

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 FEB 16, 2026

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).....

New citizenship rules for Canadians born or adopted abroad are now in effect.

The Government of Canada is committed to making Canadian citizenship law fair, clear and reflective of how Canadian families live today, both in and outside Canada. Bill C-3, An Act to Amend the Citizenship Act (2025), is in effect as of today. Moving forward, people born before December 15, 2025, who would have been citizens if not for the first-generation limit or other outdated rules, will be Canadian and can now apply for proof of citizenship.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



This is HOME

Meet **Rushni Christian**

Nurse - Saskatchewan Health Authority
(Yorkton)



Roshni Christian is a proud newcomer, devoted mother, and committed Nurse living in Yorkton SK. Her journey to Canada is one shaped by courage, sacrifice, and a resolute belief in building a better future for her family.

Originally from India, Roshni made one of the most difficult decisions a parent can face, leaving her young daughter behind in order to pursue education and stability in the UK. That choice, though rooted in love, led to years of separation, emotional hardship, and uncertainty. In 2021, Roshni shared her powerful experience in a CBC First Person article, giving voice to the often unseen struggles of immigrant parents and the emotional cost of starting over in a new country.

See the article here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Despite the challenges, Roshni continued to move forward with hope and determination. "After much research, I decided our future lay in Canada. I came here on a student visa, again making the sacrifice to leave my daughter until I could sponsor her to join me.

I studied to become a Continuing Care Assistant and found work at a group home for adults with cognitive disabilities. Today I'm a proud nurse and mama after reuniting with my daughter after many years."


"To those who are new to Canada you are not alone. The journey may feel isolating at times, and the sacrifices you make may go unseen, but they matter." Roshni's story is a reminder that growth often begins in moments of uncertainty, and that perseverance can turn even the hardest beginnings into meaningful new chapters.

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

OPEN CINEMA

RecoverED: A Documentary
Film About Eating Disorder
Recovery

 February 3, 2026 @ 7:00pm

 Yorkton Public Library



Community Activities & Events February 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.

Open Cinema

What: RecoverED: A Documentary Film About Eating Disorder Recovery

When: **February 3, 2026@7:00 PM**

Where: Yorkton Public Library

Cost: FREE Contact: Yorkton Film Festival



Language Camp

What: English Conversation and Coffee

When: **February 6, 2026 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Where: At the Yorkton Public Library

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



Cross Country Skiing & Snow Shoeing

What: An exciting outdoor winter activity for newcomers

When: **TBD**

Where: Melville Regional Park

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



Learn to Play Broomball

What: Learn to the sport of Broomball (all equipment provided)

When: **February 15, 2026 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Where: At the Broda Sports Complex, Kamsack

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



Learn To Curl

What: Introduction to Curling for Newcomers

When: **February 22, 2026@1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Where: At the Canora Curling Rink

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



Terrarium Making

What: Beginner Terrarium making for newcomers

When: **February 28, 2026 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre, Unit H-132 Broadways Street W

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



MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN FEBRUARY 2026

Judaism - February 1 - Tu B'Shevat

Christianity - February 18 - Ash Wednesday

Buddhism - February 15 - Nirvana Day

Indigenous Spirituality - Indigenous Storytelling Month (Canada)

- February 24 - Magha Puja

Islam - February 18 - First of Ramadan*

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



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