



# The Host Post

Summer 2007



NEWSLETTER OF THE PEI ASSOCIATION FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

**DiverseCity—DiverCité** Festival in Charlottetown for Multiculturalism Day 2007. Come to **Victoria Row (Richmond St.) from 6pm-12am on Wednesday, June 27th**, to celebrate Multiculturalism Day. Wear some traditional clothing from your country and enjoy the music, dance and food. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost (\$0) to attend.

**World Refugee Day 2007** Every year on June 20th the world honours the courage and resilience of refugees. This year the theme is *Strength*. We will host an event to draw attention to the struggle of refugees around the world, and pay tribute to those who were once refugees and now call PEI their home. In partnership with WUSC, we are holding a public presentation **on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 pm at the KC Irving Building (Lecture Theatre#104)**, including the screening of the documentaries 'Karens of Burma: A Better Tomorrow' by CBC and 'Don't Fence Me In' by Ruth Gurnit. For more information contact **Jeff Zaat (628-6009)** at the PEI ANC, or **Leo Cheverie (892-4404)** at WUSC. The film may not be suitable for children or survivors of violence, because of graphic content. No cost! All are welcome.

## Host Program Summer

### Activities

**ESL Cooking Class:**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**(starting July 4th,**  
**11:30am-1:00pm**

PEI Association for Newcomers' office 3rd floor.

**Soccer Club: Every Thursday**  
**(starting July 5th) 7:00-8:30pm** at Victoria Park, across from the cannons. For all ages,



men, women, all skill levels. To register, contact Erica at: 628-6009 or [erica@peianc.com](mailto:erica@peianc.com)

## Welcome to our Newest Staff Members: Christina, Mitch, & Isabelle



Hi, my name is **Christina MacLeod**. I am a native of Charlottetown, PEI. I took International Relations at Mount Allison University and was involved in international events. I recently moved to New Zealand for a year to complete my Masters in Environmental Law, researching the connection between climate change and human concerns. I

have traveled in the Caribbean, South Pacific, Asia and Germany, and love learning to cook new foods. At the PEI ANC I will be presenting information sessions on a variety of issues and topics, and I will also be assisting refugee families with Canadian Life Skills Training. If you have any questions or would like to attend the information sessions, please give me a call at: 628-6009 or email me at: [christina@peianc.com](mailto:christina@peianc.com).

Hey there, my name is **Mitch Cobb** and I am the latest edition to the Employment Assistance Team. A few years back I completed my BA in Anthropology and International Development. Before returning to school to complete my education degree in Australia, I spent a year working and studying in Central America. For the past two years, I have been working as a life and employment skills facilitator for at-risk youth, as well as a career development practitioner. I am very passionate about issues surrounding different cultures both in Canada and abroad. I am very excited to be working at the PEI ANC because I am able to put my education, experience and passion to good use, helping newcomers gain experience and find work on PEI. Feel free to give me a call at (902) 368-3070 or email at: [mitch@peianc.com](mailto:mitch@peianc.com).



Hi, my name is **Isabelle Dasyuva**. I was born and raised in Paris, France but my parents are from Senegal (Africa). I have been living in Canada for 3 years and I just relocated to PEI from New Brunswick, so in a way I am a newcomer too. I am really excited about working at the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada because it enables me to help people from different cultures. I have a lot of experience in Marketing, Sales and International Trade, however I have been volunteering for many non-profit organizations so it is a familiar environment for me. I am a traveller too, so over time I got to meet many people while visiting various. I speak English, French, Senegalese, Spanish and Portuguese. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are a permanent resident and need assistance or a

referral to community services. As a Settlement Worker, my role is to assist you in your process of settling and integrating into your new community through the Immigrant Settlement Adaptation Program (ISAP). If you wish to get more information about ISAP or make an appointment, I can be reached at (902) 628-6009 or [isabelle@peianc.com](mailto:isabelle@peianc.com). I look forward to meeting and helping you!



### Italian Classes

Mr. Giuseppe Molinini from Rome will be spending his summer in PEI teaching Italian classes to those who are interested. For more information, or to register, contact Elena Rybas at 626-4264 (work) or 367-2303 (cell), or 367-2303 (home) or elenar@eastlink.ca



### Congratulations, Ruth

As many of you may have realized, Ruth Mathiang has moved to Toronto. She has been accepted to a one year Masters of Settlement Studies Program at Ryerson University. We will miss her, but are pleased to have Isabelle here in her place. See you next year, Ruth!

### Summer Host Event– Basin Head Beach

When: Saturday, August 11th  
10:00 am-6:00 pm

Where: Basin Head Beach, 'The Singing Sands'

Who: All clients and volunteers of the PEI ANC



We will meet the buses at the Holland College parking lot on Kent St. at 10:00 am to spend the day at the beach in Basin Head. Please BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH or money to purchase food. NOTE: Please reserve your seat on the bus no later than July 31st, by telling Pam or Erica that you are coming. (erica@peianc.com or 628-6009)

### Fish Eyes at Victoria Playhouse

The Victoria Playhouse will present the delightful play FISH EYES by Anita Majumdar for one week only June 30 – July 7. The award-winning production tells the story of Meena, an exceptional Indo-Canadian dancing teenager who would trade it all in just to be a "normal" high school girl. This is a multi cultural experience not be missed! For more information visit

[www.fish-eyes.com](http://www.fish-eyes.com) or  
[www.victoriaplayhouse.com](http://www.victoriaplayhouse.com)

### Congratulations to our Recent Host and Tutor Matches

- Erick & Chang
- Ilona & Saddat
- Tony & Hannah
- Patrick & Ayanle



Congratulations, Hadzhira and Wahid on the birth of your baby boy Navidullah! We wish your new family every happiness.



### ESL Tutoring at the Library News

We are pleased to report that a new group of tutors will be trained this summer by Sr. Marie Arsenault and Judy Hughes. Hopefully, with these new volunteers we can shorten our waiting list for a volunteer ESL tutor. Congratulations and thank you to all tutors for volunteering your time and talent to newcomer clients.



Canada Day ... See: <http://www.walkandseacharlottetown.com/festival-of-lights/schedule-of-events.php> for free or inexpensive activities you can participate in with your host match. There are also events calendars at: [http://www.city.charlottetown.pe.ca/residents/festivals\\_and\\_events.cfm](http://www.city.charlottetown.pe.ca/residents/festivals_and_events.cfm) and <http://buzzon.com/>



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ISL Students' Summer Program Starts on THURSDAY, JULY 5th for grades 1-6, and FRIDAY, JULY 6th for grades 7-12. Each day the students will begin and finish their day on the 3rd floor of the PEI ANC office. Students should bring their own lunch. To register, or for more information, contact Rocío, Brianne, or Joe at 628-6009.

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Become a Host Volunteer!