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ASPECT Garage Sale

In preparation for the move to a less expensive co-working office, ASPECT will be hosting a garage sale Sept. 22 & 23 from 8 am to 1 pm at 977 Alston street. We are selling office supplies, miscellaneous items of furniture, appliances, electronics, books and more!



CEO Report

Providing Direct Feedback to Government



Although I continue to be challenged with taking selfies, here I am getting ready to enter the Pre-Budget Lock Up.

The provincial government announced its update to the 2017 Budget this past Monday and ASPECT had the opportunity to participate in the Pre-Budget Lock Up. For those of you who may not know, this is the opportunity for the press and stakeholders to get "locked up" in advance of the official Budget release to read the Budget documents, ask questions of government staff, prepare media releases, and conduct media interviews.

Now that it's Friday, I'm sure that you've all read or heard about the budget and know that

many of the issues related to employability are addressed: housing, transportation, mental health and addictions, and daycare (which was promised \$20 million, but no detail about where that would be spent). Budget documents can be found on the [government website](#).

Providing Direct Feedback to Government

At our meeting last week with the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Hon. Shane Simpson has shared with us his plans to introduce a Poverty Reduction Strategy for BC in Spring of 2018. Currently BC is one of two provinces in the country without such a strategy.

Accordingly, we have planned a new session for the [ASPECT Conference](#) in November. At this facilitated workshop, we will discuss the questions below and create a briefing paper for government from your answers. It is hoped that initiatives put forward by government will have a full range of ideas from the employment sector.

1. What are we doing in the employment services sector that supports the government's poverty reduction goals?
2. What is needed from government to enhance what we are doing?

Whether you are a service provider for federal or provincial employment programs, having the experts (our members) in the room will be helpful.

[Janet Morris-Reade](#)

Sector News

[Minimum wage in B.C. boosted by 50 cents to \\$11.35 per hour](#)
CBC News, September 15, 2017

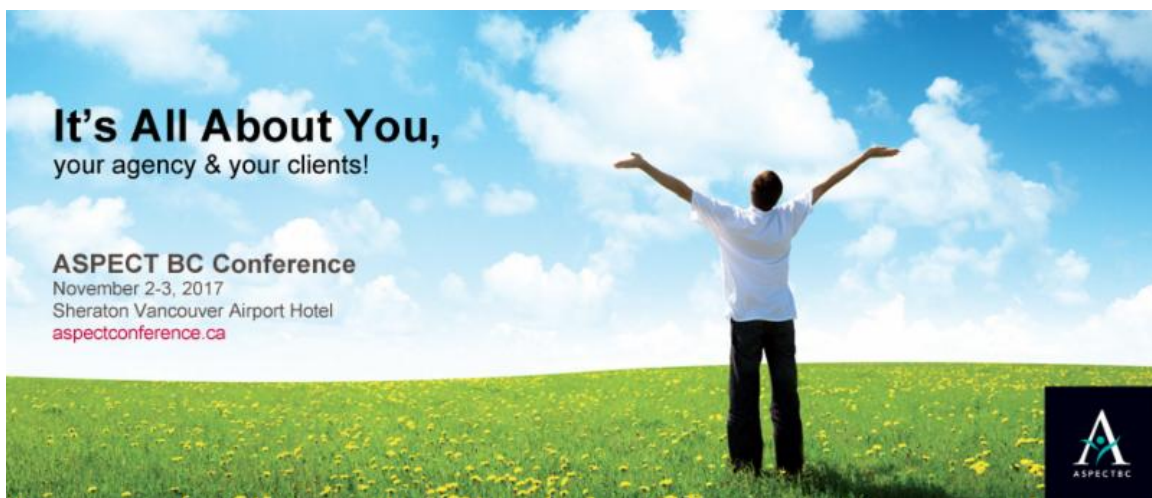
[Jobs outlook looks positive in Canada](#)
Canadian Immigrant, September 14, 2017

[Canadian median income growth sluggish over past 10 years](#)
Financial Post, September 13, 2017

[HELP WANTED: Williams Lake needs workers after wildfire evacuees don't return](#)
Vancouver Sun, September 12, 2017

[Long overdue investments in people, affordability welcomed](#)
Inclusion BC Media Release, September 11, 2017

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Canada-BC Job Grant

Priority Stream intake estimated to be closing in 5 days due to popularity

The latest application intake is open for priority stream training starts January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018 but you'll need to apply ASAP as we expect the funds to be committed in the next 5 days. Underrepresented, unemployed, rural, and refugee streams are expected to be committed within the next 2 months. If you don't understand what any of this means and think you might like to obtain a grant to train your staff, contact us and we'll fill you in on the details.



Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund.

For Canada-BC Job Grant details and eligibility go to aspectcanadabcjobgrant.ca

ASPECT Member Agency Job Postings

This service is available to ASPECT members only. Not a member? [Join us!](#)

Our [online job posting form](#) has been unreliable with different web browsers. We are working on it! If it doesn't work for you, please send your posting to info@aspect.bc.ca. Thank you.

Work BC Case Manager

Agora Employment Essentials (Avia Employment Services), Richmond

Closes: September 18, 2017

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Job Developer - WorkBC Employment Service Centre - Vancouver Midtown

Pacific Community Resources Society, Vancouver

Closes: September 22, 2017

[Click for details.](#)

CQI Manager

Pacific Community Resources Society, Vancouver

Closes: September 29, 2017

[Click for details.](#)

Professional Development Events

Volunteer Futures Symposium 2017

October 4 & 5, 2017

Richmond, BC

[Click for details.](#)

2017 ASPECT BC Conference

November 2 & 3, 2017

Sheraton Vancouver Airport, Richmond

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ASPECT BC Health Benefits Plan

Partial proceeds support ASPECT BC and the work we do -- Enrol now!

The ASPECT Health Benefits program is available to [ASPECT members](#) and is delivered by our partner, Delta Pacific Benefits Brokers.

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