

## ST. JOHN'S

LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

# St. John's LIP Newsletter September 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.

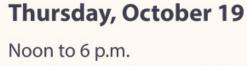
#### In this Newsletter:

You will notice that there are links, if bolded or in colour, it often means they are active and meant to be **clicked**.

City of St. John's: News and Updates



Join us at the My New St. John's Expo!



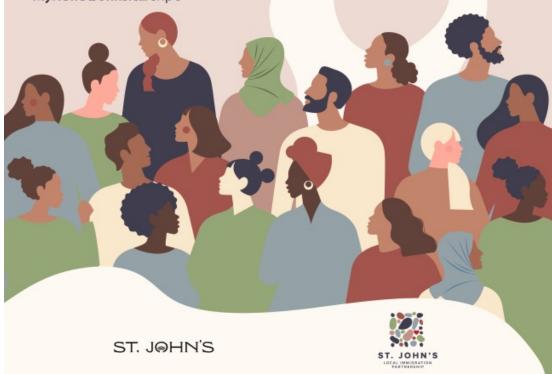
St. John's Community Market 245 Freshwater Road



Connect with 40 community partners to fully engage in all aspects of social, economic and cultural life.

For more info visit

MyNewStJohns.ca/expo



**Discover the Expo** 

#### You could be the next Poet Laureate of St. John's

The City of St. John's Poet Laureate acts as an ambassador for literary arts. Through the Poet Laureate, the City recognizes literary arts, and all art, as a

fundamental and necessary component of society.

The Poet Laureate receives an honorarium of \$5,000 per year. Applications are currently being accepted for the position.

**Apply Now** 

#### Music @ Series

Continuing this month, every Friday (weather permitting) until September 22, come down to **Harbourside park** 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.** 

### **Immigration: News and Updates**



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

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#### Canada Announces the First-Ever Express Entry Invitations for Newcomers with Experience in the Trades

The Canadian government is inviting candidates with specific work experience or French language ability to apply for permanent residence via the new 2023 Express Entry pathway. The pathway announced the first trades round for category-based selection opened earlier this month. This focus on candidates with trades expertise—including carpentry, plumbing, and welding—will help Canada's construction sector. Category-based selection rounds will continue throughout the year, alongside general

invitation rounds, with more to be announced in the coming weeks.

#### **Express Entry categories chosen for 2023 are:**

- 1. French-language proficiency
- 2. Healthcare occupations
- 3. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) occupations
- 4. Trade occupations
- 5. Transport occupations
- 6. Agriculture and agri-food occupations

## **Partners: News and Updates**

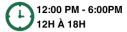




It's Welcoming Week for Newcomers in Canada! Sharing Our Cultures is hosting an Open House on September 15 and 16. Drop by to find out more about our programs, projects, and events.

C'est la semaine d'accueil des nouveaux arrivants au Canada! À la découverte de nos cultures organise une journée portes ouvertes les 15 et 16 septembre. Passez nous voir pour en savoir plus sur nos programmes, projets et événements.







Live music, hands-on activities, conversations and refreshments. Musique live, activités d'artisanat, conversations et rafraîchissements.











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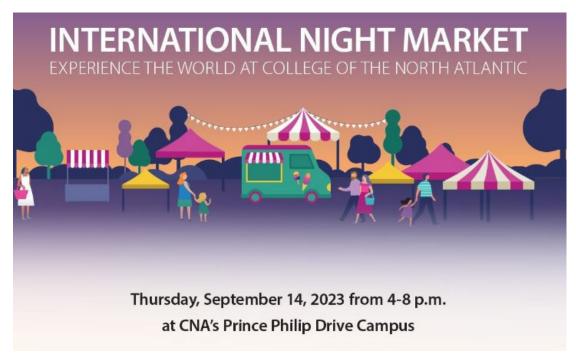
#### **Open House Event**

We invite you to drop in at our Sharing Our Cultures' Open House Event, in celebration of Welcoming Week, on September 15 and 16, 2023, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm at our office at 390 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's.

Our organization works towards creating an inclusive, equitable, safe, and respectful space where school children and youth and their families from diverse cultural backgrounds can feel a sense of place and belonging and be proud of their culture. By opening our doors, we will bring together the community to engage, celebrate, and learn from each other. This event will showcase our programs, projects, and events; local and newcomer artists; and craft activities.

Welcoming Week is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people, places, and values that help everyone feel welcome. This year's theme is "to bring together new and long-term residents to create communities where everyone feels like they belong, no matter where they come from" (#immigrationmatters). We will recognize the support we have received from our partners, sponsors, and volunteers during the event. We look forward to welcoming you!









#### **Homestay Host Program**

The Homestay Hosting Program invites Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to host Ukrainian newcomers as they navigate through their settlement journey to "set roots" and make this province



#### Applications are OPEN for our Newcomer Entrepreneurship Training (NET) Program

The NET program is a series of one-evening sessions per week in 12-14 weeks. This program is aimed at providing the potential

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** or 709 693 2918

entrepreneurs with both theoretical and practical knowledge that can enhance their entrepreneurial skills and build an entrepreneurial mindset. Popular concepts and methodologies like lean start-up, design thinking, business canvas models, among others, will be introduced while learning how to pitch business ideas to different audiences.

Deadline to apply is September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **Apply here** 

You can find more information about our project at https://www.ancnl.ca/e-ascent/net-program/ or email specialprograms@ancnl.ca

#### **Job Openings at the ANC**

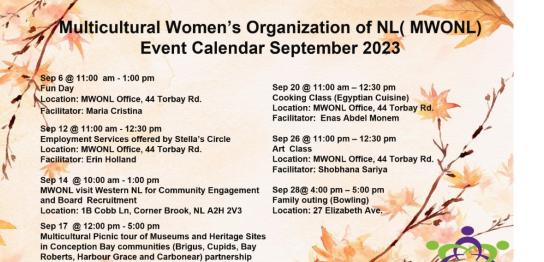
The Association for New Canadians employs a team of dedicated individuals who work together in a diverse workplace to provide an array of services to newcomers in the province. Check out their job openings at www.ancnl.ca/careers

#### **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. 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.

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

This month's drop in session will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>! 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. This session will be based on Employment. Drop in and ask us any questions you have on employment and the labour market. Here is the link to the **registration form**. We hope to see you there!



All events are free. To register and information contact maam at inaam.j@mwonl.com or call MWONL Office on (709)726-0321.

with Tombolo Multicultural Festival.

## ST. JOHN'S TOMBOLO Multicultural Festival 2023

Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Join Us to Celebrate Cultural Diversity in Newfoundland and Labrador

#### FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES:

- i). EVENING CONCERT: Friday, September 29 at 7:00 pm at The John C. Perlin Arts and Culture Centre main Theatre.
- ii). MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE WORKSHOPS: Saturday, September 30 at 11:00 am at The John C. Perlin Arts and Culture Centre. Free Admission.
- iii). MULTICULTURAL FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR: Sunday, October 1 at 10 am at St. John's Farmers' Market.
- iv). MULTICLTURAL VARIETY CONCERT: Sunday, October 1 at 7:00 pm at St. John's Farmers' Market location. Free Admission.

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#### **Tombolo Festival 2023**

Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1, 2023 at St. John's Arts and Culture Centre and St. John's Farmers' Market locations. A celebration of cultural diversity and the arts in Newfoundland and Labrador. The festival will feature multicultural variety concerts, multicultural heritage workshops, multicultural food and craft fair and more.

#### **Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund**

Providing micro-loans to newcomers allows them to overcome financial barriers to upgrade their skills and obtain their license or certification.

The AICLF can help eligible applicants pay for:

- Registration fees
- · Licensing and examination fees
- · Training, tuition fees, related text books or online resources
- · Living expenses (during exams or a specific training)
- · Travel and accommodation expenses to complete exams and courses
- · Work tools



#### **Microgrants for Immigrant and Refugee Youth**

GLOCAL Foundation of Canada provides microgrants in the forms of \$5,000-\$500 for immigrant and refugee youth with creative ideas through the CANConnect program.

Deadline for submissions is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023



#### **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.

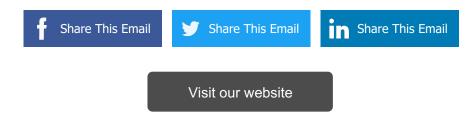
Comprised of volunteers who participate through involvement in one of our three working groups: Welcoming + Wellness, Employment + Skilled Labour, and Education + Training we welcome your passion in these areas to help us

uplift and empower our newcomer community.

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

## We send out a monthly newsletter; please send your October updates by September 25, 2023

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