

What is a neighbourhood house (NH)?

- A NH is a welcoming and inclusive place where everyone of any age, nationality and ability can attend, lead and learn through our programs and services
- A NH brings people together while at the same time catering to individuals across their lifespan and impacting multiple generations – all of which builds stronger communities

Who are neighbourhood houses for?

- A NH has something for everyone, at every stage, regardless of background
- NHs welcome everyone, and our staff reflect the diversity in our communities: our research found that more than 20 languages are spoken amongst our staff at neighbourhood houses throughout Metro Vancouver.
- In 2013, [more than 200,000 people took part in almost 450 programs and services](#) provided by NHs in Metro Vancouver (*provide examples of the diversity of programs at your local NH)

In what ways do neighbourhood houses make communities stronger?

NHs empower people to create the change they want to see in their communities

- Our research found that the longer people are involved in an NH, the more likely they become civically involved (e.g. vote, attend community meetings, go to cultural events)
- Through collaboration with community members and other service groups, participants' ideas for improving their neighbourhoods can be made into reality (*have local example)

NHs provide healthy places to live, work and play throughout Metro Vancouver

- Our research shows that 60% of nearly 690 research participants developed at least one meaningful friendship through their involvement at an NH
- During our research, we found many people come to view their NH as a second home
- The sense of belonging is enduring: in 2013, more than 60% of current staff, volunteers and board members were former or active NH service users

NHs help people improve their personal skills and put down roots in their community

- 75% of research participants born outside of Canada said NH participation increased their ability to speak in front of others
- Among all participants, 80% saw an increase in their knowledge about neighbourhood issues, and 75% were better able to work with people from different backgrounds

We can help you achieve your goals (because they are our goals, too).

- With your support, [NHs can respond quickly and collaboratively to our neighbourhoods' emerging needs](#) and changing demographics, and can be particularly attentive to the needs of more vulnerable groups
- We can partner with your organization/government department to help you build effective social programs for our neighbourhoods