

ST. JOHN'S

LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

St. John's LIP Newsletter July 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 are links, if bolded or in colour, it often means they are active and meant to be **clicked**.



Meet Meghan!

Hello, it's nice to see you here!

I'm Meghan Hollett, your new Local Immigration Partnership facilitator. I am eager to get to know you better and help ensure that we are creating a great environment for folks to settle and stay in St. John's.

How will you use your experience to enhance the activities of your

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role?

Prior to this position I have worked within the non-profit sector in a variety of fields: settlement, film, environment. I have had the opportunity to share the table with some great community boards within fields such as: antiracism, transportation, libraries and community engagement. Throughout my work immigration and collaborating with a variety of voices have always been my passions. The connections forged amongst communities will help strengthen our LIP to the benefit of our larger

What's your vision for this newsletter and the St. John's LIP as a whole?

This newsletter is a microcosm for the LIP itself! It's a chance for all of us to share our news and opportunities. It's a jumping point for new possibilities; an invitation to engage. You will notice at the bottom of this newsletter a small survey for you to give me feedback about what you like to see here.

Starting in this role as your LIP facilitator, I want to hear from you and get to know what you are excited about and want to see in our community. There are many ways we can engage: email, newsletter, working groups, in person events. My door is always open if I'm not knocking on yours! My vision for the LIP is a respectful, creative and engaging community space where we can sow ideas and watch them flourish.

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

Partnership - it's in the title! There are multiple great projects, research and eye opening conversations that have come from the nearly 10 years of LIP's history in St. John's. I am excited to open the window to new partnerships and explore what possibilities are ahead.

City of St. John's: News and Updates

Visit MyNewStJohns.ca

Canada Day Celebration!

Join the City of St. John's to celebrate Canada Day on July 1st from sunrise to sunset! The annual festivities will highlight many of the reasons we are proud to call Canada home. For more detailed descriptions of all the free activities offered, and the performers and community partners participating, visit the **Canada Day festivities page** on the City of St. John's website!

Sunrise Ceremony

We'll start the celebrations bright and early with a sunrise ceremony on **Signal Hill** from 6am-7am. You'll be among the





Family-Friendly Activities and Entertainment

The party continues with tons of free family-friendly activities at the **King George V field.** We'll have everything from live music, to bouncy castles, to interactive activities that everyone can enjoy. Oh, and don't forget about the free cupcakes! These festivities will take place from 1pm to 5pm.

Fireworks Show and Live Music

Later in the evening, we'll be closing the day by hosting a live concert on the **Quidi Vidi band stage** at 8pm, followed by a free fireworks show above the lake at 10pm.

Music @ Series

Calling all music lovers! Come down to **Harbourside park** every Friday (weather permitting) starting July 7th for a free concert from a local performer. A variety of genres will be featured, including folk, pop, rock, and country. No matter what flavour of music you're craving, we'll have something to satisfy everyone's rhythmic appetite. As a bonus, a youth performer from our partner, the Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Arts Society, will be opening the show and demonstrating to bright future of NL musical talent.

Check out the **2023 performer lineup.**

City of St. John's engagement portal survey

Have you ever shared your thoughts or wishes on a City-lead project? Have you ever visited EngageStJohns.ca? We want to hear from you! The City is currently seeking feedback on how they engage with community and the tools used to engage.

Let your voice be heard. Take their **survey** to let them know your thoughts.

Community Events

Want to interact with your community? Visit our **Community Events Calendar** to stay up to date on exciting events throughout the city.



Save the Date!

My New St John's Live Expo is October 19th, 2023

Got questions? Contact us!

immigration@stjohns.ca

Immigration: News and Updates

Learn How to Take Advantage of Category-Based Selection in Express Entry



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recently announced the implementation of category-based selection in Express Entry, a new way of selecting candidates through the online system that IRCC uses to manage immigration applications from skilled workers.

They are now pleased to offer new virtual learning sessions for employers who wish to learn how category-based selection works in Express Entry, including eligibility criteria and occupations for 2023 categories.

They invite employers to participate in these virtual learning sessions. Please note that these sessions are not intended for current or prospective applicants.

If you are interested, please register on IRCC's website to one of the four sessions below.

Dates:

Wednesday, July 5, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (ET – Eastern Time) – Session in English

Thursday, July 6, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (ET – Eastern Time) – Session in French

If you are registered to attend and would like to submit questions ahead of these sessions, don't hesitate to send them via email at IRCC.COMMConsultations-ConsultationsCOMM.IRCC@cic.gc.ca.

Register Now

Partners: News and Updates



Construction Trades Training Program

Applications are open for the Construction Trades Training Program! This program offers training and mentorship in construction skills by certified journeypersons. Working closely with key industry partners, the ANC offers carpentry focused training relevant to the construction industry with the goal of achieving meaningful employment in the field. Apply here

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.

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.

Housing Drop In Session

This month's drop in session will be held on **July 5th** at 10:00 a.m. and is centred around housing. The goal of the session is to give clients/prospective clients the opportunity to chat with ANC Staff as a group about their concerns or issues. Here is the link to the **registration form.**



With Housing Officer Jacob Riche and Settlement Coordinator Natalie Heibert













Sharing Our Cultures invites students from grades 7 to 12 to prepare a demonstration in French on an aspect of their Francophone culture that will be filmed in July 2023, and posted on the **ContactCultures.ca** website.

For more information and to participate, contact Emilie at: **emilie@sharingourcultures.com**





HSBC Family Literacy First Fund – one week left to apply!

What: This award is presented to Canadian organizations that are making significant contributions to the field of family financial literacy. This award honours programs that empower families to develop their financial literacy skills together and could serve as a model for other organizations to adapt. There are 4 awards of \$2,500 each.

When: Applications will be accepted until July 4, 2023.

Apply: You can find more information and the application **here**

Innovation Learning Lab Webinar: Working Creatively Within Imperfect Systems

Date: Thursday, September 14th at 2:30pm NT

What: Adult learning takes place in the context of numerous complex systems. These systems can present barriers to both learners and

practitioners. In this webinar, we'll engage with practitioners from diverse sectors to discuss these systemic challenges and ways to work around them and thrive despite them.

To register, click here

Family Literacy Day 2024 - theme announced

Theme: Let's have a family party!

What: Celebrate 25 years of *Family Literacy Day* and learning together as a family by having a party! Make food, sing songs, and play games. The possibilities for learning are endless – and it's fun when you do it together. **Where:** Visit **FamilyLiteracyDay.ca** in the coming months for more information and to download free resources.

ABC Media Sale Fundraiser is still on!

What: The **ABC Media Sale** continues! Get 65% off on advertising space in leading Canadian media. Funds go towards ABC Life Literacy's work to inspire Canadians to increase their skills for learning, life, and work.

Available Media: can be found here

Register here!

For more information: contact Nina Yanko at 416-218-0010 x 143 or email **nyanko@abclifeliteracy.ca**

Find out more about *Learning at the Museum* at The Rooms! Check out this recent blog post about ABC's cultural literacy program & our collaboration with The Rooms

If you're interested in taking part in this program, contact us!

ABC is always creating new resources...

Explore the **Get Started series** from *UP Skills for Work*, and stay tuned for more to come!

If you haven't checked out our **ABC Internet Matters** program, take a look! You'll find great introductory resources for learners looking to get started online.



Apply now!



International student families, come and join us in this event! Please sign up using the link below or the QR in the poster.

Events at the NL Public Libraries

Did you know that your local library has many activities you can do for free (besides reading books). Join in on a Lego free-play day, learn some ASL, or watch a chemistry magic show!



Learn more about the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries wide array of free resources, classes, events, and more! Discover all the Library has to offer! Check out the **July calendar**.

Quick Survey

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Which of the following best describes you?
Newcomer to St. John's (within the last 5 yrs)
Community group representative
Current resident of St. John's metro area
Do you find the content of this newsletter relevant to you?
Yes
No
What content would you most like to see in the future?
Job opportunities and resources
Volunteer opportunities and resources
Events
Learning/education opportunities and resources

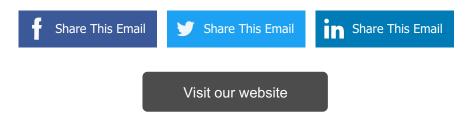
Community group links and information

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. Contact **immigration@stjohns.ca**.

We send out a monthly newsletter; please send your August updates by July 27, 2023

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