



Dunbar Community Centre
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Community Centre profile for AIC Residency 2024 and 2025

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The Dunbar Community Centre (DCC) resides and operates on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples—Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations. We are grateful to live, work, and play on these unceded lands.

The DCC is operated jointly by the Vancouver Park Board and the Dunbar Community Centre Association (DCCA), a volunteer-managed, non-profit society and registered charity. See [Board of Directors](#). Our vision is to represent and advocate for the recreational, social and educational interests of our community. Anyone who signs up for a program at Dunbar Community Centre automatically becomes a member of the DCCA for a term of one year, from the date of registration. The DCCA works hard to maintain and enhance the ever expanding recreational, social, and educational needs of the increasingly diverse and growing Dunbar community.

Vision: Represent and be recognized as a physical reflection of the recreational, social and educational needs of the Dunbar community.

Mission: Working with the community of Dunbar, Vancouver Park Board and Community Centre Staff, The Dunbar Community Centre Association connects local residents and patrons with programs, services, events and activities that foster social connection, learning opportunities, and physical as well as emotional health.

Values: DCCA's key values that guide the board's decisions and actions as well as for which they stand to be accountable are:

- **SUSTAINABILITY** – we will strive for sustainability in all aspects of our work including finances, governance, caring for the environment, relationships, and community engagement
- **INCLUSIVITY** – we will be inclusive and inviting to all in the community
- **RESPECTFULNESS** – we will strive for respect in all our relationships with an emphasis on cooperation and collaboration
- **INNOVATION** – we will be innovative and dynamic in identifying and acting on community needs and in using best practices in all our activities
- **COMMUNITY** – we will build and enhance people's sense of contributing and belonging

Location: The DCC is located in the west side of Vancouver, in the Dunbar-Southlands, close to the University of British Columbia. The DCC is located in the forested Memorial West Park, with many other nearby surrounding parks, including Pacific Spirit Regional Park and the Camosun bog nature preserve. The DCC is proud to have its own apiary onsite, maintained by a head beekeeper and volunteers, and harvest honey that is sold at our annual Holiday Fair.

The Centre provides programming and recreation for all age groups, including a range of inclusion programming and most recently, inclusion mentoring programming. We are happy to welcome a large age range, from preschoolers to seniors, to the Centre and have a growing youth attendance, as well as youth volunteers.

Groups and local stories – the DCCA would like to bring awareness to through the two-year residency:

- address intergenerational gap through art and engage with youth and seniors
- encourage new relationships with the Musqueam people and encourage active participation of non-Indigenous people in the journey of Truth and Reconciliation.

We welcome a diversity of applicants in support of cultural equity and accessibility for underrepresented artists and communities, and prioritize work that increases voice and visibility of xʷməθkʷəy̓ə m (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətał (Tsleil-waututh) arts and culture on the land.