

SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION FAIR DRAWS OVER 250 ATTENDEES IN MERRITT



Mindy Garcia - HVC Employment Coordinator, stamping a participants passport

Merritt, BC - April 9, 2025 - The Employment and Education Fair, held at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT), showcased a great turnout, attracting over 250 participants eager to explore career opportunities. The event featured more than 50 exhibitors, with over 30 actively accepting resumes, making it a pivotal occasion for job seekers in the territory. Collaboratively organized with NVIT, the City of Merritt, K'en T'em Limited Partnership, Work BC, Community Futures Nicola Valley, and the Scw'exmx Tribal Council, to connect job seekers with local employers and resources.

To help with transportation, custom bus tickets were provided, allowing guests to travel conveniently to NVIT, where they were greeted by a line of friendly CNA staff who registered attendees, explained the passport process, and provided them swag bags that included a custom portfolio. Lunch was provided to exhibitors as well as a constant stream of snacks, drinks, and finger food for attendees thanks to NVIT's talented culinary students.

NVIT, an Indigenous centre for excellence, is committed to empowering learners by channeling their voice and identity through education. The City of Merritt, expressed enthusiasm for initiatives that promote career opportunities within the area. K'en T'em Limited Partnership seeks to empower the communities of their Eight Participating Bands by promoting sustainable business development. Meanwhile, Work BC serves as a vital resource, both online and in-person, assisting individuals in achieving their career and educational goals through its comprehensive job board and various training programs. Community Futures Nicola Valley focuses on economic development, serving several local communities and emphasizing an "economic gardening" approach to foster growth. The Scw'exmx Tribal Council is dedicated to improving the quality of life for their people while promoting cultural heritage and environmental stewardship.

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly recognizes the efforts of our collaborators that went in to making this event as successful as it was, and puts out a heartfelt k'wuk'stéyp - Thank you from all of us.

Although, it wasn't just collaborators who beamed with enthusiasm at the event's success. Jaswanth Rayapudi, HR Manager and RTW Coordinator of Emcon Services Inc., expressed his excitement stating, "It's brilliant what's going on here. We are a BCCSA certified road, bridge, mechanical and construction company, and to see so many excited attendees bringing in their resumes makes this a really important day for our company and what we do."

Similarly, Tammy Jones, Indigenous Relations and Restorative Justice Officer from the Ministry of Forests, commented, "Any time we can be out there working with companies like this, especially the Land Guardians, it is a gift. Indigenous voices and knowledge play such an impactful role towards what we do; we love being able to be here and see so many young people invested in environmental services."

The excitement didn't end with employment and education opportunities, grand prize's were drawn the following day on April 10, which included the following winners:

LeAnne Tom - 3rd prize (\$500 Professional Development Certificate) donated by K'en T'em, for workplace training or certification of her choice.

Madison Mackearly - 2nd prize Milwaukee Tool Set, including two drills, a saw and more.

Gloria Bergman - Grand prize Yeti Cooler Bundle, accompanied by a range of accessories, including a tumbler, a \$100 gift card for Save-on Foods, and a \$100 gift card for Petco Canada.

The positive response from attendees and exhibitors alike underscore the importance of community collaboration in promoting employment and education resources and supporting local economies. As the event organizers reflect on this year's success, plans for future events are already underway. If you attended the Fair, and would like to provide feedback, please scan the QR code and fill out our Feedback form.

Scan to fill our Employment and Education Fair feedback Form!



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Join Marty Aspinall in practicing, learning and speaking nle?kepmxcín!
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Come speak nle?kepmxcín with Jerry and Marty every Wednesday!

Community members have the chance to take language lessons during the day from 10:00AM-12:00PM with Jerry Voght.

During the evenings you can learn with Marty Aspinall from 5:00PM-7:00PM, Marty also has a virtual option for those who want to join virtually. Scan the QR code to join us on Zoom!



These nle?kepmxcín sessions are open to all nle?képmx!
The ?eskntwexw team looks forward to seeing you all there!
yé meł xwúy - It's going to be good!

Come learn nle?kepmxcín with Jerry Voght

We invite you to join our nle?kepmxcín Advisor, **Jerry Voght**, in practicing, learning, and speaking nle?kepmxcín.



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nle?kepmxcín words and phrases

ste? xwí? ke?scuw - What are you going to do?
xwí?kn nes pəxm - I am going to hunt
xwí?kn nes seýsi? - I am going to play





May's colouring pages are out now! All youth that submit their completed colouring page will receive a prize either in office or by mail.

View the pages: www.cna-trust.ca/community_programs.htm

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nle?képmx Land Guardians collaborate with Kaska Land Guardians

nle?képmx Territory, Cook's Ferry Gym - On April 12, our nle?képmx Land Guardians hosted another successful máxetn (Moon) Gathering, celebrating the "Pink Moon" in conjunction with the Dane nan yé dāh Network (Kaska Land Guardians). Prominent Kaska Land Guardian Tanya Ball joined the nle?képmx Land Guardians for a week of collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

Since 2014, Tanya has been an integral part of the Kaska Guardian Program in Lower Post, BC currently serving as the Guardian Coordinator. During her visit, she accompanied a tour through a portion of the traditional nle?képmx Territory, utilizing surveys to train our Guardians on data collection in the field. She shared that a significant highlight of her week was the incorporation of nle?kepmxcín audio, recorded by local elders, which enabled our guardians to better identify local plants and wildlife and reconnect with traditional language in a practical context.

The máxetn (Moon) Gathering featured a touching presentation by Tanya, who showcased a slide show and video reflecting the profound impacts on Kaska communities. Emphasizing the opportunities to engage with the language, the video illustrated how this reclaimed connection aids in reviving the Kaska culture and language. Additionally, this video noted the losses inflicted by the residential school system, but highlighted Kaska Land Guardian Program's efforts to fortify their language through the incorporation of lessons, cultural practices and elder guidance.

Following the presentation, attendees were invited to share dinner while engaging in painting pieces for Stick Game. Through this time, Nooaitch Elder Hector Fountain delivered an impassioned speech, inspiring attendees to reclaim and preserve their language and culture. "You know these young people, they want to learn, but they won't speak the language enough (for the lessons to sink in). We can't let it be taken; we need to speak, teach the young ones, and the young ones need to step up and practice our teachings."

The evening concluded with Knowledge Keeper, Harvey Dunstan sharing his drum and teaching stick game songs, accompanied by comedic stories and educating participants on the different pieces of the Stick Game and how to play.

The máxetn (moon) Gathering served as a curative celebration of community and culture, but moreover a reaffirmation of the vital importance of all Indigenous Knowledge in building a sustainable future for us all.

cútkə? tək máxetn

npiqsm tək máxetn
(Budding Season)

May 12th, 2025 | Location TBD | 1:00pm-4:00pm

Join us on May's full moon for harvesting with the nle?képmx Guardians! Location TBD, Harvest TBD

The nle?képmx Guardians gather on the full moon every month to share songs, stories, discussions about protocols and harvesting timeline/calendar. This month will be harvesting!

To register scan here!
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For more info:
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Employment and Training Update

Currently, the Employment and Training Department is facilitating a Wilderness First Aid course at sunny Spences Bridge and is looking forward to the RISC Archaeology and CMT Inventory course we are hosting in Merritt, at the end of April and beginning of May! Driving lessons continue to be popular, with days booking up quickly!

Just a reminder that the department is now able to facilitate scheduling lessons outside of Merritt for days that best fit our members' busy lifestyles, please reach out for more information! The Employment and Training Department remains committed to bringing our supports out into our communities to ensure accessibility for as many of our members as possible. Keep an eye on our social media for all upcoming support dates in your community and drop by and pay us a visit!

Monthly In-Community Employment and Training Supports Dates

GEROME GARCIA
Employment and Training Coordinator

MINDY GARCIA
HVC Employment Coordinator

NATASHA NEMETH
Employment and Training Coordinator

Members can stop by to access Employment and Training supports including: resume support, employment application support, Teck HVC online application and hiring process support, requests for PPE, bursary application support, interview preparation, training inquiries and registration.

	Location	Date and time
1.	Nicomen Band Hall	May 5 th 10:30am-2:30pm
2.	Nooaitch Band Hall	May 6 th 9:30am-3:30pm
3.	Siska Band Office	May 12 th 11:00am-2:00pm
4.	Ashcroft Health Centre	May 14 th 10:30am-2:30pm
5.	Coldwater Band Office	May 20 th 9:30am-3:30pm
6.	Shackan Wellness Centre	May 21 st 9:30am-3:30pm
7.	Boston Bar Anderson Creek Health Clinic	May 27 th 11:00am-2:00pm
8.	Cook's Ferry Main Office	May 29 th 10:00am-3:00pm

Anyone who participates will be entered into a monthly draw!
Appointments available but are not required!

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Current CNA Job Opportunities

CNA Summer Job Opportunities

- nle?képmx Guardians
- Mining & Regulatory
- Administration
- ʔeskstwex^w (Language and Culture)
- Communications & Engagement
- Employment & Training
- Information Technology (IT)

Scan the QR code or use this link <https://r/xEEnqsnKy> to fill the application

CNA Job Postings

- Ashcroft Community Engagement Coordinator
- Cook's Ferry Community Engagement Coordinator
- Certified Professional Accountant (CPA)
- Grant Specialist
- ʔeskstwex^w Assistant
- nle?képmx Land Guardian

All current job positions are closing on May 15th 2025. Benefits, pension, and professional development available for full time employees!

Scan the QR code view the job postings!

Nlaka'pamux Legacy Trust Vacancy

- Nlaka'pamux Community Trustee

Visit: https://cna-trust.ca/nlx_trust.htm or use the QR code below!



CNA Jobs!



Summer Jobs!



Nlaka'pamux
Community
Trustee Vacancy!



Let's Drive.

Driving Lessons in Merritt:

May 6th, May 20th

Lessons available in Ashcroft upon request.

To book your lesson contact:
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