



NEWSLETTER OF THE REGINA REGION LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP– ISSUE #7 SEPTEMBER 2016

RRLIP Project Update

The RRLIP has been working with a research team from the University of Regina. They are preparing to delve deeper into the education and employment priorities, specifically the practical transition skills necessary to thrive in Regina, Canadian experience relevant to obtaining and retaining employment and childcare needs relevant to both the education and employment priorities. The goal is to understand how these factors impact the successful adaptation and settlement of the newcomer community and to provide the RRLIP Council with ideas for viable local solutions to address the challenges. The research team includes Daniel Kikulwe, Donald Halabuza, Christine Massing and Crystal Giesbrecht. Their findings will inform the RRLIP strategy and action plan.

The RRLIP established a summer program advisory committee which identified current and potential child/youth summer program providers and developed a sample curriculum and budget. The results informed IRCC's summer funding decisions. The University of Regina (Kinesiology and Health Studies) was the successful applicant and they held a child/youth summer program focused on Syrian children in three age groups - (6-8, 8-10 and 10-12).

Work continues on the planning and delivery of a Newcomer Welcome Event. The event will take place October 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Performing Arts Centre. Planning Committee representation includes the City of Regina, ACF, Protective Services (Fire, Police), the Islamic Association, Regina Open Door Society, etc. Event activities include facilitated community dialogue, an interactive protective services display, cultural crafts, interactive cultural dance, youth dance workshop and a condensed citizenship ceremony (about 15 minutes in length). The event is free but participants must pre-register. Call the office at 306-791-6841 or email info@rrlip.ca to register and/or volunteer for the event.

The RRLIP project developed a one page refugee silhouette, highlighting local facts, information and successes about the refugee community in Regina. For a copy, call or email the office.

<http://www.immigrationfrancophone.ca/en>

(Check out the new website)



Across Canada, 13 Francophone Immigration Networks (Réseaux en immigration francophone, RIFs) combine the energy and know-how of over 250 partner institutions and community organizations. The RIFs bring together, more than a single organization could, all the front-line actors who play key roles in attracting, recruiting, welcoming and integrating French-speaking immigrants in Canada's Francophone and Acadian communities.

**October 30th to November 5th,
2016**

National Francophone Immigration Week celebrates Francophone immigration and diversity. It's an opportunity to recognize newcomers' contributions to the vitality of Francophone communities outside of Quebec, as well as to showcase these communities' efforts to attract, welcome, and support the integration of newcomers. It's also an opportunity to create and strengthen ties between Francophone immigrants and host communities.

For more information contact Saskatchewan's RIF Coordinator:

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Téléphone: 306-924-8545

<http://www.rif-sk.ca/>

Please Mark Your Calendars!

Welcome to Regina

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
1077 ANGUS STREET, REGINA

The Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership, with many community partners, invites you to a

Free Newcomer Welcome Event

Family Friendly =

Food, fun and activities... cultural dance, crafts, community conversation, protective services display, a citizenship ceremony...

Space is Limited!

MUST PRE-REGISTER by calling 306-791-6841 or emailing info@rrlip.ca



Are you a local employer that has hired newcomers?

The RRLIP Project and research team would appreciate an opportunity to survey your employees. The commitment would be minimal and the information gained from your employees would assist in developing a community strategy and action plan to better support newcomers in settling and adapting to their new community.

Please email the project office for more information at info@rrlip.ca



Newcomer Welcome Centre

Information and Assessment Services for Immigrants and Refugees

The Newcomer Welcome Centre is a one-stop collaborative service centre to welcome newcomers (immigrants and refugees) to Regina, SK. The centre helps guide and support newcomers to ease integration to the community, by accessing information, available resources and services, easily and quickly, **FREE** of charge.

Newcomers visiting the Newcomer Welcome Centre can receive referral information, language assessment and orientation booked in one place.

Call 306 - 352- 5775



Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

The Newcomer Welcome Event Planning Committee would appreciate your help!

Email the office for more information at info@rrlip.ca

A Refugee Story

Than, raised in Burma (Myanmar) on a farm, attended a village school to Grade 5. With fighting close by, it became too dangerous to go to school. When their food supply was destroyed by the army, the entire community fled to Thailand. Required to build their own bamboo huts, with not enough food, a proper well or sanitation, many people were continually ill.

In 2015, after 20 years in refugee camps, Than, his wife and 2 children came to Regina. Not allowed to leave the camp, they had rarely experienced modern conveniences. Regina Open Door Society was crucial in providing orientation and practise in essential life skills.

Than hopes that his children can achieve a high level of education and be successful. He wants to continue learning English so he can communicate, then find work. He wants Canadians to know "there are still lots of refugees in Thai camps, many for 20 years or more."

(Read more at www.rrip.ca)

Location: Regina Open Door Society



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September 30, October 1 & 2, 2016



[Glen Anaquod Memorial Tipi Raising Competition](#)

Friday, September 30, 2016 (9:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

See this and other locally based activities at:

<https://sk.culturedays.ca/en/activities>

COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE

Learn and practice the
English language,
meet new friends &
build community!



Thom Collegiate - 265 Argyle Street North

Every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

From September - June

All children, teens & adults are welcome!

Free for everyone!



Building bridges in partnership with



For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering please
contact duncanb@rods.ca or claudine.neetz@rbe.sk.ca.

Contact the
RRLIP project
with your
community
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Regina Immigrant Women Centre

Housing Support - I Am Home

This program provides information and support to women for housing and housing related concerns.

The support includes:

- Assistance to find housing
- Information about how to search for housing
- Assistance with applications such as Rental Supplement and Employment Supplement
- Ongoing follow-up support
- Support related to landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities
- Refers clients to other programs as needed

The program also offers Life Skills which provide specific information and support on topics such as: housing concerns, the Tenancy Act, budgeting and community resources. For more information pertaining to Housing Support Services or to book an appointment with the Housing Coordinator, please contact us:

Phone: 306-359-6514

E-mail: info@reginaiwc.ca

(from the RIWC website) www.reginaiwc.ca

Seeking Stakeholder Involvement: Rental Housing Working Group

A working group has been formed to examine recently identified rental housing issues such as general maintenance, cooking habits that create high levels of humidity and culturally specific bathroom habits that cause mold/mildew issues. Immigrant clientele are sometimes challenged with these issues when renting from Regina Housing Authority and others. Thus far, Saskatchewan Landlords Association and Regina Housing are at the stakeholder table. Please contact info@rrlip.ca should your organization/business like to become a part of the solution-focused conversation.

Thank you to our project partners



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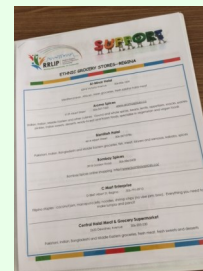
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The Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership (RRLIP) is a **community initiative**

designed to improve the integration of newcomers, guided by the vision of Regina as a welcoming, inclusive community where immigrants fully benefit from and contribute to the social, cultural and economic fabric of the city.

Project Resources



Check out the RRLIP project community resources developed to assist newcomers and supporters in the settlement journey. For example, a Conversation Circles List and an Ethnic Grocery Stores List have been developed. The

RRLIP is currently working on a comprehensive list of ethno-cultural organizations. Please contact the office to share organizational information. Thank you!

Resources can be accessed through the website at www.rrlip.ca or by calling the office at 306-791-6841