

Farewell to our Executive Director, Kevin Arsenault



It is with profound appreciation that we say farewell to our Executive Director, Kevin Arsenault. After 10 years with the PEIANC, Kevin has decided to move on to other projects. His commitment to the settlement and integration of immigrants in PEI is unparalleled.

When he assumed the position as ED in January 2000, the PEIANC employed 4 full-time and 2 part-time employees, supported through partnerships with the departments of Citizenship and Immigration, Human Resource Development, and Canadian Heritage. In that year there were less than 100 newcomers registered with the PEIANC. Today, there are 25 full-time staff, several thousand registered clients, and ongoing partnerships with both federal and provincial governments. The success of the organization is a direct result of Kevin's tireless efforts to ensure the PEIANC offers critical services to meet the needs of newcomers to Canada and PEI.

Although he will be missed, all of the Board and staff at the PEIANC wish him the best as he begins this new phase of life and work!

English As a Second Language Tutor Training Sessions - Fall 2009

Our final ESL Tutor Training Session for 2009 finished with success! There were 13 participants; 4 of whom are immigrants from Egypt, China, and Singapore who were once newcomers themselves. Everyone was excited to meet their matches at the last session held on Saturday, November 28th. We were able to match newcomers from China, Kyrgyzstan, and South Korea who were very excited and grateful to have a tutor to help them improve their language skills and knowledge of Canadian culture.

Carol MacMillian, who is a long-time volunteer in the Host Program, shared her personal experience as a tutor. Listening to her story was encouraging for our newly trained tutors. She demonstrated that it can be not only a rewarding, but also a memorable experience for both newcomers and tutors.



Photo by: Marilenne Ureña

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ's Holiday Host Program

What is the Holiday Host Program?

The Holiday Host Program connects newcomers with Canadian families to enjoy the festive season together. Canadian individuals or families that would like to share a traditional meal or event with a newcomer over the holiday season are matched with newcomer individuals or families.

When does the Holiday Host activity happen?

The meal, party, or activity typically falls between December 23rd and January 1st, depending on what works best for the Holiday Host family.

Why is Holiday Host such a great program?

The Holiday Host Program offers the local community a chance to welcome their new neighbours from around the world! It's a one-time volunteer opportunity —no long-term commitment is required—and a great opportunity for cultural exchange, and to have fun!

Contact **Naomi or Marilenne at 628-6009** for more info.

*The More,
The Merrier...*

*Will you have extra place settings
at your table over the Holidays?*

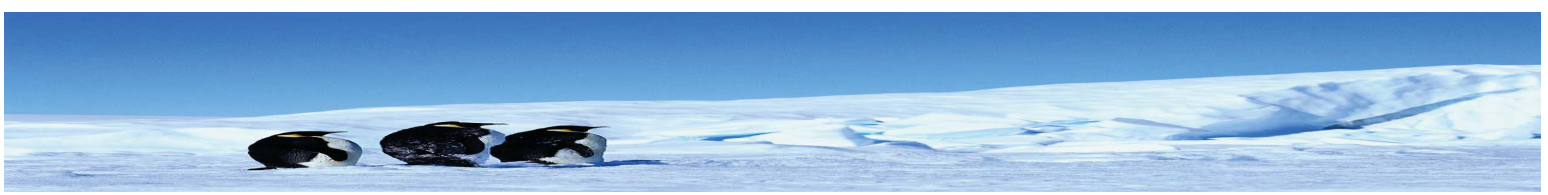
*Then why not invite someone
new to Canada to join you?*

Become a Holiday Host!

*Newcomer individuals or families would
embrace the opportunity to
celebrate the Holidays with you!*



For more information, contact Marilenne or Naomi
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WINTER HOST EVENT!!

Winter Fun Day at Brookvale Winter Park

What? Newcomers and volunteers are invited to join us for an afternoon of cross-country skiing, tubing, hot chocolate, and fun!

Where? Brookvale Winter Activity Park

When? January 30th, 2010 from 11:30am - 3pm



Spaces are limited so contact Marilenne or Naomi at 628-6009 to register
Deadline for registration is January 15th

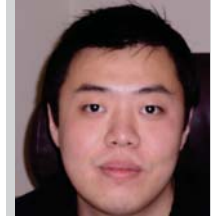
Welcome to newest members of the PEI ANC Team...

Amy MacLean—EAS



I am so pleased to have been given the opportunity to be part of the ANC and the employment team. I have enjoyed meeting my coworkers, and our clients, and have learned something new every day! I look forward to continuing to learn and grow, both personally and professionally, through my experience here at Newcomers.

Stephen Li—ISAP



I am so glad to be working with PEI Association for Newcomers. We do have an awesome team here. I am looking forward to working with clients and staff here.

Canada World Youth at PEI ANC (Part 2) By Elizabeth Ashie



My name is Elizabeth Kuorkor Ashie. I am 21 years old and I come from Accra, Ghana. I am a Canada World Youth (CWY) Participant who has been living in Charlottetown, PEI since September, and will be staying until December. Working at PEI ANC as a volunteer has exposed me to so many opportunities and the experience has been worth it. My experience on PEI and Canada in general has been wonderful. Though we have many cultural differences, I can say my adaptation skills have taken the greater part of me and that is why I'm loving it here on the island.



My reason for joining CWY was to leave my comfort zone, try something new, meet different people and learn how to work as a group - which I think has been fulfilled. Just like every other CWY participant, I left everything I have ever known in hope of something extraordinary. I got so much more than I bargained for! I am wishing I wouldn't be going back home so soon but I have no choice. My gratitude goes to all who have made this program a success for me. **I LOVE PEI!!!**

PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada
Christmas Open House

The PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada will be hosting their annual Christmas Open House. Everyone is welcome! Come and meet your neighbours, newcomers, as well as the PEIANC staff and board members. There will be snacks from a variety of countries, hot mulled apple cider, tree-decorating crafts and other surprises!

Where: Third floor of the PEIANC Office (25 University Ave.)
When: December 11th, 2009 from 1:00pm-4:00pm
For more information, please call 628-6009

You can find us on the 3rd Floor above the Confederation Court Mall by following the signs with our logo (up the escalator, up the green stairs, and through the outdoor eating area)

Our Vision: An Exhibition of Photographic Works by Immigrant Youth



Our Vision is the product of the artistic component of the eight-week student program held at the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada last summer. Students of all ages from different parts of the world spent time studying basic hands-on photography techniques and creative composition. The project allowed the participants to view their new surroundings through the lens of a camera. Be it through finding interesting angles on ordinary objects, focusing in on vibrant colors, or capturing the natural expressions of the faces of their peers, students were able to use photography as an art form and expression of personal creativity. The exhibition is now on display at the Confederation Centre Art Gallery until February 28th, 2010.



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