



Important Note: H1N1 Vaccination Factsheet

Due to a large number of requests to provide translation of the documents regarding H1N1 vaccination, an H1N1 Vaccination Factsheet translated into Arabic, Chinese, Korean, French, and Spanish is now available for download on our website at www.peianc.com.



Frequently asked Questions (FAQ's) about the PEI ANC Host Program

What is the Friendship Program?

The Friendship Program is a branch of the Host Program which facilitates matching volunteers from the local community with recent immigrants to Canada. Volunteers' valuable contribution can ease the frustration and loneliness that newcomers often face as they adapt to their new life in PEI.

What do Friendship Program Volunteers do?

Volunteers can offer the opportunity to practice English, an intro to Canadian culture, customs and society, recreation and leisure activities, friendship, and help with everyday tasks, such as shopping, banking, or building a social network.

For more information contact Naomi or Marilenne at 628-6009.



In the Spotlight ... Karen Banfill "I love being a volunteer"

It was after I went on a mission trip in October of 2008 to Guatemala that I realized how much I loved meeting and learning about people of other cultures. I started thinking seriously about what I could do to connect and possibly help in some way with people here on PEI who are not only "from away" but from other cultures as well.



Photo by: Ricardo Reyes

After reading articles in the newspaper, I learned about the Newcomers Association and what they and their volunteers do. I was excited, and signed up as a volunteer with the Host/Friendship program in December of 2008, and have since then taken their ESL training.

Irene Lopez from EL Salvador and I were matched in February of 2009. It has been a wonderful friendship growing between the two of us and also her three children, Ricardo, Andrea and of course little Maria Jose. We have visited a few of my favourite spots here on PEI. The family has also been out to my home near Montague where we've walked in the woods, visited Panmure Island while there was still ice in the water, and just spent time getting to know each other using limited English, lots of body language, hand gestures, and of course loads of laughter. They in turn are trying to teach me a little Spanish, which gives me a bit of an idea of just how difficult learning another language can be.

I love being a volunteer with the Newcomers Association and look forward to a continuing friendship with my present match, Irene, and if I can be of service in helping another newcomer to our fair Isle I'm looking forward to that too.

Congratulations Douglas Sung Mu Huh

On receiving CSCMA certification and registering as an Acupuncturist in PEI.



We look forward to seeing the advancement of Traditional Korean Medicine at both the Sports Centre Physiotherapy in Charlottetown and at the Atlantis Health Spa in Summerside.

Join us for the Community Celebration for the Olympic Torch Relay!

Charlottetown will welcome the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay on November 21st, 2009 at the Charlottetown Waterfront. There will be performances by Ra On Je Na (Korean Drum Band) and Count and the Cuban Cocktail. The torch will arrive during the celebration at approx. 7 pm. The Community Celebration will focus on families and be reflective of our linguistic, cultural and community diversity.





Canada World Youth at the PEI ANC



My name's Jordain. I'm from Stonewall, Manitoba. I've been living in Charlottetown since mid-September as a part of the youth volunteer program called *Canada World Youth*. It is a six-month program for 17-25 year olds where you live and volunteer somewhere in Canada for three months and somewhere overseas for the other three months. There are 18 of us in our group in Charlottetown. Nine of us are from across Canada and nine from our partner country which is Ghana, Africa.

For the past month and a half, Lizzie (one of the Ghanaian girls) and I have been volunteering at PEI ANC. We've been doing a variety of jobs such as photocopying, tagging along for presentations, inputting information for the library and helping out with the homework club on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which I've really enjoyed. Once I finish the program I am planning on going to university for International Development so I am enjoying working somewhere that I can see how I could use that degree. So far the time that I have spent at this work placement and in Charlottetown has been super!

On December 15th we are going to be leaving for the other half of our project in Ghana. We are going to be staying in a small village in the Central Region called Otum and I can't wait. At the same time I'm super nervous and not really sure what to expect. But the main reason that I came on this program is to gain new experiences and learn what I can from them. I have no doubt that my time in Ghana will be one experience after another. For more information about the Canada World Youth Program, you can visit www.canadaworldyouth.org.

Global Jam is back!

Global Jam is a great opportunity for musicians, dancers, and music lovers to get together to share music from around the world! The next Global Jam is on December 2nd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the **Downtown Deli** on 58 Grafton St., Charlottetown.



Congratulations to Adnan and Pinar Paputcu on the successful opening of their new business, *Gusto Patisserie*, located at 25 Pownal Street in Charlottetown!

Thanks to everyone who came out for the PEI ANC Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 15th, 2009! For those of you who were unable to attend, you can download a copy of our 2008-09 Annual Report on our website at:

http://www.peienc.com/sitefiles/File/reports/AnnualReports/AR_08-09.pdf

WELCOME to the newest members of the PEI ANC Team...

Andrea Wilson – ISAP



I am very happy to be welcomed as the newest member of the PEI ANC team and will be working with Erin and Alex on Immigrant Settlement. As a 'newcomer' to Canada myself I had many people help me along the way and I look forward to now being able to help others.

Marilenne Ureña – Host Program



Joining the Host Program at the PEI ANC has given me the great opportunity of forming new relationships, especially between cultures but also with a growing team of volunteers who continue to be the key to the success of this program. Let's keep working together in providing settlement and long-term integration of new immigrants to Canada.

Naomi Arron – Host Program



I am excited to be working with the Host Program at the PEI ANC. I'm looking forward to helping newcomers feel welcome and comfortable in their new surroundings while providing opportunities to Islanders to meet some of the newest members of their communities. We have a lot of great events coming up over the next few months and I hope to see you all there!

Farewell to Joey Seaman, Jenny Johnston, Sharon Chuu, and Chelsea Biggar who have recently left the PEI ANC. We wish you the best of luck in all your future adventures!

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Alex Yin, his wife Juan, and daughter Kitty on the newest addition to their family, Max, born on Wednesday, October 21st, 2009.



PEI Association for
Newcomers to Canada

Phone: (902) 628-6009

Fax: (902) 894-4928

E-mail: info@peienc.com

Website: www.peienc.com

25 University Ave., PO Box 2846
Charlottetown PE
C1A 8C4

Host Post brought to you by
Marilenne Ureña & Naomi Arron