



The Host Post

Summer 2006



NEWSLETTER OF THE PEI ASSOCIATION FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

Summer Programs- ISL & Host

This summer we are happy to be offering an eight-week ISL (Immigrant Student Liaison) day camp for school-age children, and activities for adults and preschool-age children through the Host Program. Special welcome to **Adam MacIsaac**, our summer student who will be working with the children. The schedule is as follows:

ISL Day Camp:

Ages 6-12 Mondays & Thursdays
9:30-3:00

Ages 12-19 Tuesdays & Fridays
9:30-3:00

*Meeting at the PEI ANC office.
To register, or for more information, contact Rocío or Brianne at 628-6009

Activities for Women & Preschool Children:

Mondays & Thursdays 11am-12 noon

Activities for Men & Preschool Children:

Tuesdays & Fridays 11am-12 noon

*Meeting at the Confederation Centre Library. To register, or for more information, contact Erica at 628-6009



Welcome Brianne & Welcome Back Ruth

It is with great pleasure we welcome Ruth Mathiang and Brianne MacLean to our staff at the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada. Ruth is our

newest Settlement Worker, and Brianne is working in the ISL program with our school-age clients. They both look forward to serving our newcomer clients in their respective programs.



Testimony by Our 'Canadian Friend', Kathy Burt

My name is Kathy Burt and I have been a host volunteer with the PEI

Association for Newcomers to Canada since September of 2005. I am 'matched' with Martha. Martha and I usually spend time together on the weekends. Our partnership has really evolved into a friendship in that I really don't consider myself a "volunteer" but rather a "friend" - I treasure our time together. Martha is a wonderful person and I truly enjoy spending time with her and her family. She has welcomed me into her home and included me in her family celebrations which has left me feeling as though I've gained more from this experience than I could ever possibly give!

I've also had the opportunity to meet many other "newcomers" through this organization and it really has been a privilege! I have such admiration for the courage that these individuals possess in leaving all that is familiar to them, including their loved ones, family, and friends in order to come to a new country and start a new life - their inner strength and determination is really quite remarkable!



I have absolutely loved every minute of my volunteer experience. The opportunity to learn about different cultures has been a treat, but most of all the friendships that have developed have been the greatest gift—thank you for this incredible experience!!! Kathy L. Burt.

If other volunteers or newcomers would like to submit a testimony of their experience in the Host Program, contact Erica at: erica@peianc.com

Heritage Fair 2006

Congratulations to Nafiza Amiri and to Rebecca Lewis for their achievements in the PEI Provincial Heritage Fair. Rebecca was the recipient of the PEI ANC specialty award. Both girls will be representing PEI in the National Heritage Fair in Halifax this summer. Best of luck to both of you!



Confederation Centre Library is offering a number of summer programs for children. See the enclosed brochure to find out details. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of these free educational activities.

Canada Day ... Check out the activities going on in Charlottetown this Canada Day weekend, or talk to one of our Youth Ambassadors: Wajia Temor, Sebastian Cardona, Johnattan Vallejo, Dzenita Barucija, Pakiro Siboko, who will be volunteering at the waterfront over the weekend. Enjoy the festivities and fireworks!
See: <http://www.city.charlottetown.pe.ca/>



World Refugee Day 2006

This year's theme for World Refugee Day was HOPE. Our event on June 20th at Holy Redeemer Parish Hall gave us inspiration and reason to continue working for the resettlement of refugees all over the world. There were about 200 people in attendance as we enjoyed some speeches, drama, poetry, music, and of course, FOOD! Thank-you to everyone who made this event such a success.

Congratulations to our Recent Host Matches



Canada Youth Award Recipient Sam Mason

Congratulations to Sam Mason who was awarded the Canada Youth Award for Queens County. Sam is a grade 11 student from Charlottetown Rural who volunteers his time and talents with newcomer clients, and is a very worthy recipient of this honour.

Congratulations



To Suarnalatha Rajapaksa & Mohammed Hasan on the birth of their baby boy Yassin.

To Ibrahim Kargbo & Kerry Blanchard on the birth of their baby girl Amy

To Elena & Hal French on the birth of their baby girl Sarah

Congratulations to all LINC graduates on a job well done. Your efforts have certainly paid off. Best wishes and good luck in your future endeavors!

We've Moved!

Thanks to our ever-growing staff and clientele, we have outgrown our office from 179 Queen Street and have moved to 25 University Ave. We are located on the 4th floor of the Holman building in the Confederation Court Mall. The elevator is located in the mall between the Scotiabank and the Mermaid Gallery store, not to be confused with the Citizenship and Immigration office. All are welcome to come visit our new space.

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Citizenship News...

Congratulations to everyone who received their Canadian Citizenship in April, including Rocío McCallum, Mohammed Benabid, Momo Kanneh, Mohammed Tarawally, Leo Shi Hwei, the Habib family and Nopparat Bripanisakorn.



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Become a Host Volunteer!