Hello,

Squamish Welcome Centre team would like to introduce (or re-introduce) you to Squamish Newcomer Services.

Squamish Newcomer Services assist Permanent Residents, Naturalized Canadian Citizens, Temporary Foreign Workers, Provincial Nominees, Refugee Claimants and some post-secondary International Students.

Additionally, we are able to support Ukrainian nationals who reside in Canada and all of their dependents\*. In response to the situation in the Ukraine, Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has expanded service delivery partners’ capacity to support Ukrainian nationals and their dependents who hold any of the following temporary resident status:

* Work permit
* Study permit
* Visitor record
* Temporary resident visa, or
* Temporary resident permit

**English as a Second Language**

Squamish Newcomer Services supports newcomers and immigrants to build skills and knowledge for success in Canada. We help them improve their language skills through informal English instruction. We can also provide referrals to local LINC programs

**Information & Orientation – Settlement Support**

Squamish Newcomer Services offers individual, family and group information and orientation as well as life skills development. Newcomers have the opportunity to learn more about life in Canada and to ask their specific questions about getting started and living in a new country.

**Community Connections**

Squamish Newcomer Services organizes activities and events where newcomers and immigrants have the opportunity to practice their English, socialize, meet new people, share their culture and connect with their community. Such programming offers unique opportunities promotes multicultural understanding and appreciation among community members.

**Accessing our services across Sea to Sky and Sunshine Coast**

IRCC newcomer services can be accessed across the region through:

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|  | Squamish | Whistler & Pemberton | Sunshine Coast |
| Service Provider | Squamish Welcome Centre | Whistler Welcome Centre | Sunshine Coast Welcoming Communities |
| Email | info@squamishnewcomers.ca | info@welcomewhistler.com  | info@welcoming-communities.ca |
| Telephone | 604.567.2222 | 604.698.5960 | 604.212.2716 |
| Website | https:// seatoskycommunity.org/ | welcomewhistler.com  | welcoming-communities.ca |

Potential clients and/or referring service providers can email or call us, and we will schedule a time to talk and assess their needs. Please visit our website and social media for updates on services to support Ukrainians arriving in Canada, to learn more about the services we offer and the activities/ events we run.

Contact us if you would like to know more.

Warm regards,

Squamish Welcome Centre team

*\* Dependent is defined as: a spouse or common-law partner; their dependent child; the dependent child of their spouse/common-law partner; the dependent child of their dependent child. The dependent can be of any nationality*.