

Neighbourhood Learning Centres are for... **Communities**



NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRES make sense for students, families, and communities. Many schools across BC are more than centres of K-12 learning. These facilities open their doors to the public and use available space to co-locate community programs and services. School districts, communities and local governments play important roles in making these centres work.

Growing Together

Neighbourhood Learning Centres come in many shapes and sizes. Some simply offer a welcoming place for the community to gather. Others go further, collaborating with different levels of government to build joint-use facilities to provide community programs and services. It may be as simple as local seniors mentoring students in a school garden, or as complex as a capital project combining school, public library and recreation centre. However one is developed, NLCs spell a richer learning environment for students and stronger community for all.

Are Neighbourhood Learning Centres difficult to develop?

Many NLCs start small and grow according to the unique character and aspirations of the communities they serve. Local government leaders, together with an engaged community and school district, are vital to this collaborative development process. With the right mix of leadership, cross-sector cooperation and public consultation, NLCs have become lively focal points of neighbourhood learning and community activity throughout BC.

Stronger communities

through closer partnerships

The City of Surrey, the Surrey School District and the United Way have come together to form the **Community Schools Partnership**, providing community services and funding for social programs used by people of all ages. Community kitchens, sports clubs, visual arts lessons, ESL classes and tutoring are available in neighbourhoods around the city. Programming is provided after school, on weekends and during holidays to ensure as many as wish to take part have an opportunity.

*What's
needed
to develop
NLCs?*

What's working around the province?

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