

## St. John's LIP Newsletter June 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**.

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## **City of St. John's: News and Updates**



### Photo exhibit opening at City Hall for World Regugee Day

The City of St. John's invites the public to recognize World Refugee Day by viewing a new photography exhibit by the Association for New Canadians in Wyatt Hall, City Hall from June 19 to June 30. '*A Day in the Life of a Newcomer to Canada*' features photos of English as a Second Language students at various St. John's landmarks.

"For more than 40 years, the Association for New Canadians has been welcoming refugees and other newcomers to Newfoundland and Labrador," says Megan Morris, Executive



Director, Association for New Canadians. "We value our partnership with the City of St. John's and are honoured to join Mayor Breen in proclaiming World Refugee Day."

These beautiful photos can be viewed weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm from June 19 to June 30.

**World Refugee Day** is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and recognizes the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives in a new country.

#### **Visitor Information Centre**

The City of St. John's **Visitor Information Centre**, located at 348 Water Street, opened for the season on May 22. We are open 7 days a week 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., including all statutory holidays. Our knowledgeable and friendly staff provide tourist information and trip planning assistance. Staff are also available to offer assistance by email: **Tourism@StJohns.ca** or telephone at (709) 576-8106.

#### **National AccessAbility Week**

May 28 - June 3 was National Accessibility Week. The City of St. John's

recognizes the importance of accessibility in municipal services and recognizes and thanks its Inclusion Advisory Committee for challenging the City to consider inclusion in all matters. Learn more about what the City is doing to promote accessibility and inclusion **www.stjohns.ca** 

## **Partners: News and Updates**



#### **Newcomer Entrepreneurship Program**

Applications are open for the Newcomer Entrepreneurship Training Program. This program offers training and mentorship by experts, networking with local entrepreneurs, and business idea pitching. Popular concepts and methodologies like lean start-up, design thinking, business canvas models, and many other topics will be introduced while learning how to pitch business ideas to different audiences. Apply here: **forms.gle/XxkD3xXDKoXAU2om6** 

#### **Wellness Cafe**

The ANC is launching a Wellness Cafe starting May2nd. The Clinical Services Team has created an opportunity for coffee, tea, snacks, conversation and connection with other new Canadians. It will be held at the LINC Cafeteria at 148 Elizabeth Avenue every two weeks, starting **June 13 and June 27 @3:00-4:00.** For more information contact Danita Vokey, **dvokey@ancnl.ca**.

#### 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. Inperson 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**.

#### **Drop In Session**

Next Drop in session is **June 7th** at 7:00 pm. 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**.





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 the spring of 2023, and posted on the **contactcultures.ca** website.

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

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Sharing Our Cultures invite les élèves de la 7e à la 12e année à préparer une démonstration sur un aspect de leur culture francophone qui sera filmée au printemps 2023.



Canada - Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador relative àl'enseignement dans la Ingue minoritaire et à l'enseignement de la langue seconde.

#### **Step into Spring** with Activate Join us! Learning → Participate in as many workshops as you'd like. → Honoraria available for organizations - contact us for details! **Workshop Topics** Twice a month on **Tuesdays** May 9: Introduction to UP Skills 10:30am to 12:00 pm NT May 23: Creativity and Innovation Contact us for more info: June 6: Attitude jnorcross@abclifeliteracy.ca June 20: Digital 1-800-303-1004 Ext 131 Or sign up here:

Or sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/alstepinto spring

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

Scan to sign up!

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#### **Call for Performers George Street Summer Concert Series**

Calling all musicians. Would you or someone you know like to perform at one of George Street's Summer Concert Series events? The George Street Association and Music NL are accepting applications from performers for their Summer Concert Series taking place Wednesdays from July 5th to August 30th & Tues July 26<sup>th</sup> (excluding Jul 27 & Aug 3). This is a FREE all-ages event that will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Deadline to apply is June 10. Apply at **George Street Live**.

#### **Events at the NL Public Libraries**

Did you know that your local library has many activities you can do for free (besides reading books). 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 **June** calendar.



#### Canada is reuniting loved ones through new immigration measures

Canada is making it easier for families to reunite and support themselves once in Canada. Faster processing times, open work permits, and more understanding processing decisions are part of the new measures recently announced by the Government of Canada. Find out more **here**.



#### Quidi Vidi Art Search

Business and the Arts NL public art project **Quidi Vidi Art Search**, supported by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and championed by artists, community partners, and business owners recently launched in St. John's. The Quidi Vidi Arts Search features work by Newfoundland and Labrador artists Vessela Brakalova, Robert Hengeveld, Ian Gillies, Marc Fiset, Julie Lewis, and Kevin-Barry Martin. Each remarkable piece reflects its distinct location and celebrates the past, present, and future of Quidi Vidi Village.

Art Search locations and community partnerships include Sugarloaf Path, Quidi Vidi Village Artisan Studios, The Wharf, The Inn by Mallard Cottage, and Quidi Vidi Brewery.

Be sure to explore the Quidi Vidi Art Search and rediscover all that Quidi Vidi Village has to offer.



#### **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, so please send your July 2023 updates by June 28, 2023

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