

## **Kitsilano Community Centre Profile**

This Community Centre Profile will serve as a description for artists to use in developing a project framework specific to the Community Centre.

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### **Neighbourhood Description:**

Nestled on the picturesque shores of English Bay, Kitsilano, often lovingly referred to as "Kits" by locals, stands as one of Vancouver's most beloved neighborhoods. Renowned for its stunning beaches, food & cultural scene, laid-back atmosphere, and vibrant community spirit, Kitsilano attracts residents and visitors alike with its unique blend of urban convenience and natural beauty.

The history of Kitsilano traces back to its indigenous roots, where the Squamish people once inhabited the lands. With the arrival of European settlers in the late 19th century, Kitsilano began its transformation from a quiet rural area into a bustling suburb of Vancouver.

At the heart of Kitsilano's charm is its strong sense of community. Residents here take pride in their neighborhood and actively participate in local events, community initiatives, and environmental conservation efforts. The Kitsilano Community Centre serves as a hub of activity, bringing together residents of all ages and backgrounds through a diverse array of programs, events, and services.

Located at 2690 Larch Street, the Kitsilano Community Centre is strategically positioned within walking distance of Kitsilano Beach, Granville Island, and local business areas.

The Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre, which pays homage to local veterans and serves as a gathering place for cultural events and educational programs. Its historic significance adds a layer of depth to the community centre's identity, reflecting Kitsilano's commitment to honoring its heritage while embracing modernity.

Kitsilano Community Centre amenities include multipurpose rooms, dance studio, fitness centre, youth lounge, a large gymnasium, commercial kitchen, ice rink, spray park, and outdoor playground. Beyond its facilities and programs, the Kitsilano Community Centre plays a pivotal role in fostering community pride. Through partnerships with local organizations, schools, and businesses, the centre facilitates

cultural events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities that celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity.

The community centre offers various education and physical recreation program for all ages and interests. Classes include topics such as languages, arts and crafts, computer skills, and personal development - providing residents with opportunities to expand their knowledge and skills in a supportive community setting.

The centre's community kitchen initiative, for example, encourages residents to participate in cooking classes, nutrition workshops, and community meals, promoting healthy living and social interaction among neighbors.

In conclusion, the Kitsilano Community Centre stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of community and collaboration in Vancouver's vibrant Kitsilano neighborhood. From its rich history and comprehensive facilities to its diverse programs and inclusive approach to community engagement, the centre continues to play a pivotal role in enriching the lives of residents and fostering a sense of belonging for all who call Kitsilano home.

As a beacon of recreational excellence and community development, the Kitsilano Community Centre embodies the essence of Vancouver's West Coast lifestyle, where residents come together to learn, grow, and thrive in a supportive and dynamic environment. Whether you're exploring its state-of-the-art facilities, participating in a fitness class, or attending a cultural event, one thing is certain—the Kitsilano Community Centre remains a cherished cornerstone of local identity and community pride.

#### Community Kitchen and Food Systems Interests & Issues

1. Develop kitchen use procedures
2. Support use of kitchen from various user groups
3. Collaboration with local kitchen/ garden users
4. Explore kitchen opportunities
5. Explore a variety of Cultural Programs
6. Explore Food Security
7. Explore new cultural programs and possibilities/ initiatives