



Delancey Street British Columbia

Breaking the Cycle

Change doesn't always come easy for individuals who feel they have limited options. Some individuals struggle to make a living and may supplement their income by resorting to crime. Many are arrested and released into homelessness repeatedly, stuck in a "revolving door" scenario that is costly in terms of public health and safety, financial losses, and ensuing police, court, and incarceration expenses. Delancey Street prevents and breaks this cycle.

The Model

Delancey Street is a highly structured 2-year live-in community model that provides a pathway towards personal empowerment for those exiting correctional facilities, and/or wishing to leave life on the streets behind. Community members engage in purposeful and meaningful activities that contribute to developing life skills and prosocial behaviours, achieving high school equivalency, and learning three marketable vocations.

Since 1971, this evidence-based, peer-led model has capitalized on the inherent power of 'each one, teach one' to prepare individuals to rejoin society with confidence, motivation, skills, knowledge, and fortitude to forge a new path for themselves. The flagship model in San Francisco has been replicated from coast-to-coast (New York, South Carolina, North Carolina, New Mexico, Los Angeles) helping over 40,000 people return to fully participating citizens – leading productive lives. Delancey Street British Columbia will be the first replication of the model in Canada.

"Delancey Street gave me a lot of courage and pride in doing the right thing, and being honest and having integrity."

-JOHN REYNA,

Delancey Street Resident





A Place to Learn, Lead and Earn

Delancey Street provides an attractive, empowering opportunity for vulnerable individuals to learn, lead, and earn, at no cost to participating members, family, or government. The model sustains itself through the sale of goods and services delivered through Delancey Street's own vocational training schools, staffed by seasoned members of the community. Vocational training schools are developed to meet local needs (e.g., trades, tourism & hospitality, bicycle repair, organic farming, moving & trucking). A combination of community-focused values and vocational training are the basis for developing individual accountability, personal agency, a strong sense of belonging, and mutual concern for one another.

The Dynamic Force

Delancey Street is celebrating 50 years of helping individuals turn their lives around and has garnered international attention. Dr. Mimi Silbert, President & CEO, leads Delancey Street's six U.S. locations, and now the flagship in Canada. Her tenacious spirit and unlimited energy helped her realize her vision for an educational community for individuals to break their destructive cycles and take responsibility for themselves and others.



Streetohome is bringing Delancey Street to Canada.

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