

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

DECEMBER 2025

Monthly Newsletter of the 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 DEC. 25, 26 & JAN. 1, 2025

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, Refugeees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).....

New International Student Program regulations take effect

Canada's diverse and inclusive society, high-quality educational institutions and potential opportunities to work or immigrate after graduation have made Canada a leading destination for students from around the world. The International Student Program must be sustainable, and students must be protected from abuse within the system.

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This is HOME

Meet Sade Falana

Immigrant Advisory Table Member ECSIP

When Sade Falana arrived in Canada form Nigeria in July 2018, she carried with her a dream of building a better life for herself and her family. Today, that dream has become a reality in Yorkton, a city she proudly calls home.

Professionally, Sade brings a wealth of experience in Customer care. Financial Audit and Human resource management. Currently she works for the Government of Canada. But Sade's impact goes far beyond her career. She volunteers as the Secretary for the Yorkton Air Cadets Squadron 17, serves on the Sunday School team at her church, and plays an active role in the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre's Immigrant Advisory table. Through these roles, Sade helps newcomers feel supported and empowered, just as she once did.

Sade's journey is a story of resilence, hope and determination. She embraced the challenges of starting over in a new country and turned them into opportunities for growth. "



Yorkton gave me the chance to build a new life and give my children a bright future. If you dream big and stay committed, you can achieve anything".

As a mother of two teenage boys, Sade found Yorkton to be "a very welcoming city and a good place to raise kids." The warmth of the community and the opportunities available helped her settle in and thrive. She became a Canadian citizen and continues to live by her motto: dream big, live fully, and do your best every day.

Sade's message to every newcomer is clear; you belong here, and your best days are ahead.



FILM SCREENING



December 6, 2025 1:30pm & 3:00pm

Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre 49 Smith Street East, Yorkton.





Community Activities & Events December 2025

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.



Family Christmas Movie Night

What: Fun and Entertainment for the family When: December 5, 2025 @ 6:00 - 8:00pm

Where: At the library in Canora



Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre Christmas Market

What: A market that will showcase vendors with Christmas décor, craft, and food. When: December 5, 2025 @ 3:00pm - 8:00pm/December 6, 2025 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Where: Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre, 49 Smith Street E, Yorkton



Frosty Festival

What: Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride, Weiner Roast, Bonfire and much more...

When: December 6, 2025: 10:00am

Where: Switzer Home-Grown Family Farm



CRA Workshop & Information Session

What: Key 1-on-1 assistance and information for the upcoming tax year

When: December 9, 2025 12:30pm -4:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre

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



Employments Standards in Saskatchewan/Occupational Health & Safety Workshop

What: In-person information on Employment Standards When: December 10 - 1:00pm -2:30pm & 2:45pm - 4:00pm Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre

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



Language Camp

What: English Conversation and Coffee When: December 19, 2025 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Where: At the Yorkton Public Library

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



MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN DECEMBER 2025

Shinto - December 21 - Tohji-taisai

Christianity - December 25 - Christmas* (W, E, New)

Buddhism - December 4 - Sanghamitta Day T (s)

Islam - December 13 - Birth Anniv of the Aga Khan

Judaism - December 15 -22 - Hanukkah

Jainism - December 1 - Maunajiyaras

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



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