Nanaimo, BC

For more information see <https://www.stillwaterconsultingltd.com/nanaimo-advanced-forestry-skills-training>

► Education and Career Fair

Thursday, November 28, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo

This Career Fair brings together representatives from universities, colleges, career training institutions, industry associations and employers with their wealth of knowledge and resources. Education and Career Fair is BC's #1 experiential career-focused fairs in Canada with a robust program including Interactive Galleries, Career Skills Workshops and a Learning Lounge with engaging presentations throughout the day.

http://www.educationcareerfairs.com/?event=2019-nanaimo-fair&event_date=2019-11-28

Business Buzz

► Aspiring filmmakers from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and beyond can access specialized film lighting and grip training at NIC running from January to February 2020. Applications are now open for the training, developed in partnership with the Vancouver Island North Film Commission (INFilm). NIC previously offered grip, lighting, set construction and production assistant training in the fall and winter of 2017/18 through a pilot program that was a first for the North Island region. Graduates of the program have gone on to find steady work in the industry throughout the province.

This year, students will have the choice of taking Grip Film training or Lighting Film training, with capacity for 22 students in each. In addition to specialized training in each stream, students will also graduate with key certifications needed to work on film and TV sets, including occupational first aid, aerial lift safety and set etiquette and protocol.

INFilm commissioner Joan Miller said NIC's TV and Film Crew training has helped build a local crew base, a major consideration for production companies when scouting locations for upcoming projects.

Vancouver Island has seen a steady increase in popularity as a shooting location for a wide range of projects, including the hit TV series *Chesapeake Shores*, the upcoming *Sonic the Hedgehog* film and the dramatic web television series *See*, produced for Apple TV+. The 2018 BC Labour Market Outlook projects 16,500 job openings in the motion picture and sound recording industries within 10 years. For more information, or to apply, visit www.nic.bc.ca/trades.

► Naked Naturals has submitted a proposal to the Town of Qualicum to move to East Village in Qualicum at 122 Second Avenue. If accepted by the Qualicum Beach council, this would replace their current location with a 12,000 square foot store. They are hoping that this potential site will help them accommodate their growing customer base in Qualicum Beach as well as significantly improve their parking situation. This store would be three times the size of their current locations.

► A brew pub development permit is underway to be build beside the current Public Works location on Fir Street in Qualicum Beach.

► Underemployed or unemployed individuals in need of work will benefit from a new tech skills learning program being launched by The Network Hub (TNH). West Coast Technology Foundation, the not-for-profit division of the Vancouver-based The Network Hub co-working office company, is partnering with CodeCast and ComIT.org to deliver a new tech-focused job training opportunity for youth, students, and career changers. According to a release, the free program will start as a pilot program for up to 25 people at TNH's locations in downtown Vancouver and Nanaimo. The pilot program running from January to April 2020, with mostly evening training sessions held three times a week, offers lessons on the language and basics of using Javascript, peer-to-peer support, and drop-in or dedicated work space for trainees to work or study from between training sessions. At the end of the training, a hiring event will connect new trainees with companies like Google and Microsoft looking to hire local and remote talent. Individuals interested in the program need to apply at www.Comit.org.

Labour Market Information

► The B.C. government says a new deal with a Japanese company will provide significant help to the province's struggling forestry sector, but it won't kick in until 2023. Premier John Horgan announced a long-term export contract between Pinnacle Renewable Energy and Mitsui & Co Ltd. to ship 100,000 tonnes of industrial wood pellets to Japan annually to fuel Mitsui's new biomass power generation plant. More info at <https://globalnews.ca/news/6046582/b-c-company-signs-major-deal-to-export-wood-pellets-to-japan/>.

► [Vancouver Island Economic Alliance](#) hosted the 2019 State of the Island Economic Summit on October 23 and 24 at the Nanaimo Convention Centre. Following is some LMI gained from the sessions:

- Mike Williamson of Cascadia Seaweed Corp <http://www.cascadiaseaweed.com/> spoke about how they are hoping to become the largest producer of seaweed in the Pacific Northwest. They plan to do this by partnering with First Nations and coastal communities to seed, grow, harvest, process and sell products to a market in high demand for sustainable protein and other seaweed-derived products.

- Their first seeding is planned for December with harvest in May. They will start with 2 hectares which should produce 90 tons (1 hectare of seaweed is worth approximately \$100,000).
 - A spot in Port Alberni has been secured to make seaweed food products as per the following article <https://www.albernavallevynews.com/news/sugar-kelp-partnership-sweetens-food-hub-proposal-on-vancouver-island/>
 - The long term goal is to expand to 1000 hectares
- Opportunities exist within a circular economy. A circular economy is a move from take – make – dispose economy to one that's a closed loop
 - Business Ideas could include:
 - Eco-design
 - Repair, refurbishment and remanufacturing
 - High quality recycling
 - Service based models such as a car share or tool library
 - Supportive ecosystems (such as policy to support a circular economy)
 - A Project Zero Incubator <https://www.project-zero.ca/> is supporting new business ideas and early start-ups who have a vision to turn waste materials into new products. The incubator program is running from April to November 2019. During the eight month program ventures will receive support to launch their business and contribute to a greener economy. The program is free for all successful applicants. They are planning another cohort in February 2020 and will be taking applications.

Job Postings

Parksville and Area

- ▶ The Career Centre is hiring a Manager, Client Services & Programs!
<https://www.careercentre.org/job/career-centre-parksville-full-time-manager-client-services-programs/>
- ▶ Concrete Refinishing and Coating Applicators – Top Seal Services Ltd. – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2WISnkl>
- ▶ SOS Thrift Shop Shipper/Receiver – Society of Organized Services – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2JQ3BP3>
- ▶ SOS Thrift Shop Merchandiser – Society of Organized Services – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2PW5RrZ>
- ▶ Home Maker – CBI Health Group – Parksville <https://bit.ly/34rlg6g>
- ▶ Health Care Aide (Facility) – CBI Health Group – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2qiZ94k>
- ▶ Dietary Aide – Stanford Seniors Village – Parksville <https://bit.ly/33hEpsa>
- ▶ Cannabis Consultant/Budtender Local Cannabis Co. – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2PN1cZ2>
- ▶ Part-Time Counter Staff – Tim Hortons – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2CcrJad>
- ▶ Kitchen Management – Boston Pizza – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2PJPbUk>
- ▶ Cook/Kitchen Hand – Boston Pizza – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2NeMuZ3>
- ▶ Server – Ricky's All Day Grill – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/32bBUGN>
- ▶ Spare Clerk/Secretary – False Bay School – School District #69 – Qualicum Beach
<https://indeedhi.re/2ql7swv>
- ▶ Maintenance – False Bay School - School District #69 – Qualicum Beach <https://indeedhi.re/2JPlvAi>
- ▶ Wildfire Officer – BC Public Service – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2qjylRu>
- ▶ Cashier/Customer Service – Lordco Parts Ltd. – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/33ie4dD>
- ▶ Banking Advisor – RBC – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2NEv33p>
- ▶ Cabinet Shop Worker – Twin Oaks Woodworking Ltd. – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/33jYZIs>
- ▶ Clinician - CYMH – BC Public Service - Children & Family Development – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2CdS2Nm>

- ▶ Labourer Trainee/Custodian I – Town of Qualicum Beach – Qualicum <https://bit.ly/32gAri8>
- ▶ Utility IV – Town of Qualicum Beach – Qualicum <https://bit.ly/2CeYHXI>
- ▶ Finish Carpenter/Lead – Oasis Renovations – Qualicum Beach <https://bit.ly/2Nevu5e>

Nanaimo and Area

- ▶ Footwear Retail Sales Associate - A Step Ahead – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2pvPvwm>
- ▶ Sales Associate – Once Upon a Child – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2CaTYpZ>
- ▶ Service Technician Level 2 – Microserve Ltd. – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2WFgfW6>
- ▶ Sales Area Representative – Staples – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/33gysMi>
- ▶ Marketing Manager – Mid Island Co-op – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/36CVPBZ>
- ▶ Store Associates – TJX Canada – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/32geIXZ>
- ▶ Sales Representative – TELUS – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/33n4ITC>
- ▶ Financial Analyst – City of Nanaimo – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/33hdRYe>
- ▶ Manager, Sanitation, Recycling & Cemeteries – City of Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/32edPyX>
- ▶ Childminding – Steve Nash Fitness World – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2C8Le3B>
- ▶ Food Counter Attendant – Arbutus West Enterprises Ltd o/a Tim Hortons – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2NgYycA>

Port Alberni and Area

- ▶ Manager of Community Policing – City of Port Alberni – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2pK7ePF>
- ▶ Entry Level Labourers – Catalyst Paper – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2C95VfE>
- ▶ Level I Insurance Trainee – Schill Insurance Brokers Ltd. – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/32hvKot> ▾

Job Search Tips

- ▶ Ways to Tap into the Hidden Job Market <https://www.careercentre.org/category/tip-of-the-month/>

Other Programs

▶ Are you a Job Seeker aged 55+? Are you an employer looking to add experience to your team? The **Experience Matters! Program** offers Employment Counselling, Job Entry Skills, Certificate Training, Paid Work Experience, Mentoring and Post Job Placement Support to eligible workers aged 55 and older. Employers that hire and train eligible workers 55+ and provide full time sustainable employment are eligible for a negotiated Wage Subsidy incentive up to \$2800. To register go to <https://www.experience-matters.ca/>

▶ **TechWORKS** <https://spark.adobe.com/page/XOo5bGfjnA3Nm/> is a free employment program with a focus on digital workplace skills and preparing youth/young adults to navigate the employment realities of the new economy. The best part? This is an online program accessible from anywhere. If you have a computer/laptop and webcam, you have the tools needed to join. The program includes lessons in website development, Microsoft Office suite, social media marketing, and online presence with additional tailored training for the participant, all with a focus on the realistic workplace.

▶ **Community Futures Central Island - Entrepreneur in Residence**

Are you looking to start a business and have questions that you need help with? Have you recently started a new business and now need some guidance or help with things that have you scratching your head? Are you already in business and wonder how to increase your sales or profit margins? Are you looking to expand or grow your business but are unsure if it is the right time? If so, you are a perfect candidate for the *Entrepreneur*

in Residence Program. The purpose of the *Entrepreneur in Residence program* is to allow prospective entrepreneurs and current business owners in the Central Vancouver Island region access to invaluable advice from a successful entrepreneur. More info [here](#).