



ST. JOHN'S

LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

St. John's LIP Newsletter February 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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Partners: News and Updates



ChillFest is the City of St. John's annual community-wide celebration of winter, a variety of free activities for all ages and abilities.

Join us!

February 11 to 14, 2023.

Scavenger Hunt

Come out to Bowring, Bannerman or Victoria Park for a winter scavenger hunt. Find 5 words hidden throughout the parks to reveal the mystery phrase. Each park has a different set of words to make a different phrase. Email your answers to specialevents@stjohns.ca (subject line "Scavenger Hunt") to be entered for a prize pack. Contest closes February 14 at midnight.

Chillfest Events

Find the complete events listing on the City's webpages on stjohns.ca/chillfest or the **Calendar of Events**.

Saturday, February 11

- Join us for Snow-ga, yoga in the great outdoors! For all-ages and skill levels in Bowring Park. Registration on **Eventbrite** is required.
- Join us for mega fun at our MegaPlay day, 2 to 4 p.m. at Kenmount Terrace.
- Skate with your special someone or your palentine at the Loop with decorations, free hot chocolate and your favorite love songs, 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, February 12

- The Freez'n Fun Run beginning at 9 a.m. is all-ages and abilities at Bowring Park. Registration on **Eventbrite** is required.
- Sit in on our annual Kitchen Party with Fergus O'Byrne and enjoy free, traditional Newfoundland treats from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Music NL Performance Space, Gower Street United Church.

- Dress up as your favourite hero at the Heroes' Family Fun Afternoon at The Loop, with special appearances by your family's favourite characters. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Come see tomorrow's stars at the Youth Talent Show, 2 to 5 p.m. at the D.F. Cook Recital Hall.

Monday, February 13

- We're hosting a free playgroup at Kenmount Terrace for children 5 and under and their guardians followed free youth and adult drop-ins Monday night. See the schedule for details.
- Enjoy free adult skates the Mary's Brown's Centre, 12:30 and 2 p.m. on February 13 and 14.

Tuesday, February 14

- Free ski and Snowshoe rentals at the **Winter Activity Centre** in Pippy Park. Adaptive equipment is available and must be pre-booked at (709) 576-6972 or email inclusion@stjohns.ca.
- We're offering a free parent and tot skate today at 2 p.m. at the Mary Brown's Centre.
- Date night is covered! Join your sweetheart for a skate at the Loop with decorations, free hot chocolate and sappy love songs, 7 to 9 p.m.



Human Trafficking Summit

The ANC's SEA project works with community partners and affected individuals with a goal of making Newfoundland and Labrador a zero trafficking zone.

SEA hosts a Human Trafficking Summit on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Emera Innovation Exchange. The day will feature speakers, panels and activities designed to bring people together in the common goal of working against trafficking.

There is no charge to attend, and participants can choose to attend in-person or virtually. For more information, e-mail sea@ancnl.ca or register via this [Google form](#).

Help Newcomers with Taxes

Tax season is almost 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!

Black History Month Event at The Rooms

Join the Association for New Canadians and The Rooms for an evening honoring the strength and perseverance of Canada's Black community throughout history.

The celebration goes ahead Friday, Feb. 24, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Level 3 Atrium.

Dr. Lloydetta Quaicoe, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sharing our Cultures will offer an inspiring keynote message to highlight struggles and triumphs. The celebration will continue with musical performances by: Jay Heart, SAM, and Sean T.

Come and share in the celebration! The event is free but tickets are required. Space is limited so please ensure you reserve your ticket online or by calling 757-8090.

Free evening English classes

The Association for New Canadians offers FREE afternoon and evening English classes to all newcomers. This is the perfect opportunity to learn and practice your English or give your career a competitive edge.

Afternoon classes are delivered both in-person at the ESL Training Centre and virtually Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30.

Evening classes are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in person from 7-9 pm at the ESL Training Centre, 148 Elizabeth Avenue (off Smithville Crescent); four classes are offered each night. Space is limited, so participants should register in advance.

Please email **linc@ancnl.ca** or phone 709-726-6848 to register.

Match with a Newcomer

The Association for New Canadians seeks volunteers interested in direct interaction with newcomer children in schools and/or newcomer families in the community.

The Tutor Match Program is for volunteers who would like to help

newcomer children who have difficulties with different school subjects.

The Family Match Program is for volunteers who are interested in helping newcomer families settle in and integrate into the Canadian community. The informal match programs pairs volunteers with newcomers to help them practice conversational English through friendship. Activities could include but are not limited to; going out for walks together, having a discussion over tea or coffee, sightseeing, etc. This is a terrific program for individuals, couples or families interested in welcoming newcomers to the St. John's area.

If you are interested in joining this opportunity, please send an email to **volunteer@ancnl.ca** for full details.

My New St. John's



New to St. John's?

Wondering where to find food that is familiar, get involved in arts or sports groups, or looking to volunteer in the community?

This new online tool can help you find the things you need to get settled in the city.

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PUBLIC LEGAL INFORMATION
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PLIAN Newcomers Legal Rights Project

MUN international student drop-in hours

Where: Google meets

(contact newcomers@publiclegalinfo.com for the link)

When: Every Friday 11-1 pm

The newcomers project is also inviting requests from businesses and organizations to provide workshops, information sessions, drop-in/community events around legal issues affecting newcomers (renting, immigration, employee rights, family law, criminal law, wills, and estates)

Contact newcomers@publiclegalinfo.com



Workshops!

(1) Join our Activate Learning New Year Series!

- **What:** Activate Learning will be hosting weekly workshops for the community on a variety of topics including Time Management, Spending Plans, and Communication. *Participating organizations will be eligible to receive \$50 honoraria per workshop (for all 8 workshops!).*
- **When:** Every Monday at 10:30 am NT from January 30 to March 20, 2023.
- **To register, click here!**
- Note: If you invite participants to register individually, please let them know to write your *organization name* in the form.

(2) Family Literacy Day is just weeks away!

- **What:** Family Literacy Day is an annual event that raises awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Learn more and download fun resources **here!**
- **When:** January 27, 2023
- **Register** for ABC's exciting celebration event with Barbara Reid **here.**
- Learn more at our Information Session on January 17, 2023 at 2:30pm NT. Register **here!**

(3) Activate Learning is hiring!

- We're looking for a Community Coordinator for Labrador. Find **more information here** and if you're able to spread the word, that would be great. Applications are open until January 10th.

New Years Series

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Each Monday

January 30 - March 20

12:00 to 1:30pm NT

Contact us for more info:
jnorcross@abclifeliteracy.ca
1-800-303-1004 Ext 131

Or sign up here:
<https://tinyurl.com/activatelearningnewyearseries>

abcactivatelearning.ca



All participants...

- can receive Certificates of Participation
- have the chance to win a \$25 gift card!

Workshop Topics

January 30: Stress management

February 6: Time management

February 13: Spending plans

February 20: Adaptability

February 27: Collaboration

March 6: Communication

March 13: Accountability

March 20: Problem solving

**Scan to
sign up!**



This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada's Adult Learning, Literacy & Essential Skills Program.



NAVIGATING PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP FOR SETTLEMENT WORKERS (SWT101)

06 Feb - 19 Mar, 2023



COURSE DATES: 06 FEB- 19 MAR, 2022

RSTP is pleased to announce that enrollment for the winter session of the e-training course **SWT101 – NAVIGATING PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP FOR SETTLEMENT WORKERS** is now open! Graduates of the course will receive a certificate. This e-course is available at no cost!

ABOUT THE COURSE

This online course is intended for settlement workers and other settlement service providers who work with privately sponsored refugees and their sponsors. The course is designed to provide essential information about the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program, and how to successfully navigate the unique relationships between settlement workers, privately sponsored newcomers, and their sponsors.

There are five learning modules which include weekly readings, quizzes and discussion forum questions, as well as a final exam. Participants can take the training at a time that works best for them, but will also have an opportunity to join weekly video chat sessions to gain a deeper understanding of how integral their role is in supporting successful refugee sponsorships.

For any questions about this course , please contact Serena Richardson, RSTP Online Course Coordinator at etraining@rstp.ca.



Sharing Our Cultures Inc. is looking for space to host skills-development workshops with 150 high school students on Saturdays at 12:30 – 5:00 PM. If you have space available in Metro St. John's, please contact: Emilie, Bilingual Project Manager, at (709) 769-5316 or emilie@sharingourcultures.com.

Sharing Our Cultures Inc. is seeking volunteers who know how to sew to assist newcomer school youth who are learning to make products for our *Impactful Gifts* social enterprise at our Learning & Resource Centre at 390, Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's.

If you're available for 2 hours or 4 hours a week, Mondays and/or Tuesdays, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Please contact: Lloydetta at (709) 726-1504 or email at info@impactful-gifts.com.

Working with high school youth is a rewarding experience!

Visit our website at [Impactful Gifts \(impactful-gifts.com\)](http://Impactful Gifts (impactful-gifts.com)). Thank you.



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19-22 March
19-22 Mars 2023

23rd Edition of Sharing Our Cultures
À la découverte de nos cultures 23eme Édition



One world, many stories - Sharing our way of life
Un monde, diverses histoires - Partageons nos modes de vie

📍 The Rooms 9 Bonaventure Avenue, St. John's





LGBTQIA+ NEWCOMER PEER SUPPORT

Upcoming meeting dates:

January 12th

February 9th

March 9th

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

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!

Call for LGBTQIA+ Newcomer Volunteers!

YWCA St. John's is seeking Mentors and Peer Support Group Facilitators for our LGBTQIA+ Newcomer programs. Priority will be given to applicants with lived experience as LGBTQIA+ newcomers.

To learn more and apply, check out the online application [here](#): **Form Here**

For questions or to apply over the phone, email kimberly@ywcastjohns.ca or call 709-769-6649.

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 March 2023 updates by February 24, 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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