



ANNOUNCING!

Tech|Team Moves to Woodward's Heritage Building

VCN Tech|Team has been relocated to the beautiful **Woodward's Building at 111 West Hastings Street, Second Floor.**

Drop-in for free access to computers and the Internet. It is open to the community from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday, with technicians on hand to provide solutions to your technical issues. For help with your personal computer call the Technical Help Desk first. It's freely available by appointment.



(VCN Tech Team with Robert, Chris, and Peter.)
photo by Nhan



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2015 Annual General Meeting



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VCN held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 20, 2015, with a quorum including 4 board members, 3 staff, 4 VCN volunteers, plus 12 regular members.

Highlights of 2013-14

- ◆hired our first Executive Director
- ◆speed of internet connection
- ◆true cost of "Free" at VCN
- ◆VCN's move to digital archives
- ◆VCN's social enterprise development
--- VCN Innovation Labs!!

- ◆Worked toward launch of "Telling Our

Stories" an interactive website which hosts 60+ personal stories and videos of people growing up in the 1940's, 50's and 60's in the Grandview Woodlands, Strathcona and Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. See <http://www.seniorsstories.vcn.bc.ca>

- ◆Developed the [Street Messaging System](#) -see the next page for more information on this project.





Short Film on VCN's Street Messaging System



STREET MESSAGING SYSTEM



A Film by Anna Christina Waters

The SMS actively sends accessible and reliable information into the hands of those that need it most via text message.

Funded by:



Written and Directed by:
Anna Christina Waters
Nhan Lam
Tracey Axelsson

In today's information age, access to ICTs is essential. The Street Messaging System (SMS) is a unique and instant way of connecting people experiencing poverty and/or homelessness to services available. The SMS actively sends accessible, reliable, and informative text messages into the hands of those that need it most.

See it at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca>

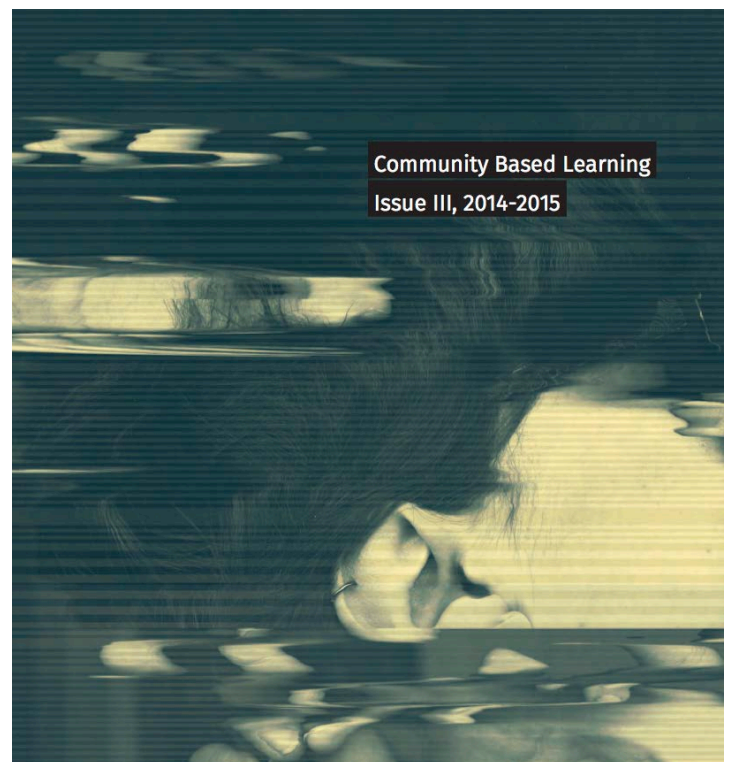
Telus funded the short film for the Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society's Play It Forward program, VCN collaborated with filmmaker Anna Christina Waters to create a short film to educate the public, providers, and funders on the SMS. The commissioned film, featuring Homeless Advocate Judy Graves, is available online and will be available for free on the TELUS Optik™ TV.

VCN Intern Magazine Now Available Online!

The third VCN Intern Magazine is now available online. This issue was produced for the Industry Canada-funded 2014-15 Youth Internship program, and documents the work of interns at their placements and highlights the incredible work that their organizations are doing in the community. It serves as a platform to showcase the diverse voices of interns from graphic designers to creative writers to journalists. Interns produced pieces that spoke on issues relating to bridging the digital divide and community development with a particular focus on Community Based Learning.

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