



CONNECTING SENIORS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

May 2018



Collective Impact

Seniors on the Move will hold Seniors Week (June 3 - 9) events in Vancouver, Burnaby and Tri-Cities to promote the Seniors Transportation 211 Hotline. Project stakeholders worked with bc211 to set up the hotline, train referral specialists and increase response capacity. Collingwood Neighbourhood House will host [Transit Training Sessions](#) this summer, offering three different sessions for people with varying levels of experience with transit or technology.

There are now ten **Welcoming Seniors' Spaces** in the region. Local Neighbourhood Committees share outreach strategies and resources. Volunteer champions bring their own

expertise and interest, creating new health and food programs for seniors.

Volunteer Impact training continues to mid-June, covering Seniors Services and Benefits, Elder Abuse - It's Not Right!, and Creating a Support Network (see schedule below).

Community Connections

Allies in Aging presented project progress and stories as well as evaluation findings to nearly 200 people at the SFU John K. Friesen Conference. Angela Kitching, Head of External Affairs for Age UK, grounded our focus on seniors' isolation with her keynote about their "[No One Should Have No One Campaign](#)".

Partners joined 150 people at the forum on seniors' isolation and loneliness at South Granville Seniors' Centre to hear results and recommendations from the Vancouver [SILAS](#) (Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Seniors) project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Transit Training for Seniors

Vancouver, Collingwood Neighbourhood House. Call **604-435-0323** to register for free.

- **Mon. June 18, 1:30 - 3:30: Introduction** to using the transit system
- **Mon. July 23, 1:30 - 3:30: Intermediate** - How to register for Compass, basic trip planning
- **Mon. Aug. 27, 1:30 - 3:30: Advanced** - Online trip planning, Next Bus Texting, and more

VOLUNTEER IMPACT Workshops (Pre-registration required.)

Thurs. June 7 12:00 - 3:00pm: Seniors Services and Benefits

Vancouver, Creekside Community Centre, 1 Athletes Way [Click for information and to register.](#)

Weds. June 13, 12:00 - 3:00pm: Elder Abuse: It's Not Right!

Vancouver, Sunset Community Centre, 6810 Main Street [Click for information and to register.](#)

Mon. June 18, 12:00 - 3:00pm: Creating a Support Network.

Burnaby, Bonsor Community Centre, 6550 Bonsor [Click for information and to register.](#)

Call 604-988-5281 to be added to our mailing list for workshop updates.

Allies in Aging collaborates to connect seniors across our communities through leadership, outreach, transportation, training and advocacy.

More than thirty organizations are working together to connect seniors to supports and services. Our focus is on seniors 75+ who are at risk of isolation due to disability, low income, language or cultural barriers.

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