





Free Legal Clinics for Low-Income Seniors (55+)



Eligibility

 Gross income: \$40K + \$10K per additional household member

Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Due to time constraints, we cannot prepare court documents, and do not advise on family and criminal law issues.

About Our Clinics

Seniors First BC lawyers provide free 30-minute legal clinics to eligible seniors at Kay's Place in Vancouver at #118 - 1030
Denman St between 10am to 12pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

We can help with legal issues such as:

- Understanding legal proceedings and what to expect in courts or tribunals.
- Assisting with adult guardianship.

To confirm eligibility and to book an appointment, call **604-336-5653**.

Get in Touch with Us!



Scan QR code or visit linktr.ee/seniorsfirstbc to learn about our other clinic locations and programs.

- 604-336-5653
- ☑ Info@seniorsfirstbc.ca
- 1281 W Georgia St #502, Vancouver
- SeniorsFirstBC.ca

Happy New Year!

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It's a New Year! What can we look forward to?

Whatever happens, let's make it a year of joy, of caring for each other, and a year of understanding. We have lived through so much, learned so many lessons, we should all really be rich and wise. If, like me, you are neither, let's enjoy each day. If we look close enough there's a grain of good in everything. If lettuce is \$6.99 a head, let us eat kale! The West End Seniors' Network will be here for everyone: for company, for help, for complaining about the price of lettuce. And it's your volunteering and donating that keeps our programs meeting community needs. Thank you, each of you. If you are able and inclined, please consider giving your time or funds. With your kind support, WESN will keep reaching and growing. Together we can shake off the serious, and enjoy the funnier sides of life, even for a little while.

- Jane Goodridge, Chair, Board of Directors

COUNTING RABBITS

2023 is the Year of the Rabbit, more patient and gentle, promising rest and reflection after the dynamic Year of the Tiger. So, if you can find all the fluffballs, er, rabbits on these pages, you could win a prize! We will draw a winner at the **Spring Planning Social**, **Friday January 20 at 3 pm**.

Vision A Vancouver community supporting and empowering older adults to live involved, healthy and fulfilling lives.

Mission To enhance the quality of life of older adults by providing social, recreational, educational and supportive activities and services that foster connection and inclusion in the broader community.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the West End Seniors' Network is on the unceded, occupied, ancestral and traditional homelands of the xwməθkwəy'əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl'ílwəta?/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Help for Sudden Costs

THE WESN SENIORS IN NEED FUND
SUSTAINED BY LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS



Seniors in Need helps vulnerable older people in the West End with sudden health costs, including prescription medications.

When a person cannot afford a needed health cost, their physical and mental wellbeing can decline.

When you give a little, you make a big difference to seniors in need. Thank you, each of you.

Get in touch with susan@wesn.ca or 604-669-7339 to find out more.

The friendly staff at the Pharmacy West End team welcomes your questions and visits. The Pharmacy West End is independent, locally owned and operated. Every day is seniors day, for 20% off all non-prescription purchases.

Free services include prescription deliveries, compounding and personalized consultations. Special orders and requests are welcome, which means more choice and control over health decisions. Visit The Pharmacy West End at 1747 Robson or call 604-669-6927 for more information.

Together, we can help each other through difficult times and back to healthy and independent lives.

Plan Your Visit

BARCLAY MANOR, KAY'S PLACE CLOTHES AND COLLECTIBLES

Barclay Manor

1447 Barclay St, Vancouver BC V6G 1J6 Monday to Friday 9 am-5 pm

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SERVICES TEAM SAVES CHRISTMAS

On December 21, the West End was covered in a foot of snow, and IGA vehicles were off the road. No deliveries, only days before Christmas. So, our team got in their own cars and did it themselves. Indi and Miel drove, and Rachel and Joe carried the groceries. It took about 5 hours, but they delivered much-needed provisions to 14 households that day. Community Services Manager Joe says, "I'm really proud of the team for stepping up so willingly."

Board of Directors

Chair Jane Goodridge | board@wesn.ca Vice Chairs Karsten Kaemling & Marta Filipski Treasurer Omid Toub Secretary Bonnie Quam Directors David Harvey Dawid Cielosczczyk, Sara Johnson

Clothes and Collectibles

604-682-0327 | Denman Place Mall 110-1030 Denman St, Vancouver BC V6G 2M6 Wednesday to Friday 11 am-5 pm Saturday 12-4 pm

Manager Laura Fee | clothes@wesn.ca Asst. Managers Gordana Smocilac & Will Tessier Supervisor Brenda Wong

Kay's Place

604-669-7339 | Denman Place Mall 118-1030 Denman St, Vancouver BC V6G 2M6 Monday to Friday 10 am-4 pm

Manager Susan Paré | susan@wesn.ca Peer Support Counsellors Bill Coleman | counsellorbill@wesn.ca Jeff Darcy | counsellorjeff@wesn.ca



















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Peer Support

KAY'S PLACE VISIT THURSDAY OR FRIDAY 604-669-7339 OR VOLUNTEERS@WESN.CA

The basic philosophy of peer support is: people grow and change when they feel safe and understood. Peers can create a safe space with active listening and a nonjudgmental perspective. Often, a caring listener is all a person needs. Effective peer support is non-judgmental, empathetic, and caring, with good boundaries. Bill and Jeff will provide training in:

- · practicing active listening
- creating a safe, nonjudgmental environment
- focusing on the client's concerns, feelings, needs
- cultivating curiosity, compassion, and empathy

END OF LIFE PLANNING

Legal Aspects of Death and Dying

Presented by Seniors First Law Clinic Wednesday January 11
12:30–1:30 pm | Piano Room

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

Presented by Dying With Dignity Wednesday February 8
12:30–1:30 pm | Piano Room

Dying With Dignity

Wednesday March 15 12:30-1:30 pm | Piano Room

Emotional Aspects of Death and Dying

Wednesday April 12 12:30-1:30 pm | Piano Room

Dying with Dignity offers practical advice for making clear health care directives for family, friends and practitioners, if a person cannot self-advocate.











INFORMATION & REFERRAL

- Accessing federal, municipal, provincial, and community resources
- Finding contact information for local programs
- · Change, loss, mental health, financial stress
- Applying for CPP, OAS or GIS

HOUSING NAVIGATION

- Subsidized rental housing
- BC Housing, Shelters, Vancouver Rent Bank
- Landlord/property manager concerns
- Home Owner Grants, Property Tax Deferral
- BC Rebate for Accessible Home Adaptations
- Independent, Assisted Living, Residential Care

WELLNESS AND BODY CARE

Hosted by the Vancouver Friends for Life Society next door to Barclay Manor at 1459 Barclay Street

Professional therapeutic care sessions. Massage, reflexology, or reiki with Shirley: 604-376-0106. Hand and foot care with Seema: 778-885-4636.

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Our Heroes

VOLUNTEERS@WESN.CAMEET NEW PEOPLE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers play a critical role at the West End Seniors' Network. Almost all our programs, events, and services are delivered by volunteers, and there are opportunities for people of all ages. Last year, 260 volunteers contributed more than 21,200 hours. Apply to find your fit: wesn.ca/volunteer/

FRIENDLY VISITING

Volunteers meet clients in their homes for tea, coffee, friendly chat, or a walk. We are looking for a weekly to biweekly commitment with flexible hours or be a Friendly Caller and volunteer remotely.

DANCE PARTY LEADERS

Do you have dance experience? We have people keen to get together, to learn steps or just enjoy the music. Creative movement and step dance experience is a plus. 1 hour class/week.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

At Denman Place Mall. Meet clients in person or on the phone, discuss their needs, and inform them about local, municipal, provincial, and federal services available to them. One 3+ hour shift/week, Monday-Friday between 10 am to 4 pm.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Help transport clients to and from medical appointments in the Vancouver area. With our Modo carshare account; no need to spend on gas! On-call role: volunteer as much or as little as you like.

ONLINE GROCERY SHOPPERS

New remote volunteer position with flexible hours! We are looking for volunteers who can call our homebound grocery shopping clients and order their groceries for them online. Training provided.



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Real Estate Transfers & Mortgages

In-Home Visits Available

604-685-7786 | david@davidnotary.com

1412 - 675 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1N2

MONDAY

9 am - 5 pm Computer Lab Drop-in

January 16 9 am **Mens Breakfast at Denny's**

10-11 am French Conversation

10 am-noon **Barclay Yarn Artisans**

10 am-4 pm **Wellness with Shirley**

11:15-12:45 pm **ESL Beginners**

11:30-12:30 pm **Spanish Beginners**

1-2 pm **Choose to Move**

1-4 pm **Bridge**

1:30-4:30 pm Mahjong

TUESDAY

9 am - 5 pm Computer Lab Drop-in

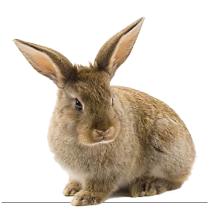
10:30-11:30 am **Heritage Harmonies**

11:15-12:45 pm **ESL** Intermediate with Iraj

11:30 am-12:30 pm **Walking Group**

1-3 pm **Poker and Tea Time**

1:30-3:30 pm **ESL** Advanced with Cynthia



7-9 pm **Bingo for Life**

WEDNESDAY

9 am-5 pm Computer Lab Drop-in

January 4 10 am-noon **Law Clinic: Kay's Place**

10 am-noon **Acoustic Sessions**

10 am-noon **Barclay Yarn Artisans**

January 11 12:30–1:30 pm **Legal Aspects of Death & Dying**

1-3 pm **Scrabble**

1-2:45 pm **German Conversation**

3-4:30 pm **Spanish Intermediate**

January 25 4:30-5:30 pm **Hearing Screening Clinic**

January 11 6 pm **Dinner Club at Chef Ron**





Activities & Events SIGN UP FRIDAY JANUARY 6

THURSDAY

9 am-5 pm **Computer Lab Drop-in**

10 am-4 pm **Wellness with Shirley**

10-11:30 am **TED Talks and Discussion**

10-10:30 am **Nordic Walking Beginners**

10:30-11:30 am **Nordic Walking**

11:30 am-12:30 pm **Walking Group**

12-2 pm Karaoke with Lan

12:30-4:30 pm

Painting Studio with Graham

3-4:30 pm Ukulele

FRIDAY

9 am - 5 pm Computer Lab Drop-in

Until March 24 10 am-noon **Acting Class**

10 am-noon Cribbage

January 20 12–1 pm **MOVIE** Reindeer Family & Me

January 27 12–1 pm **MOVIE** Portraits From the Frontier

January 13, 27 1-4 pm Fix it Fridays / Men's Shed

January 20 2–3:30 pm Spring Planning & Prize Draw

SATURDAY

9-10 am **Walking Group**



SUNDAY

January 29 11 am **Brunch at the Sylvia**



Need to copy or print?

There is a printer/copier/scanner upstairs in the computer lab for your use. Donations appreciated.

Tech Questions?

Ask April, Chrys, Ella, Nitish, Owen, Rob, Stuart, Simon or Terry! Tech help is available most days of the week in one-hour blocks.









































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Curious about Acting?

Robert David Duncan, Director and Actor

Join this class to explore the craft of acting, starting with the fundamentals of relaxation and voice, moving on to improvisation, scene work and more. Led by Robert David Duncan, award-winning director and actor. Limited to 8 learners as we get started.

Friday January 6-March 24 10 am-12 pm | Multipurpose Room

Legal Aspects of Death and Dying

Presented by Seniors First Law Clinic

Wednesday January 11 12:30-1:30 pm | Piano Room



MOVIE Reindeer Family & Me

Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan journeys into Lapland to film the Northern Lights. He travels through the beautiful remote wilderness, accompanied by a Scandinavian reindeer.

Friday January 20 12-1 pm | Piano Room

Spring Planning Social & Prize Draw!

February means Black History Month, Groundhog Day, and Valentine's. Would you like to take part? Join WESN's events and social committee and help prepare for events and occasions, starting with this month's counting contest prize draw! (See page 3).

Friday January 20 2–3:30 pm | Piano Room

Morning Has Broken

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MOVIE CD Hoy: Portraits From the Frontier

This documentary traces the life and work of CD Hoy, one of Canada's most famous early photographers.

Friday January 27 12–1 pm | Piano Room

Fix it Fridays Men's Shed

Boost your fix-it skills with Don, Earl, and Stanley.

Looking for guys to hang out, share stories, have a coffee, and repair small items. Meet every second Friday for no-pressure, no-deadlines tinkering and problem solving. Let us know if you'd like to join the Small Repairs Team for Community Services.

Friday January 13 and 27 1-4 pm | Multipurpose Room

Free Hearing Screening Clinic

With by Dr. Katarina Vavrovicova from Echo Hearing Care, a doctor of Audiology with years of clinical and research experience in Vancouver.

Did you know 1 out of 6 Canadians have hearing loss? Your ears collect sound but it's your brain that does the work to understand the sound. If you protect your hearing, you're also protecting your brain fitness. Research shows how important it is to take care early to avoid other health problems.

If you are not sure about your hearing health or if others have noticed a change, come and have your hearing tested. Call to reserve: 604-669-7339.

Wednesday January 25 4:30 pm | Kay's Place



Kinds of Conversation

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EAT DRINK SOCIALIZE

Call or email Barclay Manor to join.

Dinner Club with Mauro

Wednesday January 11 | 6 pm Chef Ron Restaurant, 1037 Denman

Men's Group Breakfast with John

Monday January 16 | 9 am Denny's, 1098 Davie

Sunday Brunch with Liz

Sunday January 29 | 11 am The Sylvia Hotel, 1154 Gilford

Happy Hour Hoppers with Jackie

Paused through January

GAMES

Bridge

Call 604-257-8333 to register.

Monday 1–4 pm | Piano Room

Mahjong with Rich

Monday 1:30-4:30 pm | Main Floor Kitchen

Texas Hold'em Poker and Tea Time

A low-stakes game with friends. **Tuesday 1–3 pm | Piano Room**

Scrabble

Wednesday 1–3 pm | Main Floor Kitchen

Cribbage

Friday 10 am-12 pm | Main Floor Kitchen

MUSIC

Heritage Harmonies with Mavis

Sing popular songs accompanied on piano.

Tuesday 10:30–11:30 am | Multipurpose Room

Acoustic Sessions

Bring instrument and voices for a casual song circle. **Wednesdays 10 am–12 pm | Piano Room**

Karaoke with Lan

Thursday 12-2 pm | Piano Room

Ukulele Players Song Circle

Thursday 3-4:30 pm | Main Floor Kitchen

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

ESL Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Beginners with Chris

Monday 11:15-12:45 pm | Piano Room

Intermediate with Iraj

Tuesday 11:15-12:45 pm | Computer Lab

Advanced with Cynthia — Open to new students **Tuesday 1:30–3:30 pm | Multipurpose Room**

Spanish Conversation with Alicia

Beginners — starts January 16

Monday 11:30–12:30 pm | Multipurpose Room

Intermediate — starts January 18

Wednesday 3-4:30 pm | Piano Room

French Conversation

Monday 10-11 am | Piano Room

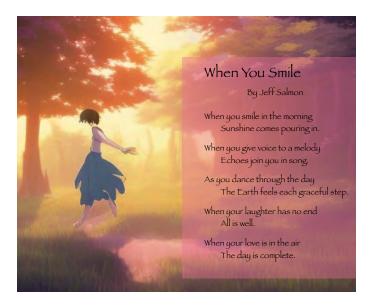
German Conversation with Brigitte

Wednesday 1-2:45 pm | Fireside Room

Arts & Learning

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NEW Groundhog Day PenPals

Did you miss sending Christmas cards? Never mind! Write a note for Groundhog Day (February 2) and be right on time to welcome Spring. Let us find you a penpal and supplies: assistant@wesn.ca

TED Talks and Discussion with John

Thursday 10-11:30 am | Piano Room

January 5

Poet Ali: The language of being human Valérie Courtois: Indigenous guardians of the planet Yifat Susskind: In uncertain times, think like a mother

January 12

Dan Harris: The benefit of not being a jerk to yourself Adjany Costa: Conservation and Indigenous heritage Bevy Smith: Discover your authentic self at any age **January 19**

Matt Killingsworth: Being happy? Stay in the moment Dorie Clark: The real reason you feel so busy Juliet Schor: The case for a 4-day work week

January 26

Dwinita Mosby Tyler: Be an unlikely ally Catherine Price: Fun is the secret to a healthier life Sean Sherman: Revitalizing Native American cuisine

Creative Quest e-Newsletter

Publish with a creative community. Send your art or writing to creativequest2022@gmail.com. See current work at wesn.ca/creativequest.

Painting Studio with Graham

Bring your project and supplies to paint with others in a studio setting. No teaching/supplies given.

Thursday 12:30-4 pm | Multipurpose Room

Barclay Yarn Artisans

Knit or crochet in a social setting.

Monday and Wednesday 10 am-12 pm Main Floor Kitchen

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Movement

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JUMP SQUATS (10) Make sure you have space in front of you. Bend into a half-squat with your arms behind you, then jump and swing your arms up as if you're celebrating.



Pro: Best calorie-burner of the moves we tried.

Con: Tall people (or high-hopping short people) will hit eight-foot ceilings.

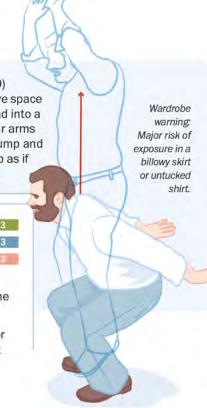
Lap your block or a floor of your office. Try for a

other people's desks.

pace of 100 steps per minute, which is easy if

you don't stop to play with tchotchkes on

WALK (10 min.)





Nordic Pole Walking with Mary

Join us for skills practice around the Square, then a walk for posture, strength, and rehab. Borrow/bring poles. Thursday 10-11:30 am | Front Porch

Move it Mondays Choose to Move

Mondays | 1-2 pm | Multipurpose Room



Pro: No one will notice.

Great excuse for a

stroll to Starbucks.

Con: Indoor laps get

old; outside, you're at the

mercy of the weather. Takes more time

than a few quick moves at your desk.





2022-23 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE DAY / MONTH / YEAR



FIRST NAME		LAST NAME	
ADDRESS SUITE, STREET, CITY,	POSTAL CODE &	BUZZER CODE	
EMAIL ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER HOME AND/OR MOBILE	
DATE OF BIRTH DAY, MONTH, YEAR		PRONOUNS EG. HE/SHE/THEM	
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IDENTIFIED?		GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, ETHNICITY	
HOW DID YOU FIND US? FRIEN	ND/FAMILY, WEB:	SITE/SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSLETTER, CALL/WALK IN	
EMERGENCY CONTACT FULL NAME		PHONE NUMBER HOME AND/OR MOBILE	
PAYMENT INFO E-TRANSFER: INI	FO@WESN.CA	CONSENT & ACTIVITY WAIVER	
BASIC MEMBERSHIP	\$10	First, I consent to WESN taking photos of me for print, online, video with/without my name, for any lawful purpose. Second, I release and forever discharge all legal rights and claims for injury/damages I may sustain participating in WESN activities with volunteers or staff. I discharge WESN employees from all injury/damages sustained by me arising from said participation. Finally, WESN will not disclose my information without my consent, unless requested under the Societies	
YES, I WILL SUPPORT WESN ANONYMOUS DONATION □	\$		
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE	\$25	Act, and will not rent, sell or trade their contact list. Charitable Registration #119292845RR0001	
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