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# Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

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## Origin of Neighbourhood Houses

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House is a member of the Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia (ANHBC), founded in 1894, one of the oldest continuously serving non-profit societies in the province. MPNH is one of eight other Houses and Camps serving communities in Metro Vancouver developed out of the British-led [settlement house movement](#) during the Industrial Revolution in the nineteenth century to address the needs of people who had moved into the cities to find employment, often leaving behind their families and everything that was familiar to them. The settlement house movement is credited with establishing public recreation programs, the first day nurseries for working parents, English as a second language and adult literacy classes as well as the profession of social work. Today Neighbourhood Houses are hubs for local community development activities and for programs and services that address local needs. There are thousands of Neighbourhood Houses in more than thirty countries around the world. Locally, ANHBC is a community partner of the [United Way of the Lower Mainland](#). For more information, see the [ANHBC](#) website.



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