

St John's LIP November 2025 Newsletter

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 funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

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City Of St. John's Updates



Pumpkin Walk

Join us for the annual City of St. John's Pumpkin Walk at Bannerman Park!

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025 (Inclement Weather Date: November 2)

Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Location**: Bannerman Park

Enjoy a free and inclusive evening filled with Halloween family fun! Bring your jack-o'-lantern (pumpkin) to display along the perimeter of The Loop and take part in a spooktacular night featuring music, a live DJ, pop-up performances, free hot chocolate, and maybe even a few zombies!

Bringing a pumpkin is optional — everyone is welcome. A light will be provided for each pumpkin displayed.

To help reduce waste, please bring your own reusable mug for your free hot chocolate.

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St. John's LIP Learning Day

The St. John's Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) recently hosted a Learning Day event in St. John's that brought together LIP's from across Atlantic Canada

for a day of knowledge sharing, collaboration, and connection.

From dynamic sessions on leadership and collaboration to insightful discussions on research and evidence-based planning, the two-day event was filled with learning, inspiration, and meaningful discussions on advancing newcomer inclusion.

Special thanks to our facilitators – Bradley Sheppard and Willow Anderson for bringing their expertise and passion to the table — and to all participants for contributing thoughtful insights that will help shape our work ahead. Together, we're building stronger, more welcoming communities.













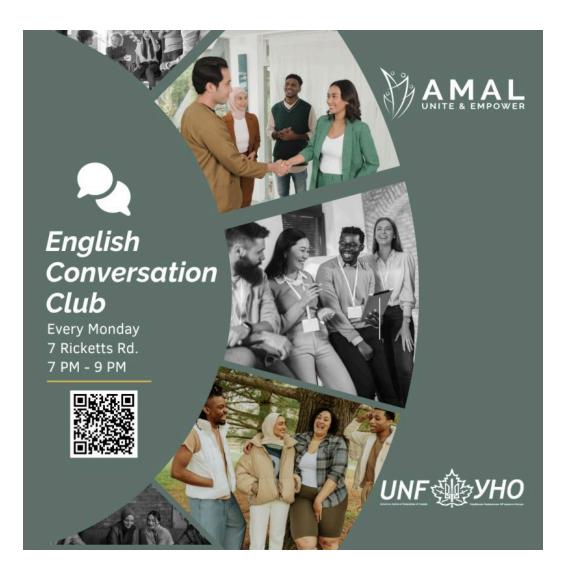
My New St. John's Expo 2025

We recently hosted our fifth annual My New St. John's Expo, this year's event brought together newcomers, community leaders, and local organizations — all celebrating the diversity, talent, and connection that make our city so special.

From learning about settlement supports and community programs to taking part in powerful sessions like Pathway to Cultural Intelligence and Employment Plan in Action, this year was all about sharing knowledge, building understanding, and creating pathways for everyone to thrive.

Thank you to everyone who came out or took part!

Partner and Community: News and Updates



English Conversation Club

Want to speak English better?

The English Conversation Club is the perfect place to practice and meet new people - no pressure!

- Two groups: beginner & advanced
- Small group chats with friendly volunteers
- Real-life topics + learn useful phrases to use every day
- Get pronunciation tips

Every Monday at 5:00 PM. Register each week to save your spot!

Register



First Light is Hiring

We're hiring!

Do you believe that culturally grounded care and support are the foundation of strong, thriving communities?

We are looking for two new leaders to join our team:

Manager of Housing & Justice

Lead programs that walk alongside Indigenous individuals and families navigating housing and justice systems — building trust, empowering resilience, and ensuring community members feel seen and supported.

Manager of Health Services

Guide our health programming with care, supporting community members on their healing journeys, strengthening connections to wellness, and uplifting Indigenous ways of health and healing.

Both roles are about leadership rooted in trust, care, and belonging. Join us in creating spaces where community can thrive!

m Applications close November 12, 2025

Learn More



Join the Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

The Association for New Canadians (ANC) is forming a Youth Advisory Group — a team of newcomer and racialized youth (ages 18–30) with diverse cultural and artistic backgrounds.

The YAG will help identify challenges and barriers to entry in the creative arts and collaborate with ANC to shape a series of workshops and training sessions happening between November/December 2025 and April 2026.

Members will meet virtually (around 6 hours per month) to share insights, attend workshops, and contribute ideas for building more inclusive pathways in the arts. YAG members will also be invited to take part in ANC's Multimedia Exhibition in April 2026 and may have opportunities to help deliver cultural awareness training to arts organizations.

Deadline: Friday, November 7, 2025 — if you're interested and/ or need more information, please reach out to creativearts@ancnl.ca or Bchapman-smith@ancnl.ca



Free Information Session for Temporary Foreign Workers

Temporary Foreign Workers: Join us for a FREE information session with Service Canada. This in-person presentation will discuss topics such as

- Employment Insurance
- Regular and Special Benefits
- Social Insurance Number Safety
- The Online Job Bank for Newcomers
- Plus many more!

Don't miss the opportunity to learn this valuable and useful information!

- m Monday, November 3rd, 2025
- 6:00 pm 8:00 pm
- 148 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1S4

Online Safety Information Session for Parents and Caregivers

Understand and prevent the online sexual exploitation of youth

Presented by:

The Coalition Against the Sexual Exploitation of Youth and the RNC's Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit

THIS SESSION WILL COVER:

- FORMS OF ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION SUCH AS SEXTORTION
- EXPLANATION OF THE AGE OF CONSENT IN CANADA
- THE STAGES OF GROOMING
- IDEAS FOR CREATING A FAMILY MEDIA PLAN
- WHERE YOU CAN GO FOR HELP
- TIME FOR DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

With

Renee McDonald, RNC Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit Nicole Deveau, CASEY Coordinator Rose Fazli, CASEY Youth Prevention Coordinator









Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 4: ndeveau@thrivecyn.ca or (709) 754-0536 ext. 203

Online Safety Information Session for Parents and Caregivers

You're invited! To our Online Safety Information Session for Parents and Caregivers. Increase your understanding and learn how to better prevent the online sexual exploitation of youth.

Presented by our province's Coalition Against the Sexual Exploitation of Youth and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit.

- Wednesday, November 5
- 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thrive 807 Water Street (Parking available on-site)

This information session will cover:

- Forms of online sexual exploitation such as sextortion
- Explanation of the age of consent in Canada
- The stages of grooming
- Ideas for creating a family media plan
- Where you can go for help
- Time for discussion and questions

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 4, or to contact the organizers with any questions: ndeveau@thrivecyn.ca or (709) 754-0536 ext. 203.



The OMIMO Community Forum 2025

OMIMO is a global movement for open, minimalist, and modular project management. It empowers individuals and organizations to adopt lightweight, inclusive methods that scale, from Micro-Projects to Complex Initiatives. This annual live event brings together contributors, practitioners, and partner organizations from around the world to reflect on what's been achieved, and share what's next.

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Free and open to all.



Compliance and Risk Management for Nonprofit Leadership

Strengthen your Nonprofit Leadership! Learn How to Navigate Compliance, Governance, and Risk Management with confidence.

- m Thursday, November 6, 2025
- 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
- P Engineering And Applied Science Building (Room EN 1052), Memorial University
- 4 Kerwin PI, St. John's, NL A1B 3V6

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.

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

Visit our Website

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