



ST. JOHN'S

LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

St. John's LIP Newsletter April 2023

The St. John's Local Immigration Partnership is a broad-based partnership designed to support the well-being and participation of newcomers in all aspects of life in the city, as well as to strengthen the city's ability to integrate newcomer needs into municipal planning processes. The St. John's LIP is co-led by the City of St. John's and the Association for New Canadians and funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

In this Newsletter:

You will notice that there will be more links than usual, if bolded or in colour, it often means they are active and meant to be **clicked**. Evolving in our Post-Pandemic response to COVID-19, please be aware that workshops and webinars will, too.

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City of St. John's: News and Updates

Newcomer Video Series Highlights Year-Round Outdoor Activities in St. John's



The **St. John's Local Immigration Partnership**, its Education and Training Working Group, and **Up Sky Down Films**, collaborated and coordinated a video series about how to do seasons in St. John's in a variety of fun and meaningful ways specific to the region.

Feeling and being at home in a place is as much about people, as it is about landscape and weather. These two new seasonal videos feature newcomer families making a home in the City of St. John's. See how they embrace winter and enjoy summer fun in the great outdoors!

Want to know how to embrace winter activities and enjoy the great outdoors?

- **Embracing winter in St. John's: Newcomer Perspectives**

Welcome spring! As we look forward to summer, check out our second video featuring a newcomer family enjoying summer fun activities in St. John's.

- **Summer fun in St. John's: Newcomer Perspectives**

Housing Needs Survey Now Live

The City of St. John's is conducting a Housing Needs Assessment that will provide a better understanding of housing needs and supply in our City.

A survey is now available to the general public. It provides an opportunity for citizens to talk about the needs of their household and how their current housing is or isn't meeting their needs. Topics covered include affordability, availability and suitability, as well as overall satisfaction with housing and future housing goals.

The results from this survey will be used to inform the Housing Needs Assessment Report to be released in June 2023.

The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. It is completely anonymous; answers cannot be traced back to respondents.

- Take the survey: www.surveymonkey.ca/r/StJohnsHNA
- Read more about the **Housing Needs Assessment**
- For questions on the survey or the larger study please contact consultation@uplandstudio.ca.

Applause Awards

The City of St. John's Applause Awards celebrate outstanding achievements of individuals and organizations in our city. We are proud to recognize individuals whose contributions help to make St. John's a place where people want to live, work and play.

The City presented its civic awards at a gala event at the St. John's Convention Centre recently. Awards presented include:

Athlete of the Year
Climate Change Leadership Awards
Heritage Awards
Senior of the Year
Tourism Awards
Volunteer of the Year
Youth of the Year

Highlights of the Applause Awards will be broadcast on NTV **Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m. and again on Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m.**

Partners: News and Updates



Job Openings at the ANC

The Association for New Canadians employs a team of dedicated individuals who work together in a diverse workplace to provide an array of services to newcomers in the province. Check out their job openings at www.ancnl.ca.

ANC Q&A Drop-In Session

The ANC's next virtual drop-in session is on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**, from 7-8 p.m. All temporary residents, international students, employees, and employers are welcome to attend, where the ANC will discuss your questions and more. Sessions will be held virtually. Please complete and submit this **form** to register.

Temporary Foreign Workers

The Association for New Canadians has started a new project aimed to inform Temporary Foreign Workers of their rights as workers in Canada. In-person and virtual events will be held throughout the province over the

coming months. For more information, or to register, e-mail nltfw@ancnl.ca or phone 1-833-316-5839.

Interpreters/translators sought

The Association for New Canadians is looking for interpreters and translators for occasional paid work. We are currently especially in need of people who are fluent in Ukrainian, Somali, Swahili, Tigrinya, and Filipino. For more information, contact interpretation@ancnl.ca

Help newcomers with taxes

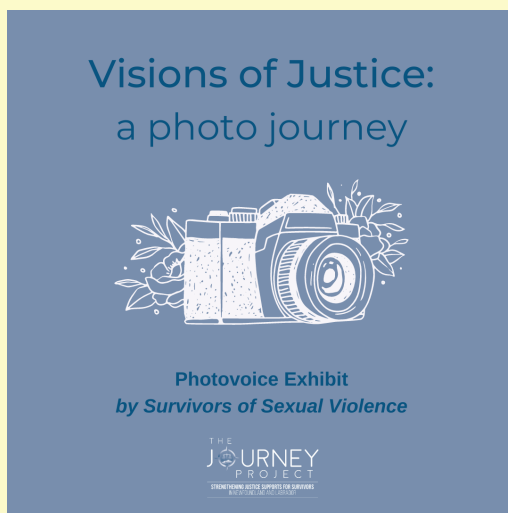
Tax season is here! The Association for New Canadians is looking for volunteers who are interested in assisting newcomers with filing taxes this season. Canada Revenue Agency will provide training for those interested. Please send an email to volunteer@ancnl.ca if you are interested in this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you!

Visions of Journey: a photo journey

The Journey Project, a community based organization that aims to strengthen justice supports for survivors of sexual violence and intimate partner violence, are hosting their 2023 survivor-created photography exhibit *Visions of Justice: a photo journey*.

The exhibit features photographs submitted by survivors of sexual violence from across Newfoundland and Labrador. The theme of this year's exhibit is 'Visions of Justice' where contributing photographers have created pieces that offer a reflection on the concept of justice and what it has meant for them throughout their journey.

The exhibit is opening at several locations across the province in April and will feature a local performer, as well as light refreshments. All events are free and open to the public. In St. John's the photos will be on display at the St. John's Farmers Market on Tuesday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. See facebook.com/TheJourneyProjectNL for more details.





Canada Announces New Immigration Pathway

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has announced a new refugee immigration pathway under the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP). The aim of this new pathway is to help employers to hire skilled refugees and other displaced individuals to fill labour shortages. The new pathway is planned to begin this summer and will give employers more opportunities to fill a wide range of in-demand jobs. The EMPP gives employers another avenue to address their labour market needs, while offering EMPP candidates an opportunity to restart their careers and their lives in safety with their families here in Canada. Find out more:

<https://www.canada.ca>

NL Public Libraries Connect Pass

Did you know Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) residents can use the NL Public Libraries (NLPL) Connect Pass to book free admission to a wide range of museums, art galleries, parks, gardens, recreational facilities, performing arts shows, and sports games.

Public libraries is all about providing access to stories, ideas, and life-long learning. And sometimes the best way to learn is by doing! Save money, have fun, and learn more about what Newfoundland and Labrador has to offer. All you need is an NLPL library card. Find out more:

nlpl.ca/programs/nlpl-connect-pass/connect-pass



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NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES



ABC

LifeLiteracyCanada

2023 literacy awards

The Literacy Innovation Awards (LIA) and HSBC Family Literacy First Fund Awards are back for 2023. Join ABC Life Literacy Canada for an information webinar.

Date: Thursday, April 13th at 12:30 NT

What: Join ABC Life Literacy Canada as we discuss how you can apply, eligibility, and how to prepare a strong application. We will highlight some

past winning programs and why they were selected. These awards are presented to Canadian organizations that are making significant contributions to the field of literacy.

- **LIA:** These awards are presented to Canadian organizations offering a unique and innovative adult or adult-integrated family literacy program. In addition to the top award of \$20,000, two other submissions will be selected to receive \$10,000 each.
- **HSBC Fund:** There are 4 awards of \$2,500 each for organizations making significant contributions to the field of family financial literacy.

All webinar registrants will receive a copy of the webinar recording and the slide deck. **Register here.**

New resources to educate on online fraud

In honour of fraud awareness month, **ABC Internet Matters** has released **new resources** to educate Canadians on online fraud which include:

- **A website safety checklist** which outlines how to identify a safe and secure website
- **A tip sheet on urgent pop-ups**, with advice on how to deal with them
- **Three video lesson plans** on topics such as creating strong passwords and identifying spam email.



PROCUREMENT TRAINING

The Government of Canada could be your next customer!

SCAN ME 

REGISTER NOW for this free training series to learn:

- What federal departments buy and how they do their buying;
- Where to find opportunities and who to market yourself to;
- How to bid on federal tenders; plus
- Tips and tricks on how to successfully bid on government contracts!

BONUS! Register for this learning series and get one-on-one personal assistance from a federal procurement expert following each of the seminars, at no cost! To be eligible, you must be a Black business owner or leader located in Atlantic Canada.

Registration deadline: April 13, 2023

Black Business Initiative
BBI 

Procurement Assistance Canada are collaborating with the Black Business

Initiative (BBI) to offer a free training series on federal procurement to Black-owned or led businesses throughout the Atlantic region. Many federal departments are interested in buying goods and services from small and diverse businesses so this training series has been designed with that business audience in mind. The first of four sessions will be offered during the week of April 17th (dates vary by location) and then bi-weekly afterwards. All the details are available on the BBI website: bbi.ca.



LGBTQIA+ NEWCOMER PEER SUPPORT

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

April 13th
May 11th
June 8th

Location: 291 Water Street,
Suite 302 (4th floor), St. John's

Email: kimberly@ywcastjohns.ca
Phone: (709) 769-6649

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Peer Support for LGBTQIA+ Newcomers

Are you an LGBTQIA+ newcomer looking for support and community connection? Attend our Peer Support Group! Register by contacting kimberly@ywcastjohns.ca / (709) 769-6649, or by completing the online registration [form here](#). Drop-ins are also welcome!

Submit Your Events and Get Involved

Do you have an upcoming event the community should know about? Would you like us to highlight a successful program or initiative? Get in touch if you wish to have your organization's work or event included in our newsletter.

We send out a monthly newsletter, so please send your May 2023 updates by April 27, 2023

The St. John's LIP also has many opportunities for you to get involved. It is comprised of over 60 volunteers who participate through involvement on the Partnership Council or on one of our three working groups: **Welcoming + Wellness, Employment + Skilled Labour, and Education + Training** - we welcome your passion in one of these areas to help us uplift and empower our newcomer community.

Contact **immigration@stjohns.ca** for more information or to get involved.

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