



Keynote Speaker:

Alden E. Habacon,
*Diversity and Inclusion Strategist,
Public Speaker,*



Alden E. Habacon is an accomplished diversity and inclusion strategist, with over eleven years of experience in leading organizational engagement through the development and implementation of strategy towards greater diversity and inclusion. He has an established track record in producing organizational culture change and solving complex intercultural issues that inhibit socially sustainable communities and workplaces. His body of work includes consulting, writing, online and television production, and leadership in a variety of non-profits that contribute to social sustainability, diversity and inclusion in Canada.

He is the Senior Advisor and former Director of Intercultural Understanding for the University of British Columbia. Prior to UBC, Alden led the development and implementation of CBC Television's national diversity strategy, as the Manager of Diversity Initiatives for CBC Television.

Alden is also the founder and Publisher of Schema Magazine (www.schemamag.ca), and the co-founder of the Asian Canadian Journalists Association (ACJA) in Vancouver. He currently serves as a member of the board of S.U.C.C.E.S.S., the OMNI Advisory Committee (Rogers Television), the Tye Solutions Group, and the Hua Foundation. He also lectures at the UBC Graduate School of Journalism. Alden has lived in Manila, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Regina, and currently lives in Vancouver with his wife and two sons.

Internationally Trained Professionals Networking Fair

Saturday, November 12, 2016 | KPU Surrey | Doors open at 9:00 am

Gathering industry professionals and talent from **Accounting**, **Engineering**, and **Nursing** sectors.

Opening remarks by

Susan Liu Woronko, DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society
Neelam Sahota, CEO, DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society

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Featured: Panel Speakers

Engineering

Rajiv Vasdev, P.Eng., ASCT, Production Manager, Client Panelist
Sandeep Tattla, Quality Engineering Manager, Employer Panelist | Unifiller

Nursing

Janice Corpuz-Batenga, B.S., RN, Client Panelist
Brett Kendrick, Managing Partner, Employer Panelist | Nurse Next Door

Accounting

Maria Elgin Abais, CPA, CGA, Client Panelist
Chris Mould, CPA, CA, Business Advisor, Private Enterprise Services, Employer Panelist | MNP

Q&A moderated by

Alden E. Habacon, Senior Advisor, Intercultural Understanding, UBC

Closing remarks by

Susan Liu Woronko, DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society

Networking & Exhibitors to follow (see exhibitor list)

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Exhibitor List



Applied Science technologists & technicians of BC (ASTTBC), to maintain, improve and increase the knowledge, ability and competence of technologists and technicians; to regulate the standards of training and practice of, and for, its members, and to protect the interests of the public.



Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEG-BC), Licensing and regulatory body responsible for the province's more than 24000 engineers and geoscientists.

English Pronunciation For Success



As a pronunciation coach / accent reduction specialist, Catherine Steele, helps clients speak English in a clear, confident manner that North Americans understand the first time. Catherine works with people in business, healthcare and those who need to pass the IELTS exam with a high speaking score.



Chartered Professional Accountants of BC (CPA BC) is responsible for the regulating and professional development of its members, and the protection of the public through its ethical standards and discipline processes.



College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC), Nursing in British Columbia has been a self-governing profession since 1918. Under provincial legislation (Health Professions Act), it is the duty of CRNBC to protect the public through regulation of registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and licensed graduate nurses.



DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society celebrates the strength found in our differences and we do that by delivering the broadest range of services. DIVERSEcity is not only the largest but also the longest immigrant-specific serving agency in Surrey, BC, one of the Canada's fastest growing communities where one in every three residents is an immigrant.



The Iranian Engineers of British Columbia Association (IEBCA) is a non-profit, non-religious, non-political, independent organization which serves engineers with an Iranian background working or residing in British Columbia, Canada.



Immigrant Employment Council of BC (IECBC), provides BC employers with solutions, tools and resources they need to attract, hire and retain qualified immigrant talent. We believe that the successful integration of skilled newcomers into the BC labour force is critical to both their success and the province's long-term economic performance.



KPU Graduate Nurse, Internationally Education Re-Entry (GNIE), This unique program prepares internationally educated nurses (IENs) for professional nursing practice in Canada. This program is designed for IENs who demonstrate fundamental knowledge-based nursing practice and are required by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) to renew and enhance nursing knowledge and skills, in preparation for nursing practice and licensure in Canada.



Nurse Next Door has a unique approach to senior home care. Each client is assigned their own carefully screened caregiver based on their needs and interests. We offer a level of flexibility and service that is unmatched in the industry.



Society of Internationally Trained Engineers of British Columbia (SITEBC) is an independent non-profit society founded in 2004 to represent the interests of British Columbia's internationally trained engineering community (ITEs).



Society of Punjabi Engineers and Technologists of BC (SPEATBC) represents all disciplines including Electrical, Computer, Civil, Mechanical, Chemical, Environmental, Metallurgical Engineers and all Applied Science Technologists and Technicians. SPEATBC provides free services to its growing number of members, which has reached over 500 members this year.



S.U.C.C.E.S.S. began as a new immigrant settlement service organization which has developed into a multi-service, multicultural agency. Programs are delivered in culturally sensitive ways to meet the needs of the clients.



Unifiller is a leading supplier that designs and manufactures portioning depositors to bakeries and food manufacturers worldwide.

Client Panelists:



Rajiv Vasdev came to Canada in 2013 with his family feeling truly confident that he would be working in his field of work as soon as possible. Rajiv had a very successful career in India working with established national and international companies like Escorts, CLAAS and BCH Electric Ltd.

Presently, Rajiv works as Production Manager with Installer/dealer of mobile crane (articulating and telescopic) solutions, leading the production team of lead hands of various segments to achieve company's objective by controlling KPIs. Rajiv's primarily responsible for change management, Bottleneck Analysis, and implementation of actions to align the strategic goal of company with shop floor actions to streamline the production, process, quality and delivery.



Janice Corpuz-Batenga is a Registered Nurse working at Royal Columbian Hospital. She is helping new immigrants especially internationally educated nurses settle in Canada, answering questions regarding the certification process and connects them to the right people. Before devoting her work full time to one of the medicine units at Royal Columbian Hospital, Janice worked as a casual RN in Nephrology and Neurology unit, Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Janice underwent the rigorous process of being a licensed nurse here in BC and completed the 1-year Re-entry Program for internationally educated graduate Nurse at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Langley in 2014. In addition to being a registered nurse, she is also working as a part time insurance and investment advisor. As for Janice's future plans, she wants to pursue specialty nursing and be a renal nurse as her next goal.



Maria Elgin Abais is an accountant at Atlas Copco Thiessen (ACT) located in Langley, BC. She served as the team leader in their facility during the roll-out of their ERP System Upgrade. Maria received her designation as a Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified General Accountant (CPA, CGA) in February of this year (2016).

Prior to moving to Canada she attended an orientation with Canadian Immigration Integration Project in the Philippines. The program had her credentials assessed with International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES). Her education was assessed equivalent to a University degree in BC. The program also provided her with contacts that gave her substantial information to be able to connect with her profession here in BC.

Employer Panelists:



Sandeep Tattla, received his Bachelor's degree in India and Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering at UBC, Sandeep specializes in Industrial Engineering and Project Management. Sandeep has over 8 years' of progressive experience in Production and Quality Engineering in the automotive, steel fabrication and food manufacturing industries. Sandeep is highly technically competent in LEAN Manufacturing, RCA, APQP, FMEA, PPAP and knowledgeable with respect to GD&T. Recognized as a leader, Sandeep has been promoted to a managerial role at Unifiller, where he is responsible for 26 people including 5 supervisors (Quality, Manufacturing, Welding, Machine Shop and Projects) at the young age of only 29 years old.



Brett Kendrick is the Managing Partner at Nurse Next Door in Richmond and White Rock. His passion is to assist families navigate health, wellness, and home. He connects with many health professionals and home services to work with like minded organizations to assist families with successfully living comfortable and happy in their homes. It is the Nurse Next Door philosophy to look through the lens of a person and see what their goals and dreams are and assist them in achieving their endeavors'. Brett is often asked to provide presentations for community groups and organizations on a variety of topics such as "Navigating Care Options" and "Family Caregiver Burn-out". Brett also regularly presents at Colleges and Universities to students of a variety of disciplines to discuss how to remember their passion while pursuing their careers.



Chris Mould, CPA, CA, is a Business Advisor in MNP's Private Enterprise Services group in Surrey. Drawing on more than 12 years of experience, Chris helps owner-managed businesses minimize tax exposure, increase profits and improve operations. Chris works with clients that have complex corporate structures, are tax driven and seek practical solutions, particularly those in the real estate, construction and manufacturing sectors. He assists with accounting and assurance, tax planning and compliance and connecting clients with the firm's broad-based expertise when they need specialized advice and services.