



# ST. JOHN'S

## LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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### 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.

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#### **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**.

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# Save the Date!

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

**Got questions? Contact us!**

[immigration@stjohns.ca](mailto:immigration@stjohns.ca)

## **My New St. John's Live Expo is Fast Approaching!**

Below is the hub for all the info relating to the annual My New St. John's Expo, hosted at the St. John's Community Market.

[Discover the Expo](#)

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

[Visit MyNewStJohns.ca](#)

### **Newcomers Enjoying St. John's Summer**

In recent months we completed a video series showcasing newcomer families enjoying our city in the summer months. Meet Constanza and her family. Consider sharing the video to provide context for somebody who may be curious about St. John's during this season and are looking to know what they can experience.



### Music @ Series

Calling all music lovers! Come down to **Harbourside park** every Friday (weather permitting) until September 22 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**.

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## Immigration: News and Updates



# "Navigating the housing crisis: a comparison of international students and other newcomers in a mid-sized Canadian city"

This article has recently been released by a team of Memorial University researchers (Pottie-Sherman, Christensen, Foroutan, Zhou).

It highlights issues of housing affordability, inaccessibility, discrimination, and exploitation in St. John's, especially for international students.

## Local landlords



### 01. "By-pass" messages from tenants with "different" names

Tenants with "Canadian sounding" names "receive more, quicker, and more detailed responses" from landlords (interview, US international student renting in St. John's).



### 02. Legitimize discrimination as an issue of "trust"

For example, one immigrant from Iran was asked bluntly by a landlord: "you're new here, so how can I trust that you're paying the rent every month?"



### 03. Mislead tenants before they arrive

Some international students arrived in St. John's to find their housing not as described or that the room was no longer available.



### 04. Fail to return damage deposits to international students as a common practice

International students noted issues around their limited knowledge of their housing rights, including damage deposits, and the opportunity this provided for landlords to take advantage of them.



### 05. Take advantage of international students' lack of rental market choices

Several participants felt that their landlords were able to take advantage of them because they knew that their lack of Canadian references gave them fewer choices in the rental market.



### 06. Take advantage of unequal playing field to win at the Residential Tenancies Board

When it comes to accessing formal protections, such as through the provincial Residential Tenancies Act, international students encounter an unequal playing field as some landlords "take advantage of their knowledge of the city, their proficiency in English, their connections" to win cases brought to the RTB.

// POTTIE-SHERMAN, CHRISTENSEN, FOROUTAN, & ZHOU  
NAVIGATING THE HOUSING CRISIS 2023

[Read the Study](#)

[Visual Summary](#)



Immigration, Refugees  
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés  
et Citoyenneté Canada

## Government of Canada Doubles Resettlement Spaces for Human Rights Defenders

Canada has announced an expansion of the global human rights defenders stream, doubling the number of resettlement spaces from 250 to 500 for Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) their family members. This expansion of the refugee stream for HRDs is in addition to another recently announced partnership with civil society (Rainbow Railroad) to protect 2LGBTQIA+ refugees.

Get More Details



## Provincial Government Announcement

Provincial government has issued a call for proposals for projects providing settlement services for newcomers to Newfoundland & Labrador. The deadline to apply is August 11th.

Apply Here

## Partners: News and Updates



**Become a Homestay Host!**

The Homestay Hosting Program invites you to host Ukrainian families as they navigate through their settlement journey and make this province their home.

For more information contact:

[homestay@ancnl.ca](mailto:homestay@ancnl.ca)  
709 693 2918

**Homestay Host Program**  
The Homestay Hosting Program invites Newfoundlanders and

**EMPLOYERS!**

**WE HAVE INTERNS AND POST-INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCED WORKERS FOR YOUR PROJECTS!**

Talented graduates are from Construction Training Program of the Association for New Canadians (ANC), and have:

- ✓ Health and Safety training:
  - WHIMIS/ Construction safety
  - Standard First Aid and CPR
  - Fall protection
- ✓ 3-month Carpentry training from Journeypersons

**CONTACT US**

[mhaque@ancnl.ca](mailto:mhaque@ancnl.ca) (Mahfuz)  
[www.ancnl.ca/e-ascnt/build-your-future/](http://www.ancnl.ca/e-ascnt/build-your-future/)

**PAID INTERNSHIP**  
Mostly Subsidized

**Call for Employers for Construction Program Graduates**  
ANC is looking for employers



Labradorians to host Ukrainian newcomers as they navigate through their settlement journey to “set roots” and make this province their home. The approved host families will receive \$1,000 monthly for up to five (5) months for hosting, along with many other rewards that come from helping those in need.

To learn more about how you can become a Homestay Host, please contact: [homestay@ancnl.ca](mailto:homestay@ancnl.ca) or (709) 693 2918

interested in hiring our construction program graduates for either 12 week internships (largely subsidized by the ANC) or post-internship graduates for full-time work. Experienced workers for any construction projects!

The students have health and safety knowledge and Carpentry training by certified journeypersons. Internship is largely subsidized. Please contact [mhaque@ancnl.ca](mailto:mhaque@ancnl.ca) to inquire!

### **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/careers](http://www.ancnl.ca/careers)

### **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](mailto:nltfw@ancnl.ca) or phone 1-833-316-5839.

### **Q & A Drop In Sessions**

This month’s drop in session will be held on August 9th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. 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](#). We hope to see you there!



### **Monday Afternoon Activities**

In August, Sharing Our Cultures will continue its Monday afternoon (2:30-5:30pm) activities with newcomer high school youth. Come and join us for

some fun, games, conversations, crafts and outings in this safe and inclusive space where everyone is welcome. All activities are free! For more information and to register, please contact Emilie at [emilie@sharingourcultures.com](mailto:emilie@sharingourcultures.com)



### **Financial Literacy Program**

The Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) has a **Financial Literacy program** that delivers unbiased financial literacy education to diverse audiences across Canada.

We have created over 50 sessions that are available both in-person and virtually. The sessions are approximately one hour, including a 15-minute Q&A. They are conducted by CPA volunteers and are offered at no cost

# St. John's African Roots Festival

5<sup>th</sup>

EDITION



FREE

**LIVE SHOW AND  
WORKSHOPS**

**FRIDAY**

**AUG.18.2023**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**SATURDAY**

**AUG.19.2023**

1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

[WWW.SARFEST.CA](http://WWW.SARFEST.CA)



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Park  
St. John's,  
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### Garden Party

The St. John's Women's Centre will be holding our annual Garden Party this summer! It will be an open house and BBQ on **August 17th from 12pm-2pm**, at **170 Cashin Avenue Extension**. No need to register, just feel free to drop by, enjoy some local artists playing music for us and grab a burger or hot dog! Vegetarian options will be available. If you haven't seen our space before, ask staff or volunteers for a tour.

### Empowering Them

**Empowering Them** is a free, online course that will help you understand and explore the impacts that gender-based violence has on all of us. It is completely virtual, interactive, and you can complete it at your own pace. This course is designed to be done by anyone 14+, on your own, at home, in schools, workplaces or community spaces.

### Drop-in Counselling

Right Here Right Now drop-in counselling at the St. John's Women's Centre is free, confidential, and non-judgmental. No appointment needed. Call **753-0220** or visit **170 Cashin Avenue Extension**, Tuesdays & Wednesday 12-5pm. For a session after 5pm, please call.

**Right Here, Right Now  
Drop-In Counselling**

Non-judgemental, trauma-informed counselling.  
No appointment or referral needed.  
In person, by phone or Zoom.

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**  
**12:00 - 5:30 PM**  
**170 CASHIN AVENUE EXT.**  
**753-0220**

Evening sessions available by calling in advance.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S CENTRE

### Member of the Council

Become a member with the St. John's Status of Women Council! Becoming a member is the best way for women and non-binary people to be involved in, keep up to date with, and contribute to our work. You'll receive access to monthly newsletters, job opportunities, and be the first to know about community events. **Learn more about membership and our sliding scale rates.**

The logo for the College of the North Atlantic (CNA) features the lowercase letters 'cna' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered on a bright blue rectangular background.

College of the North Atlantic

### **Digital Content Creation Program**

The Digital Content Creation program is where creativity meets technology. It will prepare you to capture ideas and deliver effective messages in today's media-rich business environment. By combining practical and theoretical learning approaches, you will be able to produce material that engages consumers through written and visual narratives across a variety of digital and social platforms.?

You will be able to track and analyze engagement by utilizing digital tools to gauge how many users viewed, shared, liked, or interacted with the content, framing the "big picture" for your organization.

By the end of the program, you will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to create content, manage social media accounts, develop, and execute digital marketing campaigns.

**[Click here to learn more!](#)**



**Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW)**  
**Le conseil canadien des femmes musulmanes (CCFM)**



# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

## Barriers to Employment for Canadian Muslim Women PROJECT ASPIRE

### THE STUDY

The purpose of this study is to better understand the employment experiences of Canadian Muslim women. Specifically, this project will focus on experiences of finding, retaining, and advancing in paid work.

### THE RESEARCHER

Dr. Sarah Shah is a research associate at the Muslims in Canada Data Initiative (MiCDI), the Institute of Islamic Studies, and an assistant professor at the Department of Sociology, The University of Toronto Mississauga. MiCDI has been engaged by the Canadian Council of Muslim Women to conduct this study.

**For more information, or to participate in the study, please contact:**

Dr. Sarah Shah, PhD  
647 637 8514  
sarahshah@ccmw.com

### PARTICIPANTS

You are invited to participate if you are a Muslim woman residing in Canada (including self-identified and trans women) and have experience with the employment sector.

### PARTICIPATION DETAILS

- Online group discussion
- Online pre-interview questionnaire
- Some participants may be interviewed one-on-one
- Participants will receive honoraria

### CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY

*Your information will be kept completely confidential.*

*You can withdraw your participation (and anything you shared during the study) at any point, even after the interview.*





## Global Music Series @ The Rooms

All Wednesdays of August 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: **Fortis Courtyard & Amphitheater** (Outside The Rooms)

Celebrate the diversity of talent in our community. This series is part of an initiative led by MusicNL and the Association for New Canadians to increase representation and recognition of immigrant musicians in our province.

Free! All ages are welcome. Bring your own blanket to enjoy some music on the lawn!

Featuring performances by: Baraka, David Eguiguren, De la Paz Latin Quintet, Duo Northeast, Noel and Cristina, Xia-3, Hierrito Onelvis Fernandez, Humberto Piccoli, Mashariki Muziki, Reza, Sunflower Duo, Ana & Eric, Rober Martinez-Espineira, Cayenne Tuo, and Zay Nova.

Offered in partnership with the Association for New Canadians and MusicNL



Newfoundland & Labrador  
**Public Libraries**



## New Service: LinkedIn Learning

You can now access free online courses through LinkedIn Learning with your NLPL card!

LinkedIn Learning and other literacy services are available to everyone in the province as a result of an investment by The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador through its Adult Literacy Action Plan.

Find LinkedIn Learning on <https://digitallibrary.nlpl.ca/>

Get the LinkedIn Learning app - Android:

<https://shorturl.at/OVY35>

iOS: <https://shorturl.at/cjsJV>

(Library ID: "NLPL")



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Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries

## Drop-In Children's Library Summer Programs

### *Friday Free Play (Ages 0-3)*

Drop in with your baby to play and meet other caregivers.

Fridays: 9:30am to 11:30am

### *Lego Free Play (Ages 4+)*

We provide the LEGO! Build and create together with your child.

Fridays in July and August: 2:00pm-4:00pm

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 [August calendar](#).

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## 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.

The St. John's LIP also has many opportunities for you to get involved.

Comprised of volunteers who participate through involvement in one of our three working groups: Welcoming + Wellness, Employment + Skilled Labour, and Education + Training we welcome your passion in these areas to help us uplift and empower our newcomer community.

Contact [immigration@stjohns.ca](mailto:immigration@stjohns.ca) for more information or to get involved.



**We send out a monthly newsletter; please send your September updates by August 28, 2023**

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