



# Information on the Education & Career Fairs

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Education & Career Fairs is to assist secondary school students, adult learners and career changers in the transition to a career by providing them with an event to examine different career paths and obtain labour market information.

## Locations of Fairs & Attendee Demographics

### Fraser Valley Education & Career Fair

Tradex, Abbotsford - December 2, 2008

9:00am – 3:00pm

**Attendees' geographic locations:** Abbotsford, Agassiz, Chilliwack, Hope, Langley, Maple Ridge, Mission, New Westminster, Pitt Meadows, Surrey, and Vancouver.

### Vancouver Island Education & Career Fair

Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria - December 4, 2008

9:00am – 4:00pm

**Attendees' geographic locations:** Campbell River, Chemainus, Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, Mill Bay, Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Alberni, Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Qualicum Beach, Saanichton, Shawnigan Lake, Sidney, Sooke, and Victoria.

### Vancouver Education & Career Fair

Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre, Vancouver - February 3, 2009

9:00am – 5:00pm

**Attendees' geographic locations:** Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, Kelowna, Maple Ridge, Mission, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Pemberton, Richmond, Surrey, Tsawwassen, Vancouver, and West Vancouver.

### Kamloops Education & Career Fair

Tournament Capital Centre, Kamloops - February 5, 2009

9:00am – 2:30pm

**Attendees' geographic locations:** Armstrong, Enderby, Chase, Sicamous, Revelstoke, Ashcroft, Logan Lake, Cache Creek, Merritt and Kamloops.

### Okanagan Education & Career Fair

Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort & Conference Centre, Kelowna - February 6, 2009

9:30am – 4:00pm

**Attendees' geographic locations:** Armstrong, Ashcroft, Enderby, Kamloops, Kelowna, Keremeos, Lumby, Merritt, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Summerland, Vernon, and Winfield.

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## Transportation to the Fairs

Secondary school students, parents, school counsellors, and adult career changers attending the Fair have various modes of transportation to the event. The majority of secondary school students, parents and school counsellors participating at the event have arranged with their schools to **bus attendees directly from the secondary schools to the Fairs with a pre-arranged visiting time**. Other parents and students are encouraged to drive or take public transportation to the Fairs on their own time.

Organizations such as employment agencies and youth agencies (i.e. YMCA/YWCA, The Boys & Girls Club) will arrange to take groups in the afternoon as part of an employment training course either by driving or taking public transportation to the event.

## Previous Sponsors of the Fairs

Previous sponsors for the Education & Career Fairs include:

**Newspaper sponsors** – Abbotsford News, Black Press (formerly Victoria News), The Vancouver Courier, and Capital News (Kelowna)

**TV & Radio sponsors** – KVOS Television, JRfm 93.7, 100.3 The Q, The Zone @ 91.3, 103.5 QMFM, CFUN, and 101.5 SiLKFM

**Government sponsors** – Service Canada (formerly Human Resources and Skills Development Canada), Ministry of Advanced Education, and Ministry of Small Business & Tourism

## Proud Supporters and Exhibitors of the Fairs

The Education & Career Fairs consults with various school districts around BC such as the Vancouver School Board and the Central Okanagan School District 23. We continuously strive to improve relationships with the **BC Parents Advisory Council, BC School District offices, and all public and private secondary schools in BC**.

ECF also researches and updates a database of community organizations that provide complimentary tickets to its members. These organizations include **youth and family services providers, immigration counsellors and agents, career counselling advisors, and employment/recruitment training centres**.

Exhibitors at the Education & Career Fairs include:

- Public universities and colleges from Canada, USA, and International
- Private training institutions, colleges and universities
- Study abroad programs, youth exchange programs, and internship programs
- Retail companies, fast food restaurants, banks and credit card companies (i.e. Tim Hortons)
- Travel and tourism related companies (i.e. Travel Cuts)
- Trades associations and unions (i.e. BC Building & Trades Association)
- Industry related and professional associations (i.e. CGA – Certified General Accountants Association)
- Government departments, police, military and fire agencies (i.e. Canadian Forces)

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