

## **Compendium of News Items re: ESL Cuts and Closures**

### **ALBERTA**

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11033071/bow-valley-college-eliminating-language-instruction-for-newcomers-to-canada/>

<https://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/news/bow-valley-college-linc-program-update>

Bow Valley College Closure/ Lethbridge Polytechnic- CTV news March 27:

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/calgary/article/i-feel-so-sad-english-language-programs-cancelled-in-alberta-following-federal-funding-cuts/>

CTV news video on YouTube

Language programming impacted by funding cuts

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Lethbridge Polytechnic:

<https://lethbridgenewsnow.com/2025/01/24/lethbridge-polytechnic-closing-english-language-centre-unclear-if-other-programs-impacted/>

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/lethbridge-polytechnic-to-close-english-language-centre-at-end-of-june>

The Lethbridge Herald

English Language Centre cut at Lethbridge Polytechnic

<https://lethbridgeherald.com/news/lethbridge-news/2025/01/24/english-language-centre-cut-at-lethbridge-polytechnic/>

CBC Calgary

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.6664314>

### **NATIONAL**

FLA cuts:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/cuts-to-provincial-training-program-left-thousands-without-affordable-access-to-continuing-education-1.7421151>

<https://theconversation.com/canadas-cuts-to-newcomer-english-language-programs-puts-communities-well-being-at-risk-249103>

Canadian Immigrant

Canada's cuts to newcomer English programs hurt community well-being

<https://canadianimmigrant.ca/settlement/canadas-cuts-to-newcomer-english-programs-hurt-community-well-being>

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), National

<https://cupe.ca/save-linc-programs>

Hon. Julie Dzerowicz Member of Parliament Letter to Ministers of Finance and IRCC Letter to Minister of Finance, & Minister of Immigration, Regarding Funding Cuts to Language Instruction for Newcomers Program (LINC)

<https://juliedzerowicz.ca/letter-to-minister-of-finance-minister-of-immigration-regarding-funding-cuts-to-language-instruction-for-newcomers-program-linc/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/committees/cimm-nov-25-2024/2025-2027-immigration-levels-plan.html>

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

ISSofBC

Reduction in LINC services, including offering classes only up to Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 6, closure of the Langley office, and termination of several employment and settlement programs.

<https://issbc.org/blog/changes-to-issofbc-services-in-2025-updated/>

Collingwood Neighbourhood House, Vancouver, BC

Complete cut of IRCC funding, resulting in the cessation of settlement services and layoffs of about 20 staff members.

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2025/02/17/Cuts-Hit-Immigrant-Settlement-Support/>

Vancouver Community College (VCC)

Loss of funding for the LINC program, leading to anticipated program closure and affecting over 800 students and 30 staff member

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/protest-vancouver-community-college-1.7431548>

NewToBC

Canada's cuts to newcomer English language programs puts communities' well-being at risk

<https://newtobc.ca/news-and-events/news/canadas-cuts-to-newcomer-english-language-programs-puts-communities-well-being-at-risk/>

CBC

Federal funding for some B.C. newcomer support programs cut

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/funding-cut-b-c-newcomer-programs-1.7410797>

Vancouver Sun

Federal immigration cuts lead to 'devastating' gutting of services for immigrants to Vancouver

<https://vancouversun.com/news/federal-cuts-immigration-gut-services-vancouver-immigrants>

Commonwealth Union

Funding Cuts Impact Immigrant Settlement Support

<https://www.commonwealthunion.com/funding-cuts-impact-immigrant-settlement-support/>

CityNews Vancouver

Rally outside Vancouver college protests sudden termination of key English program

<https://vancouver.citynews.ca/2025/01/14/vancouver-community-college-protest-lirc-shutdown/>

Canada slashes programs helping new immigrants

<https://asianpacificpost.com/article/10162-canada-slashes-programs-helping-new-immigrants.html>

Vancouver Community College Faculty Association

Letter to Minister Miller re LINC

<https://vccfa.ca/letter-to-minister-miller-re-linc/>

Checknews

'Quite significant': Layoffs hit South Island group as Ottawa cuts immigration funding

<https://cheknews.ca/quite-significant-layoffs-hit-south-island-group-as-ottawa-cuts-immigration-funding-1246305/>

Burnaby Beacon

Federal government cuts funding to newcomer language programs

<https://burnabybeacon.com/p/federal-government-cuts-funding-to-newcomer-language-programs>

## **ONTARIO**

TORONTO STAR

Canada's plan to reduce immigration levels leaves newcomer organizations scrambling with 'off-the-cliff' funding cuts

[https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/canadas-plan-to-reduce-immigration-levels-leaves-newcomer-organizations-scrambling-with-off-the-cliff-funding/article\\_bce1f43e-cfa4-11ef-b042-d3b603050b4a.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/canadas-plan-to-reduce-immigration-levels-leaves-newcomer-organizations-scrambling-with-off-the-cliff-funding/article_bce1f43e-cfa4-11ef-b042-d3b603050b4a.html)

TDSB forced to close five newcomer English programs amid Canada's immigration cuts: 'It's heartbreaking'

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/tdsb-forced-to-close-five-newcomer-english-programs-amid-canadas-immigration-cuts-its-heartbreaking/article\\_73dafa3e-d741-11ef-87f7-7f045ff39cd7.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/tdsb-forced-to-close-five-newcomer-english-programs-amid-canadas-immigration-cuts-its-heartbreaking/article_73dafa3e-d741-11ef-87f7-7f045ff39cd7.html)

York University

<https://www.yorku.ca/news/2025/02/25/canadas-cuts-to-newcomer-english-language-programs-puts-communities-well-being-at-risk/>

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These funding reductions have resulted in the closure of key language training sites and significant job losses.

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/vinuthiniv1\\_ircc-tdsb-linc-activity-7290368468049182722-Oc7M/](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/vinuthiniv1_ircc-tdsb-linc-activity-7290368468049182722-Oc7M/)

TESL Ontario

[https://teslontario.org/uploads\\_new/home/TESLOntario\\_Statement.pdf](https://teslontario.org/uploads_new/home/TESLOntario_Statement.pdf)

## **MANITOBA**

Enhanced English Skills for Employment (ESEE), Winnipeg

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/winnipeg/article/terrified-and-outraged-winnipeg-english-language-school-to-close-following-federal-funding-cuts/>