Why we celebrate WorldVIU Days

At Vancouver Island University, WorldVIU Days is a week-long annual event where we explore how culture influences the way we make sense of the world - our world view.

This year we will focus on Creating a Connected Community at VIU. We will showcase initiatives that faculty, staff and students are making that increase social connections on and off campus, especially connections between international and domestic students or between people from different cultural backgrounds.

The purpose of the week is to:

• Raise awareness and build appreciation for the cultural diversity on campus.

• Celebrate culture and recognize the richness that diverse perspectives bring to our campus and community.

Thank you

We would like to express our gratitude to TD Bank for sponsoring our entertainment events.

Nostic is a Peruvian-Canadian emcee, beatboxer and beat producer from Victoria. He is one half of the electro-hip hop duo Dia-Nos. Nostic's signature style includes rapping in both Spanish and English as well as incorporating traditional Andean instrumentation with hip hop and electronic beats.

Mo Moshiri has lived in four countries, was a refugee at age 3 and a Canadian citizen by age 19. He speaks English, Farsi and German and is a member of Sweatshop Union, a BC-based conscious hip hop collective that has produced six albums, won two Western Canadian Music Awards and earned multiple Juno nominations.

Ostwelve is a veteran emcee, youth facilitator and actor from the Stó:lo Nation. He is widely-known for his role as “Red” in the APTN/Showcase series “Moccasin Flats.” As an emcee, he is a leader and a mentor to many in the Indigenous hip hop scene. He has opened for major acts such as K’Naan, Guru and Snoop Dogg.

Ndidi Cascade is a Vancouver-based hip hop artist of Nigerian-Italian-Irish-Canadian heritage. A talented songwriter, vocalist and educator Ndidi has showcased her music across North America and internationally– from classrooms to stadiums. Ndidi facilitates youth empowerment workshops that use hip hop, spoken word and dance as a medium for healthy self-expression.

DJ All Good is Vancouver Island’s premier turntablist. Born in New Zealand and raised in Nanaimo’s Harewood neighbourhood DJ All Good has been honing his skills for almost two decades. His advanced skills earned him the title of Western Canada DMC Champion in 2015 and his “Turntemple” mobile DJ classroom has gained much praise as an innovative tool for youth empowerment.

See schedule for programming

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Engaging Youth Through Hip Hop
9:30-11:00am B180 R454
Gain insight into the elements & principles of Hip Hop culture and learn new ways to engage youth using fine arts with an urban edge. Facilitated by an award-winning local turntablist and creator of the “Turntemple,” a mobile DJ classroom used for afterschool programming for youth.
Hosted by Child and Youth Care

WorldVIU Days Kick-Off
12:00-1:00pm Upper Cafeteria
Join us in starting the week off on the right foot. We’ll have Hip Hop Dance performances by Vibe Studio and VIU Students, a giant cake to share, and music by DJ All Good.
Hosted by the Faculty of International Education

Hip Hop en Español
2:30-4:00pm B355 R211
Marco Bermudez AKA Nostic shares his story of exploring his Peruvian-Canadian identity through creating hip hop music that reflects this duality. The presentation will be conducted mostly in Spanish and will include interactive components catered to Spanish language learners.
Hosted by Spanish 200

Reflections on Truth and Reconciliation: From Argentina to Canada
7:00-9:00pm B356 R109
Patricia Erb and Conrad Prince will share their personal experiences and reflections of truth and reconciliation processes. While the process in Argentina has been underway for more than 30 years and addresses very different communities and issues, there are lessons to be learned for Canada as we begin our journey.
Hosted by Aboriginal Education

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

Human Library
8:30-11:20am
"Borrow" a fellow VIU community member to learn about ideas, cultures, lifestyles and other life experiences through conversation. Closed Event
Hosted by Child & Youth Care and English Language Center

WorldVIU Stage
12:00-1:00pm Upper Cafeteria
Live Music and More
Guest Artist: Mo Moshiri

Lunch & Learn: Global Engagement
Travel Grant Story Slam
12:00-1:00pm B305 Research Lounge
Join VIU faculty & staff as they share their travel tales, and celebrate the engaging international teaching and learning that the Global Engagement Travel Grant program is enabling across campus (all in 3 minutes or less).
Hosted by the Faculty of International Education (Education Abroad)

Cultural Couch: Hip Hop 101
5:00-7:00pm B255 Learning Commons
Join Mo Moshiri & DJ All Good to learn about the core elements and historical roots of Hip Hop culture and participate in the creation of a multilingual hip hop song that draws on the linguistic diversity of the audience.
Hosted by the Faculty of International Education (Intercultural Programs)

Chasing Coral Film & Panel
5:00-7:00pm B355 R203
Directed by James Balog, this film is about the worldwide coral reef crisis. The film will be followed by a panel with Stephanie Archer and Anya Dunham from the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo and Roy Mulder, President of the Marine Life Sanctuaries Society of B.C.
Hosted by VIU Geography Department, Geographical Student’s Union, ACER, and the VIU Biology Department

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

Designing your VIU gathering spaces: The Quad and the Cafeteria
11:00am-2:00pm Upper Cafeteria
Join us for a “Designing Your Spaces - Drop in Charrette” – you can stay for as long or as short as you like, and help to build a plan to create an inclusive, inviting, safe, and fun quad and cafeteria area.
Drop by for a cookie and to offer your suggestions!
Hosted by Master of Community Planning

WorldVIU Stage
12:00-1:00pm WorldVIU Stage
Live Music and More
Guest Artist: Ostwelve

Indigenous Identity & Hip Hop
1:30-3:00pm Shq’apthut (B170)
Guest Artist Ostwelve presents on the intersections of Indigenous identity and hip hop culture and firsthand reflections of a personal journey connecting the two - discovering a powerful tool for cultural resurgence and resistance.
Hosted by Services for Aboriginal Students

The Authentic Professor: Toward Trust, Connection and Vulnerability in Teaching
3:00-4:00pm B305 R444
Join us as we convene a panel of faculty speakers to discuss their strategies and their stories of how they create connections and trust with students, and how they embody a sense of authenticity in their classrooms.
(Register through INViu)
Hosted by the Center for Innovation and Excellence in Learning

Positive Space Alliance Film: Tales of the Waria
7:00-9:00pm B356 R109
Traveling to Indonesia, the world’s most populated Muslim country, this film trains its lens on the Warias, biological men who identify as women and are a surprisingly visible presence in a culture normally associated with strict gender divides.
Hosted by Positive Space Alliance

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

Exploring Identity & Community-Building through Hip Hop
10:00am-11:30am B300 R401
Ndidi Cascade leads hip hop-themed team-building exercises that encourage dialogue around identity and community. Explore your healthy inner artist through rap song-writing and freestyle.
Hosted by Faculty of International Education

WorldVIU Stage
12:00-1:00pm WorldVIU Stage
Live Music and More
Guest Artist: Ndidi Cascade
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Education Abroad
Student Story Slam
12:30-2:30pm B300 R401
Hear from VIU students and Queen Elizabeth Scholars as they share stories of crossing borders to live and learn in new environments and cultures! Expect tales of finding community, developing resilience and the adventures and learning encountered along the way, all in 5 minutes or less!
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Telling Your Story:
Intercultural Hip Hop Panel
2:30-4:00pm B305 R507
VIU English instructor and hip hop enthusiast, Paul Watkins, will ask this diverse panel of hip hop artists to speak about their personal journeys in finding their voice through hip hop as well as how their art connects with culture, community and personal identity.
Hosted by English 115

WorldBridger Film:
Disturbing the Peace
7:00-9:00pm B356 R109
Disturbing the peace is a story of the human potential unleashed when we stop participating in a story that no longer serves us and, with the power of our convictions, take action to create new possibilities.
Hosted by WorldBridger

Hip Hop Open Mic & Cypher
9:00-11:30pm Student Union Pub (B193)
Join Ndidi Cascade, Ostwelve and Mo Moshiri for a night of live hip hop where professional and student emcees can show off their talent and have fun together in the improvisational and collective jam-style format known as a cypher in hip hop culture. Entrance is free!
Hosted by the Vancouver Island University Student’s Union (VIUSU)

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

WorldVIU Festival
11:30-2:30pm Upper Cafeteria
A celebration of diversity at VIU with cultural exhibits, performances by VIU students and a world fashion showcase. See last page for details.
Guest Artist: Caleb Hart

ALL WEEK LONG

Dr. Who’s T.A.R.D.I.S
(Telecommunication And Relevant Discussions with International Students)
The TARDIS will allow anybody to telecommunicate with international students from many different countries. Just step inside during the posted times and you will be able to ask questions, chat with your fellow global citizens and discover what connects us! Look for it: November 6 & 7 in the Upper Cafeteria and November 8 & 9 in the Library.

DJ All Good TurnTemple
(Mobile DJ Truck)
12:00 - 2:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday (Nov. 7 and 9)
Outside of Welcome Centre (B300)
The Turntemple is a mobile solar powered, multi-turntable DJ mix station where people come together to share and/or learn the art of turntablism and vinyl based DJing. It has gained popularity in the region for its use in both afterschool programming and as a feature at music festivals of all genres.

WorldVIU Stage
Upper Cafeteria
Live music and performances every day at lunch (12-1). Come and enjoy amazing musicians, hear from current VIU students and enjoy delicious international inspired flavours in the Upper Cafeteria, Building 300.

Happy Spots
“Happiness never decreases by being shared”, “Laughter and smiles will set you free”. Find these and other messages of happiness and connection all over campus.
Hosted by The High School at VIU

FOOD AT VIU

In the Upper Cafeteria all week enjoy flavours inspired by the following nations and world regions:

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

INDIA
CHINA
GERMANY
WEST AFRICA
INTERNATIONAL FUSION

In the Lower Cafeteria all week there will also be baked goods of internationally inspired flavours.

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WORLDVIU FESTIVAL

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