

## VCN RECEIVES FUNDING FOR YI PROGRAM FOR 2015-16



The Vancouver Community Network (VCN) is happy to announce that we have received federal funding to continue the Youth Internship Program in 2015-2016.

VCN has been running the YI program since 2003, connecting over 600 youth with impactful nonprofit/community organizations across Metro Vancouver.

Funded under the Youth Employment Strategy, the YI Program functions to assist young people gain the skills and experience needed to successfully transition into and remain in the labour force. Further, the YI program encourages not-for-profit organizations across Canada to develop and apply ICT-related skills, knowledge and opportunities by helping them to create internship opportunities.

If your nonprofit organization is interested in hosting an intern for the 2015-16 cycle or youth between the ages of 15 and 30, visit our website and apply: <http://yid.vcn.bc.ca>

## RELAUNCH OF VCN'S WEB TEAM



To establish a sustaining funding source, VCN developed a social enterprise strategy for our web and IT Support services. Please recommend tech|team and web|team services. Each delivers high-level projects at low costs that are geared to your needs.

Revenue from the tech|team and web|team are used to keep our free programs available to the community. If you know of anyone needing tech or web assistance, please refer our services to your networks.

Contact us at [webteam@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:webteam@vcn.bc.ca) or for a free consultation and quote!

## SPAM FILTER

In June 2015, VCN installed a new spam filter. VCN members no longer need to login to a separate interface to configure or look at their spam. If you receive less or no spam but still receive normal emails then the filter is working normally. You can configure your spam filter by clicking "Mail Login" at <http://www2.vcn.bc.ca/>, go to "Options", and then "Spam Filters". Refer to the "Legend" section or contact the VCN help|desk for assistance at 778-724-0826 or [help@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:help@vcn.bc.ca).

## MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

VCN is a charitable nonprofit working to support digital inclusion and social justice. Any contribution to VCN to help us continue our work assisting youth, seniors and vulnerable people's free access to the internet would be appreciated.

Organizations hosting a website on VCN servers will receive an 'invoice' for their VCN membership dues in August. Organizational memberships are a minimum of \$25 although more is gratefully appreciated and helps sustain and offer more VCN programming.

If you enjoy VCN's free tech and web services, please keep this valuable service available by donating and renewing your membership with VCN: <http://www2.vcn.bc.ca/get-involved/donate/>.

## LAUNCH OF WINDOWS 10

Windows 10 was launched worldwide on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Windows 7, 8 and 8.1 users who registered for a free upgrade should either have the new OS now or will have it shortly.

Microsoft is also offering Windows 10 free over the next year to those who have the Home or Pro versions of Windows 7 or 8. This free download does not extend to the Enterprise versions used by large organizations. To find out more about downloading Windows 10 go to <http://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/windows/windows-10-upgrade>



## POWELL STREET FESTIVAL

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Powell Street Festival will take place at Oppenheimer Park on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm.

The festival celebrates Japanese Canadian culture, arts and heritage. For more information go to [www.powellstreetfestival.com](http://www.powellstreetfestival.com).