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PEI Community Navigators Quarterly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MAXINE RENNIE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the snow continues to build up, we see the same build up of community connections at winter events across PEI. Our PEI Community Navigators team is a compliment of six capable and compassionate front line workers who not only organize fantastic events across PEI, but handle cases of employment seekers, clients navigating professional accreditation in a variety of industries, and navigation of other systems such as taxes, health, and education. So whether you've met our PEI Community Navigators for help signing up for a family doctor or you recently attended an outdoor winter event, you know that we are the holistic service for settlement needs in rural PEI.

Connect with the PEI Community Navigators for upcoming employer sessions with IRCC and the PEI Office of Immigration, for CRA tax questions, and for a whole host of community events and English classes. We look forward to serving you!
-Maxine Rennie

OUR MISSION

Individuals and families who choose to settle in rural PEI offer incredible value to the communities that they settle. In each of our numerous communities dotting the coastline or the inland rolling hills of our Island, you'll find a diverse group of community members who settled in PEI or were born as Islanders, coming together to help each other and create a prosperous and fulfilling life in Rural PEI. We are here to support the inclusion of our newest residents in all aspects of rural PEI life.



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BREAKING NEWS //

FROM THE WESTERN PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS



It's been a busy and fun winter in Western PEI!! In November we celebrated Diwali, The Day of the Dead, and Loy Krathong!! We also had some fantastic Information Sessions from Community Legal Information (CLI), Service Canada, and the Provincial Credit Union! December saw a presentation from the RCMP on the DICE program.

In January we started our Community Winter Meal series, with 2 meals already served. The first was a delicious Beef Stew in O'Leary and the second, a scrumptious Baked Ham and Scalloped Potatoes in Elmsdale. The third will be a Turkey Dinner in St Louis at the Community Centre, and the fourth & final meal will be coming up in March; watch our social media pages for more details!

We have had a lot of fun with the return of the Learn to Skate Program in both Alberton and O'Leary; the final Learn to Skate for O'Leary was held on February 3rd, and the final Learn to Skate for Alberton will be held on March 17th during Spring Break.

February 1st at Mill River Resort was AMAZING!!!! The day was perfect and the sun was shining as we went tubing, skating and skiing! Thanks to all who came out!

Language classes continue in both Alberton and West Point and are open to all and free of charge.

Scott and Crystal
Western PEI Community Navigators



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FROM THE CENTRAL PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

COMING SOON

Musical Bingo - February 22

Snow Tubing - March 18

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Good Times



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Meet Joven Broqueza!

Joven came to Canada in November 2018 as a Temporary Foreign Worker in a fish plant, and later moved to Borden to work as Industrial Meat Cutter. He obtained his Permanent Residency in July 2021 and currently works as a Machine Operator.

Joven mentioned that one of the main challenges he encountered first hand was the weather. Coming from the tropical country of the Philippines, he was not accustomed to the cold winter climate. Then, there was the language adjustment, as a newcomer he struggled to express himself but eventually this lessened and he is more at ease in his communication skills.

He expressed the greatest joy is that he had faith and followed Gods Plan which has led to his family having the chance to work and live in this small, yet peaceful province.

"The PEI Community Navigators have been incredibly helpful, especially for my family when they arrived. They provided us with valuable information about the cultural background of Canada, and the province of PEI, guidance on waste sorting, insights into the health and tax systems and opportunities to engage in community social events that were beneficial for us as newcomers. Their services have been an excellent resource navigating and understanding life in Canada".

Now, Joven and his family have made their home in Borden and are awaiting their Canadian Citizenship.

Special Thanks to Guia del Castillo; (sister-in-Law)for all the support!

Client Testimonial



**Johanna Maree, Joven & Maria
Ella
Broqueza**

 [Central PEI Community Navigators](#)

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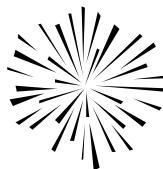
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FROM THE EASTERN PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS



COMING SOON

- Winter Information Series
- Come Try Skating- Georgetown, Belfast, Souris
- PEInoy Basketball Tournament
- Black History Month Celebration
- IRCC X PEI Office of Immigration Information Sessions
- English Classes

The Eastern PEI Community Navigators have had a wonderful start to the winter season! We were excited to share the holiday spirit with our clients and employers throughout December through community events, treat deliveries, and a holiday movie night. We welcomed the new year by enjoying some winter sports like "Come Try Curling" in Montague and "Come Try Skiing" at the Souris Striders Club —what a fantastic time! This winter, we have launched a Winter Information Series, featuring weekly info sessions from various community organizations across the island. These sessions will run until March, so be sure to check them out, along with the many other events we are hosting throughout the season. We can't wait to see you there!



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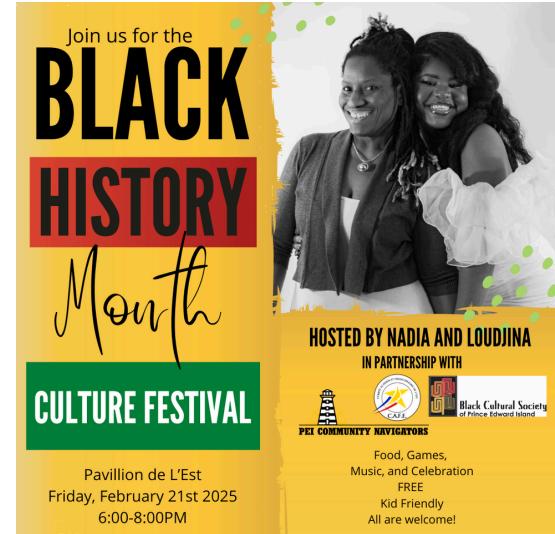
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IRCC X PEI OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION SESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH:
6:00PM- EASTERN KINGS SPORTPLEX (ACORN
ROOM)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH:
6:00PM- ST. JOACHAM HALL IN VERNON RIVER

If you have any questions or would like to sign-up
for a session please contact Lindee Gallant or Rachel
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COME TRY Skating

Come try skating with the Eastern PEI Community Navigators and Go! East. Equipment available on a first come first serve basis.

February 15th @4:10pm- Three Rivers Sportsplex, Georgetown

February 22nd @7:00pm- Belfast Rec Centre, Belfast

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Did you know that PEI Community Navigators offer conversations circles and language classes ??? If you or someone you know is needing help with your English Language Skills, reach out to your PEI Community Navigator today!

All conversation circles are offered free of charge and are a great opportunity to practice in a relaxed and comfortable environment.

**“LOVE” IS ONE OF THE OLDEST
ENGLISH WORDS.**



**IT HAS BEEN USED IN THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE SINCE WAY BEFORE THE
YEAR 900.**

