

Kinsight Connections

Kinsight Family & Friends Newsletter - Spring 2025



May Day celebration: Sensory friendly space receives warm welcome

Kinsight teamed up with the City of Port Coquitlam to host the popular sensory friendly space at the May Day celebration on May 10. This marked our fourth year hosting the sensory friendly zone, where families can get away for a quiet break, children's activities and an opportunity to speak with Kinsight staff.

Our team appreciated the community's positive feedback, including:

"Thank you so much, Kinsight Team, for supporting May Days again this year with a Sensory Friendly Space! Your support truly allows us to create an inclusive event where all community members can meaningfully take part. It makes such a difference for our community and we very much appreciate you taking the time each year to provide this."
~ City of Port Coquitlam

"Just want to give a shout out to Kinsight and the City for having a sensory and inclusive space at your May day celebration. It was utilized by my family and it was needed/appreciated. The staff were warm and welcoming. There were very good and useful equipment and items in the space ... Having something like this may seem small but has a huge impact! Great work."
~ Festival goer

"Yes!!! This was amazing for my overstimulated kiddo -- 100%. It was so well run, and the staff were incredible."
~ Festival goer

A shout out to everyone who visited us at the May Day celebration. We hope you will stop by to say hello at some of our upcoming community events (see story below).

Kinsight in Community: Visit us this spring & summer at an event near you

Our community calendar is filling up! Kinsight teams will be out enjoying a number of events and celebrations this spring and summer. Visit our booth, say hello, and learn more about our work to create welcoming communities at:



-- **Coquitlam Accessibility Resource Fair** (National Accessibility week) at Pinetree Community Centre: Sunday, May 25, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

-- **New to New West Intercultural Festival & Information Fair** at New West Secondary School Atrium: Saturday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

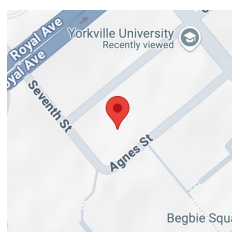
-- **Queensborough Children's Festival** at Queensborough Recreation Centre: Saturday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

-- **Coquitlam Canada Day** at Town Centre Park: Tuesday, July 1, noon to 8:00 p.m.

-- **Ribfest**, Port Moody Rotary Club three-day event at Rocky Point Park Kids Zone: Friday-Sunday, July 18-20, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Watch this space for Kinsight's participation in more summer/fall events.

Kinsight opens new New Westminster location for Community Inclusion



We are pleased to share that Kinsight will open new space in New Westminister in June. The new location, next to Douglas College on Agnes Street, will be our new hub for Community Inclusion and other adult services and programs.

The New Westminister Children's Services will continue to operate out of Inclusion BC's offices, and we have been given additional space. Our appreciation to Inclusion BC for providing more room for our staff and families.

Contact Gareth Williams, Director of Service Delivery & Development, at gwilliams@kinsight.org to find out more about our official opening in June.

Curiko: Foster experiences, spark curiosity and grow connections

If you haven't had an opportunity to check out Curiko recently, now



is a good time. The Curiko platform is a free online and in-person community, designed to connect people -- with and without disabilities -- to meaningful experiences. Pick from dozens of experiences each month, from transit adventures with Andrew to Rock & Roll trivia to exploring friendship.

Curiko is an initiative of Degrees of Change Design, a partnership between Kinsight, PosAbilities, BACI and InWithForward. Each month, we continue to grow Curiko's new activities and experiences. Check it out at Curiko.ca [here].



Everyone's welcome.
Everyone belongs. Everywhere.

You are receiving this quarterly newsletter because you/your family has participated in or supported Kinsight in the past.

We respectfully acknowledge that the work of Kinsight is carried out on the Coast Salish ancestral traditional and unceded territories of the kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), q̓íçəy̓ (Katzie), qʷa:ń̓ ǻ'əń̓ (Kwantlen), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), and Stó:lō (Sto:lo) Peoples.



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