



ST. JOHN'S

LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

St. John's LIP Newsletter February 2024

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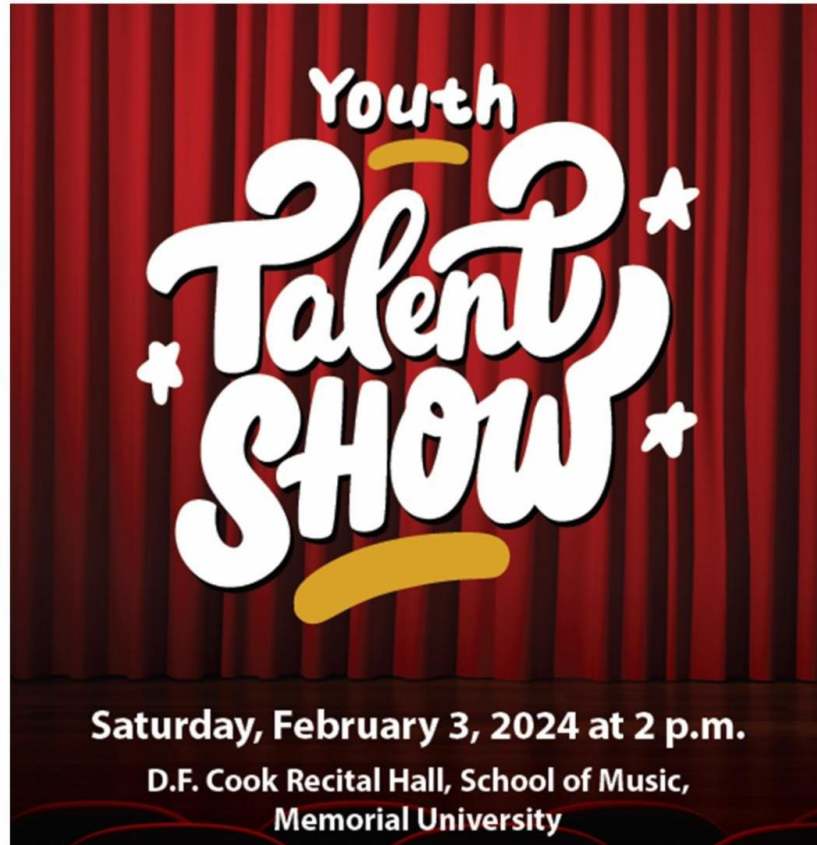
You will notice that there are links, if bolded or in colour, it often means they are active and meant to be **clicked**.

Changes Coming in 2024

Thank you for following along with the St. John's Local Immigration Partnership newsletter. In 2024 we anticipate some changes coming to this space. Our frequency and content may change, but we welcome you to share any news and promotional materials with us via:

immigration@stjohns.ca

City of St. John's: News and Updates



Youth Talent Show

The City of St. John's is hosting a Youth Talent Show, an annual event to showcase talents of our young stars. If you're between the ages of 10 and 16 years, sign up today to perform your talent in a positive and encouraging environment. Whether you're a singer, dancer, musician, magician or possess a unique skill, this is your chance to shine!

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: D.F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music, Memorial University

Building Safer Communities Grant Program

The City of St. John's has launched a new grant program to support community-based service providers in developing or strengthening crime and violence prevention and intervention initiatives or programs for children, youth, young adults, and their families.

The City of St. John's invites community-based service providers working with children, youth, young adults, and their families to apply for funding with the Building Safer Communities Grant to expand existing or develop new initiatives that align with one or more of the following key program objectives:

- Addressing risk factors and/or strengthening protective factors.
- Tackling the root causes of crime and/or violence.
- Alleviating the impacts of crime and/or violence on vulnerable groups.
- Preventing or intervening in crime and/or violence involvement among children, youth, young adults, and their families.

Application deadline: February 11, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

Successful applicants will have until March 31, 2025, to complete their projects.

[Details & Application for the Building Safer Communities Grant](#)



City of St. John's ChillFest Winter Festival

The City of St. John's winter festival, Chillfest, happens February 9 to 14.

ChillFest is a community-wide celebration of winter, with a variety of free activities for all ages and abilities. All events are free, however registration may be required.

Activities range from: free swimming, a cozy Kitchen Party, skating parties at The Loop, the Freez'n Fun Run at Bowring Park and more!

The City of St. John's strives to create accessible and inclusive programs and services where possible. To request accommodations, learn more or provide feedback or suggestions, please call 576-4450 or email inclusion@stjohns.ca.

[ChillFest Schedule of Events & Details](#)

Request for Submissions - 77 Charter Ave, Suite 100

The City of St. John's is currently seeking submissions from non-profit organizations working on housing and/or poverty reduction for the use and occupation of 77 Charter Ave, Suite 100. The venue offers a blend of office

space, a large multipurpose space, and commercial kitchen and café.

Additional details regarding the request can be found on the [City's website](#).

Submission deadline: February 23, 2024.

Ward 4 By-Election

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024 the City of St. John's will hold the ward 4 by-election.

If you are interested in running for the position of ward 4 councilor, nomination dates are February 6 to 13, 2024.

Check the [City's website](#) to learn which ward you live in and to ensure you are on the voters list.

Voting will take place by mail starting the week of February 26th, and for those who would like to vote in person it will occur on March 12th at multiple locations [details to be announced].

Eligible voters must live in ward 4, be 18 yrs+ and Canadian citizens.

[Ward 4 By-Election Details](#)

Immigration: News and Updates



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada

Reduction of New International Student Permits in 2024

In the spirit of fairness, individual provincial and territorial caps have been established, weighted by population, which will result in much more significant decreases in provinces where the international student population has seen the most unsustainable growth.

During this period, the Government of Canada will continue to work with provinces and territories, designated learning institutions and national education stakeholders on developing a sustainable path forward for international students, including finalizing a recognized institution framework, determining long-term sustainable levels of international students and ensuring post-secondary institutions are able to provide adequate levels of student housing.

In the weeks ahead, open work permits will only be available to spouses of international students in master's and doctoral programs.

Provinces and territories are expected to establish a process for issuing attestation letters to students by no later than March 31, 2024.

[Read IRCC's Full News Release](#)

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.

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!

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

WE ARE HIRING!

CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS (CAYP) COUNSELLOR

LOCATION: ST. JOHN'S
2 FULL TIME POSITIONS
CLOSING: FEB 06, 2024

APPLY NOW!

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Jobs Opportunity

Do you want to help support to newcomer children and youth attending school and/or experiencing transitional issues adjusting to life in their new home? CAYP Counsellor is the job for you! Visit <http://ancnl.ca/careers> for more information and how to apply

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**.

[Visit our Website](#)



Printable Valentines Cards

Need some cards to help spread the love this Valentines Day? Stress no more with First Light's printable cards!

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Reconceptualizing and Reclaiming African Historical Narratives

To mark this landmark February and **African History and Liberation Month**, scholar **Dr. Beverly-Jean Daniel** will deliver a keynote presentation on moving beyond the interruption of enslavement to reconceptualize and reclaim African historical narratives.

Presented by Memorial University's **Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism**, in partnership with **The Rooms**.

Tickets \$12 (+HST), \$10(+HST) for students and unwaged.

Friday, Feb. 2, 7-8:30 p.m.
The Rooms, 9 Bonaventure Ave, St. John's

[Purchase Ticket](#)



LUNAR NEW YEAR STORY TIME

Saturday, February 3rd, 2 pm

Come learn about and celebrate the upcoming
Lunar New Year.

Best suited for ages 0-6.

To register: Call 737-3020 or

Email: MarjorieMews-Programming@nlpl.ca

Marjorie Mews Library 12 Highland Drive

Black Business Initiative
BBI



BBI & CENTRA PRESENT

BLACK OWNED VENDOR MARKET

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
2024

LOCATION: ST. JOHN'S FARMERS
MARKET

TIME: 5PM – 9PM

Black Owned Vendor Market

With a variety of vendors from: food, art, music, fashion and more this event will be sure to delight your entire family. Presented by **Centra** in partnership with the **Black Business Initiative**.

[Reserve your \(free\) Ticket](#)



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Organizational Capacity Building – Multiculturalism & Anti-Racism Program

Heritage Canada is providing funding for not-for-profit organizations/associations, unincorporated groups; Indigenous governments, band councils or tribal councils to build and strengthen organization's internal capacity to meet the objectives of the Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program.

The program is intended to fund projects that will contribute to the recipient's ability to:

- advance anti-racism and promote intercultural and interfaith understanding
- provide equitable opportunities
- promote dialogue on multiculturalism and anti-racism
- build understanding of disparities

Submission deadline: February 22, 2024

[Application Details](#)

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Employers of Diversity Awards

The *Atlantic Business Magazine* is currently accepting nominations for the Employers of Diversity Awards. Initiatives might include diversity targets, health accommodations, flexible work options, respectful workplace policies, parental supports and other creative programs.

Winners will be announced in the July edition of *Atlantic Business Magazine*. Nominations submitted after March 1 will be held for the following year.

SAVE THE DATE **RÉSERVEZ LA DATE**

17-20 March 2024
17-20 Mars 2024

24th Edition of Sharing Our Cultures
À la découverte de nos cultures 24eme Édition

The Rooms
9 Bonaventure Avenue
St. John's

One world, many stories - Heritage Art and Craft
Un monde, diverses histoires - Art et artisanat du patrimoine

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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