

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



EAST CENTRAL NEWCOMER
WELCOME CENTRE INC.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. acknowledges that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the ancestral lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and the Métis Nation.



We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

CLOSED on March 29 & April 1

Otherwise, our staff is available

Mon to Fri from 8 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:45 pm.

Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

Information from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)...

Additional information about International Student Program reforms.

As of 8:30 a.m. ET on January 22, 2024, most new post-secondary international students at the college or undergraduate level must provide a provincial attestation letter (PAL) from a province or territory with their study permit application.

[CLICK HERE](#)

For more information



This is HOME

Meet *Maria Cole-Gayle*

Settlement Worker in Schools (SWIS)



Maria Cole-Gayle is a multifaceted individual whose life revolves around empowering others and making a positive impact in her community. As a dedicated and loving mother of two children, ambitious entrepreneur, and a passionate community activist, Maria exemplifies resilience, compassion, and a relentless drive for change.

Born and raised in the vibrant Caribbean nation of Jamaica, Maria spent her former years studying and garnering experience in the business field. Driven by a thirst for knowledge and a desire to create a better future for herself and her family, she made the bold decision of migrating to Canada.

With a background in education and her love for people, Maria currently holds the role of a Settlement Worker in Schools (SWIS) at the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre. In this capacity, she dedicates herself to supporting newcomer students and their families, facilitating their smooth transition into the school system and helping them become integral members of the broader community.


Maria Cole-Gayle stands as more than just a community figure; she's a cultural ambassador. Every summer, Maria organizes two of the city's most anticipated cultural festivals, that serve as a cultural fusion, making room for diversity, inclusivity, and heritage.

In October 2023, Maria's dedication and exceptional contributions were rightfully recognized when she was bestowed with the prestigious honour of being among Canada's Top 100 Black Women to watch. Wow!

As a mother, entrepreneur, and community activist, she continues to inspire those around her to dream big.

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

YORKTON ARTS COUNCIL

 **MARCH 13 @ 7:30 PM**

 At the Anne Portnuff Theatre

Tickets available at YAC Website



Community Activities & Events March 2024

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!

If you are interested in any of these please call our office at
(306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.

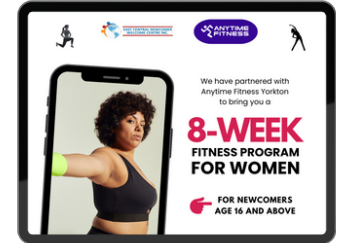
Fitness and Integration

What: Guided Workout for Newcomer Women

When: **Thursday March 7 - 7:00pm**

Where: Anytime Fitness Gym—216 Smith St Yorkton, SK S3N 3S6

Cost: FREE



YAC Presents - Piano Heist

What: A musical Adventure with Nico & Patrick

When: **Wednesday March 13, 2024 - 7:30 PM**

Where: At the Anne Portnuff Theatre

Cost: Tickets available at YAC Website



Post Secondary Information Session

What: An informational Forum for Grades 11 & 12 Students and individuals wanting to further their education

When: **Friday March 22, 2024 - 6:00 pm - 8:00pm**

Where: At East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre INC., Unit H, 132 Broadway St. West

Cost: FREE.



SINP Information Session

What: learn more about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP)

When: **TBA**

Where: At East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre INC., Unit H, 132 Broadway St. West

Cost: FREE



Conversation Café

What: A fun and Interactive Group Hangout for Newcomers

When: **March 27, 2024 — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Where: At East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre INC., Unit H, 132 Broadway St. West

Cost: FREE Contact: Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Multifaith Festivals in March

Buddhism - March 17-23 - Festival of Higan-e M - jōdo-shū

Judaism - March 24 - Purim

Islam - March 12 - First of Ramadān*

Hinduism - March 25 - Holi*

Christianity - March 31 - Easter

Shinto - March 20 Shunbun-no-hi

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan



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