

About EMBERS

Founded in 2001, EMBERS - the Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society - is a registered community economic development charity located in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Our mission is to empower people living on low incomes to become economically self-sufficient and develop productive futures.

We work with people from all walks of life and provide economic and employment opportunities through our social enterprises and employment programs:

- **EMBERS Staffing Solutions** is temporary labour social enterprise that connects companies with high quality workers in construction, warehousing and administrative jobs.
- **EMBERS Ventures** provides business training and support services to low-income entrepreneurs looking to start or expand a small business.
- **EMBERS Community Employment Services** program, funded through Corrections Canada, provides employment services to conditionally released male parolees in the Vancouver Parole Region.

Impact at a Glance

EMBERS Staffing Solutions

EMBERS Staffing Solutions provides companies with high quality, skilled and reliable workers while connecting people to meaningful work opportunities. In 2014, EMBERS Staffing Solutions:

- Placed 877 people on job sites
- Paid out \$3.1 million dollars in salaries and benefits to workers
- Supplied labour to 100 companies
- Issued over 200 vocational certifications including workplace safety awareness, fall protection and hoist operator)

EMBERS Ventures

EMBERS Ventures continues to support low-income entrepreneurs and small business owners by providing training workshops and hands-on business skill development and coaching. In 2014, EMBERS Ventures:

- Supported a community of 350 entrepreneurs actively working in their business or on their business concept
- Helped 65 individuals plan and launch a business through the Build A Business training program
 - 60 per cent of participants were women entrepreneurs
- Provided 377 hours of 1-on-1 business coaching to 23 small business owners through the Grow A Business program

EMBERS Community Services Program

EMBERS Community Employment Services program provides employment services and vocational training opportunities to conditionally released male parolees in the Vancouver Parole Region. In 2014, EMBERS Community Employment Services program:

- Helped 88 people become employed
- Supported workers in getting 162 vocational certificates