

# The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

## JUNE 2026

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.



### JUNE OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are as follows:

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).....

**Simplifying the co-op work permit requirement for post-secondary international students.**

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada is working to streamline its processes and maximize efficiency, while continuing to strengthen the International Student Program and deliver excellent client services. As of April 1, 2026, eligible post-secondary international students no longer need a separate work permit to participate in student work placements required by their program, such as co-op placements and internships.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



## This is HOME

Meet *Abanti Banerjee*

Arts Administrator – Yorkton Arts Council



Abanti is an interdisciplinary arts professional whose work bridges Bharatanatyam, cultural curation, and community engagement. Rooted in movement, storytelling, and embodied expression, Abanti's practice blends traditional and contemporary approaches to create meaningful connections across cultures and communities.

Currently serving as the Arts Administrator at the Yorkton Arts Council, Abanti brings years of experience in performance, education, and curatorial work. Through thoughtfully designed programming, Abanti creates opportunities for both local and global communities to engage with the arts in ways that are inclusive, accessible, and deeply resonant.

Abanti's work is grounded in a commitment to using art as a tool for empowerment, healing, and connection. With a strong focus on youth, particularly those navigating the challenges of resettlement.

Through workshops, interdisciplinary collaborations, and community platforms, Abanti helps amplify youth voices and build confidence through creative expression. By integrating visual and performance arts, young people are encouraged to explore their identities, share their stories, and contribute to their new communities with pride.

For me, "Yorkton is more than a place to work, it is a growing, evolving community where art can bring people together, strengthen relationships, and create a sense of home for everyone".

## EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

Downtown Culturefest



June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2026

City Centre Park, Yorkton

# Community Activities & Events June 2026

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.

## Downtown Culturefest

**What:** Family Fun outdoor cultural activities at the City Centre Park  
**When:** June 4, 11, 18 & 25 2026 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
**Where:** At the City Centre Park, Yorkton  
**Cost:** FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca



## Connecting Cultures Through Dance

**WHAT:** DANCE LESSONS FOR NEWCOMERS AGES 10 - 18 YEARS  
**When:** June 5, 12, 19, 2026 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
**Where:** At the Godfrey Dean Art Galley  
**Cost:** FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



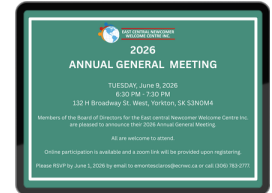
## Connecting Cultures Through Art

**WHAT:** ART LESSONS FOR NEWCOMERS AGES 10 - 18 YEARS  
**When:** June 6, 13, 20, 2026 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
**Where:** At the Godfrey Dean Art Galley  
**Cost:** FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



## ECNWCI Annual General Meeting

**What:** Learn about our accomplishments and future plans  
**When:** June 9, 2026 6:30PM - 7:30PM  
**Where:** At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre  
**Cost:** FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca



## Language Camp

**What:** English Conversation and Coffee  
**When:** June 12 & 26 2026 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
**Where:** At the Yorkton Public Library  
**Cost:** FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



## Citizenship Test Tutorial

**What:** Review the Discover Canada Official Study Guide and take your test with confidence!  
**When:** June 25, 2026 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
**Where:** At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre  
**Cost:** FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



## MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN JUNE 2026

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| <b>Christianity</b> - June 4 - Corpus Christi             | <b>Islam</b> - June 16 - Islamic New Year                                  |
| <b>Hinduism</b> - Mid-June Vat Purnima / Vat Savitri Vrat | - June 17-30 - Muharram  |
| <b>Sikhi</b> June 16 - Guru Arjan Martyrdom               | <b>Indigenous Spirituality</b> - June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day |

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



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