



ST. JOHN'S

LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

St. John's LIP Newsletter December 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



Holiday Lights at Bowring Park!

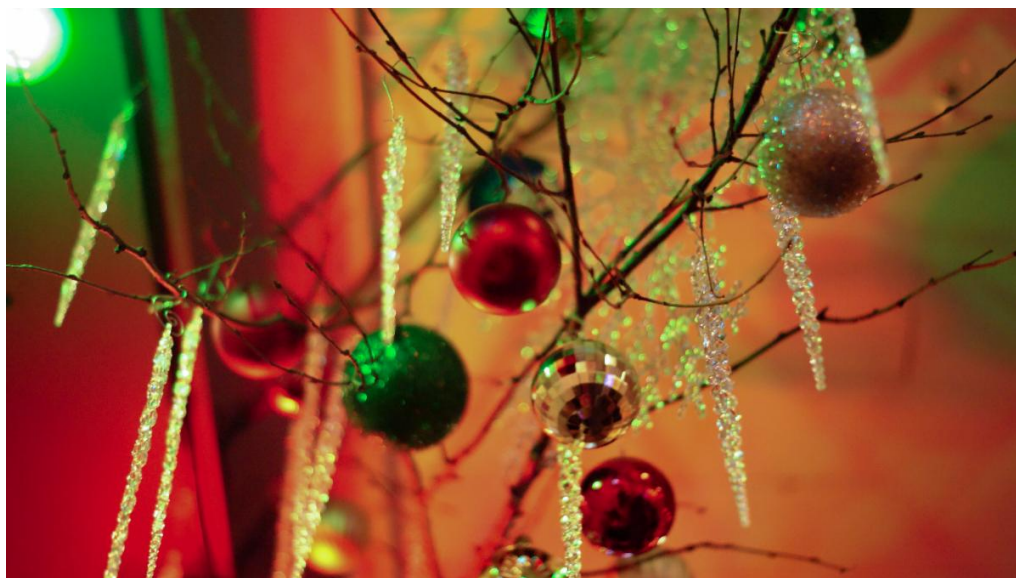
Let there be light—holiday lights!

Ring in the season with our 22nd annual celebration of holiday music and lights at Bowring Park Duck Pond. Experience the bright lights and festive music as we officially light the park for the holiday season. Feature performers include Sherry Ryan, Salt Beef Junkies and more. St. John's Lions Club will be distributing free hot chocolate so don't forget to bring a re-usable mug.

Community Food Sharing Association will also be onsite, collecting non-perishable food items for the food bank.

You are welcome to bring a flashlight or a personal light to join in the festivities!

Date: Dec 2, 2023 at 5 p.m. (Backup date: Dec. 9, 2023)



New Year's Eve Celebration

Fireworks and entertainment in a family-friendly atmosphere; celebrations include free swims, a skating party and a countdown to the fireworks at **Quidi Vidi Lake**

Date: Dec 31, 2023, 8:00 pm - 11:55 pm

[Full List of NYE Events](#)

Immigration: News and Updates



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada

National Settlement and Resettlement Funding Call for Proposals Now Accepting Applications

The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring that eligible newcomers have the support and services they need to succeed in fully integrating into and contributing both to the Canadian economy and to their new communities.

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, launched the national settlement and resettlement funding call for proposals to fund hundreds of settlement and resettlement **service provider organizations** across Canada, outside of Quebec, who provide critical services to newcomers. The funding agreements are for a period of five years.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply for the call for proposals, please visit our **website**. The deadline is January 31, 2024.

Partner and Community: 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
709 693 2918



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 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**.

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. 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**.



BACKPACK DRIVE!

CONTACT:
709-687-9021
to arrange drop off

OR DONATE:
ancnl.ca/donate



Call for Backpacks

ANC's Child and Youth Programs department is in need of backpacks for newcomer students. In addition to backpacks, a donation of any kind would be greatly appreciated by us and our newcomer youth. If you have the means to give, please visit ancnl.ca/donate or call **709-687-9021** to arrange a drop off. Thank you for your support!

ANC Q&A Drop-in Session

The ANC will be hosting a virtual information session on financial literacy on Wednesday, **December 13th from 7-8 PM** (6:30-7:30 PM for most of Labrador).

These sessions will be held through Zoom or Google Meet. Please complete and submit the form to register. We will send you the meeting link 24 hours before the event.

*Please note that if you are not a current client of the Association for New Canadians, we will contact you by phone to confirm your immigration status in Canada.

[Register here!](#)



Immigrant Loan Pilot Program

Loans of up to \$20,000 for temporary residents, age 19 years and older, wishing to start a registered business in our area. Access to training, advisory and consulting services. Seasonal and part-time businesses are acceptable. Most sectors are eligible, and fixed interest will be charged at prime rate plus 3%.

[Application Form](#)



Multicultural Women's Organization of NL survey

The MWONL is a non-profit organization that has served newcomer, immigrant, and visible minority women and their families for over 35 years, offering programs and services to assist and support women and their families.

The survey is being conducting across St. John's and surrounding areas to hear from community organizations who work with equity-deserving groups to gain insights on barriers preventing them from accessing resources. Feedback will help improve programming at MWONL.

The survey will take roughly 5 minutes to complete and your responses will be kept confidential.

[Take the Survey](#)



MULTICULTURAL GALA NIGHT

Join us to Celebrate and Honour
14 Inspiring Immigrant Women

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 6:00PM
ST. JOHN'S FARMERS' MARKET HALL

Lloydetta Quaicoe, Yamuna Kutty, Mona El-Tahan,
Kaberi Sarma-Debnath, Sobia Shaikh, Victoria Jalloh,
Constanza Saftala Ferrari, Grace Okwera, Hazel Alpuerto,
Vanessa Cardosos-Whelan, Ying Zhang, Sanchita Chakroborty

3-Course Multicultural Dinner,
Live Music Entertainment & Silent Auction

TICKETS: \$50 Each

CONTACT US FOR TICKETS: Tel.: (709) 699-6995

E-mail: infowecarefoundationnl@gmail.com

Multicultural Gala Night

Multicultural Gala Night to celebrate to 14 inspiring immigrant women in St. John's. Organized by We Care Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (WCFNL).

There will be 3-course multicultural dinner, live music entertainment, and silent auction. Tickets are now on sale. Proceeds will go towards WCFNL economic and social support programs and services for newcomers, new immigrants and refugees.

Email infowecarefoundationnl@gmail.com or call 709-699-6995 to purchase tickets for this event.

Have you heard of the Canada Learning Bond?

Your child could be eligible to receive up to \$2000 towards their college or university education.

> What is it?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a **grant of up to \$2,000** from the Government of Canada to help eligible families with the cost of education after high school. The CLB is for families that may need **financial assistance with the cost of education** and eligibility is retroactive.

Free money
for
education!



> Interested in applying? We can help!

Visit ywcastjohns.com/clb or reach out at the contact info below:

Rosie Myers, Financial Empowerment Coordinator
Call/Text: (709) 771-7454 | Email: rosie@ywcastjohns.ca



Sign up for the CLB and let us know how it went and you will receive a \$100 gift card.



Call for Mentees & Mentors!

Are you a **young woman or gender diverse youth** seeking guidance on building a meaningful career?

Are you a **professional** looking to volunteer as a **youth mentor**?

This opportunity is for you!

Join **CareerCompass**, a career exploration, readiness, and mentorship program for young women and gender diverse youth, **ages 18-25**.



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Future Launch

CareerCompass

Grounded in frameworks of intersectional gender equity, social justice, and strengths-based approaches, the CareerCompass program is a career

exploration, readiness, and mentorship program developed by YWCA for young women and gender diverse youth between ages 18 and 25. The program includes one-on-one mentorship for youth seeking guidance on building meaningful careers. In addition to mentorship, program participants also get an opportunity to learn, and/or build on, technical and interpersonal skills through workshops focused on career and personal development. More information on the program can be found here: <https://www.ywcastjohns.com/career-compass>.

The CareerCompass program is scheduled to start in **January 2024**, and **applications are now open!**

[Mentee Application](#)

[Mentor Application](#)



Race 2 Dinner event

As you prepare for the holiday season, do you know how you will handle conversations about race and racism amongst your family, friends and party guests? Consider attending this dinner to learn how to handle those moments.

Date: December 2nd at 6pm

[Purchase Tickets](#)



HOLIDAY HOSTING

Host an international student for Dinner!

The Internationalization Office is seeking hosts to invite international students to their home for a holiday meal.

How it works:

- Two students are invited for a dinner/meal between December 23rd to 30th.
- You will be paired with students by Dec. 15th.
- Notification & introduction via email.

Hosting international students promotes global friendship and cooperation by enhancing understanding of differences and appreciation of similarities.

If you would like to be a host, please email Deepika Vashisth: ddeepika@mun.ca or call 864-3234 by Friday, Dec. 8th, 2023.

www.mun.ca

MEMORIAL
UNIVERSITY

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.

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