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.

The VIU community acknowledges and thanks the Snuneymuxw, Quw’utsun, Tla’amin, Sna-w-naw-as and Qualicum First Nation on whose traditional lands we teach, learn, research, live and share knowledge.
Waahli was born and raised in Montreal by a Haitian family. He is a member of the city’s multicultural hip hop super group Nomadic Massive. He is revered as a trilingual emcee (English, French, Creole), guitarist and beat maker. He released his first solo album Black Soap in 2018. In addition to music Waahli is known for his community work as a facilitator and paralegal for a youth empowerment organization. He is also an organic soap maker.

Tonye Aganaba a.k.a Magic T was born in England to Nigerian and Zimbabwean parents. Northern BC and later Vancouver have been home for them since the age of 13. They are a well known fixture in the Vancouver music scene as a powerhouse vocalist and emcee. Tonye’s style, like their gender, is non-binary through Hip Hop, R&B, Neo-Folk and Soul. They perform solo and part of several groups including The Red Gold & Green Machine, The Funk Hunters and BC World Music Collective. Their new album Something Comfortable is an “intentional and devotional endeavour” inspired by their battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

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 rockin’ parties and festivals in the region 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
**MONDAY, NOV. 4**

**WorldVIU Days Kick-Off**  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
*Upper Cafeteria*

Join us in starting the week off on the right foot. We’ll have hip hop dance performances and a giant cake to share. Bring your friends for selfies and add a piece to the “My WorldVIU” Public Art Project.

Hosted by Faculty of International Education

**Exchange Program Social**  
12:00pm-1:30pm  
*B305 R507*

The Education Abroad Exchange Agents invite all newly accepted students into the exchange program to join them for a casual get together. Hear about their experiences abroad, ask them questions about how they prepared to go on exchange, and make some connections! All students are welcome to attend.

Hosted by Education Abroad

**Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Concepts and How VIU Fits In**  
1:00pm-2:00pm  
*B250 R308*

Explore the concepts of equity, diversity and inclusion, and consider why these matter to the VIU community. Learn about a new team established at VIU, dedicated to promoting greater diversity and fostering inclusion across campus, in the pursuit of equity. Drop by or register on INVIU.

Hosted by Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

**Express Yourself! Healing through Hip Hop Workshop with DJ All Good**  
5:00pm-6:30pm  
*B300 R401 (Royal Arbutus Room)*

Join veteran turntablist and hip hop educator DJ All Good for an interactive workshop exploring hip hop and music in general as wellness practice and a tool for healthy self-expression and emotional release. Food will be provided!

Hosted by VIU Student Residences (ResTide)

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**TUESDAY, NOV. 5**

**Human Library**  
8:30am-11:30am  
*Closed Event*

“Borrow” a fellow VIU community member to learn about ideas, cultures, lifestyles and other life experiences through conversation.

Hosted by Child & Youth Care and English Language Centre

**Faculty of Arts and Humanities’ International Student Luncheon**  
11:30am-1:30pm  
*B310 - Malaspina Theatre lobby*

**WorldVIU Stage**  
11:45am-12:45pm  
*Upper Cafeteria*

Live Music and the International Chopstick Skills Competition  
Featuring: Student talent

Hosted by Faculty of International Education

**Lunch & Learn: Global Engagement Travel Grant “Story Slam”**  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
*B305 R440*

Join VIU faculty and staff as they share their travel tales and celebrate the engaging international teaching and learning that the Global Engagement Grant program is enabling across campus (all in 4 minutes or less!).

Hosted by Faculty of International Education
English and Geography Field School to Trieste, Italy (May 18-June 3, 2020) Information Session
4:00pm-5:00pm  
B370 R243
This session will provide students with information about a May 2020, 6-9 credit field school to Trieste, Italy. Located in Northern Italy on the Adriatic Sea, Trieste has historical linkages to Italian, Germanic, and Slavic cultures and provides an excellent case study of a cultural contact zone. As author Jan Morris notes, “in this city the lines between fact and fiction, past and present, the explicit and the enigmatic, let alone between one ethnicity and another, always seem to be uncertain.”
Hosted by English and Geography Departments, and Education Abroad

How People with Disabilities Overcome Challenges and Create Wins Out of Losses
4:30pm-5:30pm  
B210 R105
Disabilities are prevalent amongst all ages, cultures, ethnic and socio-economic groups. While there have been several advancements over the years that have played a role in improving the quality of life for people living with disabilities, many still struggle with social acceptance, inclusion, education, employment, and housing. This workshop will discuss the challenges that people with disabilities face, debunk myths and stereotypes that are linked to disabilities, and provide tips on promoting inclusion at home, work, and within the community.
Hosted by Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR) BC & Faculty of International Education

Culture Couch: Hip Hop Edition Intro to Turntablism
5:00pm-6:00pm  
B255 1st Floor Commons
Culture Couch is a weekly drop-in event hosted by Intercultural Programs in the Faculty of International Education. The events are usually facilitated by students but this special edition is led by veteran turntablist (and VIU alumni) DJ All Good for an interactive workshop on the four elements of hip hop with a specific focus on turntablism.
Hosted by Faculty of International Education

International Scholarship & Awards Ceremony
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Closed Event
An evening devoted to recognizing the exceptional contributions of international students to VIU. (By invitation)
Hosted by Faculty of International Education
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

A Problem Shared is Half Solved - Lessons Learned in the Field
11:30am-1:00pm
B356 R109

Students from the 2019 VIU Ghana Research and Study Tour will share their experiences of living and working in rural and remote communities in Ghana. Hear how these experiences changed their world view while allowing them to apply their VIU education.
Hosted by Faculty of Management (Recreation & Tourism Management)

WorldVIU Stage
11:45am-12:45pm
Upper Cafeteria

Live Music and More
Featuring: Waahli
(Nomadic Massive, Montreal)
Hosted by Faculty of International Education

Le Hip Hop et Identité avec Waahli (en Francais)
2:30pm-4:00pm
B345 R106

Montreal emcee, musician and community activist Waahli speaks about how hip hop has played a central role in his life; touching on everything from cultural identity, community-building and social activism. The session will be facilitated mostly in French. Native speakers and French language learners of all levels are encouraged to attend.
Hosted by Department of Modern Languages and Faculty of International Education

The Nexus of Indigenization & Internationalization
3:00pm-4:30pm
B250 R308

A special interest working group of VIU faculty and staff exploring the intersections of indigenization and internationalization locally and globally. Please join us.
Hosted by Centre for Innovation and Excellence in Learning, Faculty of Management and Faculty of International Education

Unconference - Unconscious Bias and Affirmative Action
3:00pm-5:30pm
B355 R211

Join us in examining the relationship between our commitment to diversity, affirmative action and unconscious bias and how this manifests in our communities. In an unconference, it is all about the people in the room. Come prepared to participate in a lively, intelligent, and respectful dialogue.
Hosted by Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR) BC & Faculty of International Education

Talk to Me – Cross-Cultural Edition
5:30pm-6:30pm
B255 1st Floor Commons

Want to make new friends and build more connections on campus? Join this special cross-cultural edition of the ‘Talk to Me’ program for fun activities and free food!
Hosted by Student Wellness Promoters

Racial Profiling: Know your Rights via Hip Hop with Waahli
5:00pm-6:30pm
B355 R211

Join hip hop artist and paralegal Waahli Yussef for a facilitated discussion on racial profiling, resulting trauma and knowing your legal and human rights. The goal is to break isolation, offer a safe space for conversation and rhyme-writing. Food will be provided!
Hosted by Faculty of International Education & VIU Student Residences (ResTide)

WORLDVIU DAYS
THURSDAY, NOV. 7

WorldVIU Stage
11:45am-12:45pm
Upper Cafeteria
Live Music and More
Featuring: Student talent
Hosted by Faculty of International Education

Education Abroad Student Story Slam
12:30pm-2:00pm
B355 R203
VIU students and Queen Elizabeth Scholars share stories of crossing borders to live and learn in new environments and cultures! Expect tales of finding community, developing resilience and all of the adventures and learning encountered along the way, and in 5 minutes or less!
Hosted by Faculty of International Education (Education Abroad)

Bring the World to Your Home
3:00pm-4:00pm
B210 R170
Interested in becoming a host family for the Vancouver Island University Homestay Program? This session will help you gain an understanding of hosting international students for The High School and university within the Vancouver Island University Program. This is a great opportunity to bring the world in to your home and help gain an intercultural perspective for you and your family. VIU faculty and staff welcome.
Hosted by Faculty of International Education (Homestay Program)

Telling Your Story Hip Hop Panel
with Waahli, Tonye and DJ All Good
4:30pm-6:00pm
B200 R203
VIU English professor and hip hop enthusiast, Dr. 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, Sociology and Media Studies Departments and Faculty of International Education

Do The Right Thing Film and Discussion
6:00pm-8:00pm
B200 R203
Do the Right Thing is a 1989 American comedy-drama film produced, written, and directed by Spike Lee. The story explores a Brooklyn neighborhood’s simmering racial tension, which culminates in violence and a death on a hot summer day.
Hosted by English Department

Bring the World to Your Home
7:00pm-8:00pm
B210 R170
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Hosted by Faculty of International Education (Homestay Program)
THURSDAY, NOV. 7

WorldBridger Film:
Victors: A Song to the Lions
7:00pm-9:00pm
B356 R109

One motorcycle, one cell phone, one social worker, one legal advocate, and one victor... was enough to start change. “Victors” chronicles the fight against sexual violence in rural Uganda in an inspirational story that aims to open a community’s eyes and hearts in one of the most remote and powerful #metoo movements of our day. With special guest speaker: Tabitha Mpamira-Kaguri, founder of the EDJA Foundation.

Hosted by Worldbridger, Faculty of Education & Faculty of International Education

Hip Hop Open Mic with Waahli, Tonye, and DJ All Good
@ VIUSU Pub
9:00pm-11:30pm
Student Union Pub (B193)

A night of live hip hop at the Student Pub. It will open with a showcase of the featured emcees followed by a cypher where audience members will be invited to participate. It’s classic hip hop culture and a unique way for the professional emcees and the students to have some fun together by sharing their talents. Entrance is free! 19 yrs.+ only / Gov’t ID required

Hosted by Vancouver Island University Student’s Union (VIUSU)

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

WorldVIU Festival
11:30am-1:30pm
Upper Cafeteria

A celebration of diversity at VIU with live performances by Tonye Aganaba and VIU students, cultural exhibits and a world fashion showcase. See last page for details.

Beyond Borders: Climate Change, Human Rights and the Struggle for Peace in Colombia
2:00pm-3:30pm
B200 R203

Globally, land and environmental human rights defenders work courageously to protect sacred lands, waterways and ecosystems amidst mounting threats to their security. Three Colombian social leaders accompanied by Peace Brigades International (PBI) discuss the impact of proposed fracking projects on climate change, human rights and the fragile peace process.

Hosted by PBI-Canada and VIU Faculty Association (VIUFA)

Urban Issues Film Festival
4:30pm-9:00pm
B355 R203

Learn all about urban innovations and creative solutions happening around the globe. The 14th Annual Urban Issues Film Festival at VIU will explore urbanization around the world and the stories of the people who call cities home. Join students, faculty and the public for a fun, interactive event on this important topic. This is a free event and includes pizza, drinks and of course popcorn. Come and enjoy an evening of film!

Hosted by Planning Institute of BC (North Island chapter), Geographic Students Union, MCP Students Union, Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC), Faculty of Social Sciences (Geography)
FOOD AT VIU

All week in the upper cafeteria, enjoy flavours inspired by the following nations and world regions:

TUESDAY, NOV 5
East Asia

WEDNESDAY, NOV 6
South Asia

THURSDAY, NOV 7
Germany

FRIDAY, NOV 8
Canada

* menu subject to change
WEEK LONG EVENTS

Dr. Who’s T.A.R.D.I.S  
(Telecommunication And Relevant Discussions with International Students)  
*Upper Cafeteria (B300)*

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: all week in the Upper Cafeteria.

**My WorldVIU Public Art Project**  
*Upper Cafeteria (B300)*

Together we are VIU: an amazing diversity of perspectives and ways of being. Join us in the Upper Cafeteria to share your unique Worldview and tell us what you bring to VIU through art. This collaborative public art project will be revealed during Global Citizens Week in February.  
Hosted by Faculty of International Education

**WorldVIU Stage**  
*Upper Cafeteria (B300)*

Live music and performances every day at lunch (11:45am-12:45pm). Come and enjoy amazing musicians, hear from current VIU students and enjoy delicious international inspired flavours in the Upper Cafeteria.

**Supported by ResTide**
14th Annual Urban Issues Film Festival

URBANIZATION AROUND THE WORLD

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 4:30-9PM

BUILDING 355 ROOM 203
Parking available outside building.

FREE EVENT MOVIES GUEST SPEAKERS REFRESHMENTS SERVED

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY 900 FIFTH ST, NANAIMO (ACCESS VIA 4TH STREET)
Performances by Vancouver-based R&B, Soul and Hip Hop powerhouse Tonye Aganaba, Zumba with VIU student Junas Dueñas and a “Global Fashion Show” by VIU students.

Come out and explore the diversity on campus and celebrate the richness of our community!

To get involved or for more information contact: Simon.Schachner@viu.ca

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