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RFP Workshop...again!

If you missed it, don't despair. In response to last week's *Aspectives*, it looks like we have enough interest to run the RFP Workshop again!

Date: Friday, April 13, 2018
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Presenter: Liz Busch
Location: Vancouver Downtown

Register Now: Don't miss out on this opportunity to train yourself and your staff! It's a good networking opportunity, too.

Register Now

for the RFP Writing Workshop

CEO Report

BC Budget promises nuggets for employability.

In case you missed it on our social media sites, we attended the BC Budget Lock-Up on your behalf. I am especially delighted about the supports promised for child care and housing, but remain cautiously optimistic that the government will be able to deliver.



ASPECT Communications Manager, Kim Meyer, and CEO, Janet Morris-Reade at the BC Budget Lock-Up 2018

Some Highlights for Childcare

- Those making less than \$45,000 will pay next to nothing for child care. This means families who currently can't afford to work, will have the opportunity to enter or re-enter the workforce.
- The province promises to create more than 22,000 new licensed child care spaces and is providing financial incentives to service providers to operate outside of standard business hours. Great news for those doing shift work and extended work days.
- Financial incentives are promised to boost the supply of Early Child Care Educators. This will help organizations operating child care centres to find

qualified staff. They will also receive incentives to reduce waiting lists and expand the number of spaces.

For anyone who has dealt with the "house of cards" of child care arrangements, this all sounds too good to be true. If delivered, we could see a large number of employment-ready workers entering the workforce. We could also see employers understanding the economic benefits of offering child care services to their staff.

Some Highlights for Housing

- Colleges and universities are being given the opportunity to borrow money to make it easier to build student housing on campus. This will relieve some of the pressure on market rental housing.
- Controls and taxes are expected to reduce speculative investors in larger urban areas reducing the ratchet effect across the province of high real estate costs. The expected result will not only make rental housing more affordable, but will also help reduce "renovictions" and couch-surfing.
- The budget introduced a new "HousingHub" that will coordinate partnerships with local community partners to provide affordable and supportive housing. Some ASPECT members already partner with local and provincial governments to meet demands, and the HousingHub could become a genesis for more of these partnerships to develop.

The budget was a positive move in the right direction toward supporting employability in BC. It will be important for us to continue to engage with government and partners to capitalize on these announcements, and to continue to influence positive change.

Janet Morris-Reade

Sector News

[Child Care, Housing Funding Boosted in Budget](#)

The Tyee, Feb 20, 2018

[10 things to know about the B.C. budget](#)

CBC News, Feb 20, 2018

[B.C. commits \\$1-billion to launch 'universal' child-care initiative](#)

Globe & Mail, Feb 20, 2018

[Dry dock approval for Victoria harbour brings high hopes for highly paid jobs](#)

CBC News, Feb 25, 2018

Member Social Enterprise Spotlight

Marketplace by MCC CE: Goods for Life

submitted story

Buy a cup of organic free trade coffee, sample some baking from our in-store bakery, and browse our carefully curated selection of furniture, fashion, home decor and accessories.

Features:

- Brand new, up-cycled, vintage, consignment and donated goods
- Furniture, fashion, home decor and accessories
- Coffee bar, bakery & café
- "Products with a purpose" that support local BC & global artisans, helping you make sustainable, responsible choices
- Marketplace by MCC CE is a social enterprise of MCC Community Enterprises. Profits go to support local and global relief and community development projects.



Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/marketplacebymccce/> or Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/marketplacebymccce/>

At present we have no employment programs attached to the store, but we are working closely with the Work BC Centres, the Abbotsford School District, and supported employment organizations, to provide employment and work experience opportunities.

*If you have a social enterprise that you would like to spotlight in *Aspectives*, please send a small blurb introduction and a photo to info@aspect.bc.ca.*

Fund Development Opportunities

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)

ESDC has launched a Call for Proposals (CFP) effective January 23, 2018 for the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities (OF) program. The call will remain open until March 6, 2018. Please consult ESDC's 'Funding' page for more information on the CFP and the application process.

As ESDC focuses on modernizing and simplifying the Grants and Contribution processes, applicants will be able to apply online for funding by way of the Department's Grants and Contributions Online System (GCOS).

Important! If you have not already registered for GCOS, we encourage you to begin the registration process as soon as possible as it may take up to two weeks to complete account registration.

ASPECT Member Agency Job Postings

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

[Please use our online form](#) -- which is now working again -- to submit your job postings. If you encounter problems, please email us at info@aspect.bc.ca.

Specialized Employment Services Case Manager-Youth & Multi-Barriered

PCRS, Richmond

Closes: Mar 2, 2018

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Senior Manager, EPBC Programs & Business Development

MOSAIC, Vancouver

Closes: Feb 28, 2018

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Senior Manager, Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement

MOSAIC, Vancouver

Closes: Feb 28, 2018

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Volunteer Resources Coordinator

MOSAIC, Vancouver

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ESL Instructor

MOSAIC, Vancouver

Closes: Mar 11, 2018

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Career Service Advisor

MOSAIC, Vancouver

Closes: Mar 11, 2018

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ICM/Finance Coordinator

MOSAIC, Vancouver

Closes: Mar 16, 2018

[Click here for details](#)

Job Developer/Facilitator

Triangle Community Resources Inc, Chilliwack

Closes: Mar 5, 2018

[Click here for details](#)

Professional Development Events

BC Career Development Conference - SOLD OUT!

March 5-6, 2018

Pinacle Hotel Harbourfront, Vancouver

[Click here for details](#)

ASPECT RFP Writing Workshop 'NEW'

April 13, 2018

YWCA Hotel Vancouver

[Click here to register](#)

Canadian Association for Supported Employment Conference

June 19-21, 2018

Halifax, NS

[Click here for details](#)

ASPECT Conference

ASPECT BC Health Benefits Plan and Health Tips!

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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