

# The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

## APRIL 2023

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:

April 7 (Good Friday) - CLOSED

April 10 (Easter Monday) - CLOSED

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)...

#### Canada announces extension of post-graduation work permits for up to 18 months to retain high-skilled talent.

Starting April 6, 2023, post-graduation work permit holders who wish to stay longer can opt into a facilitative process to extend their work permit and will allow Canada to retain high-skilled talent.

[CLICK HERE](#)

For more information



## This is HOME

### Meet *Jummai Umar*

LIP Coordinator at the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre



Jummai Umar is the Local Immigration Partnership Coordinator with the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc., Yorkton which is the East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership (ECSIP).

Jummai Umar is an Engineer by profession, she holds a masters degree in Information Technology. She started her career in Nigeria as a Banker for a year before moving to the employment sector for 11 years as a Public Works Officer with the National Directorate of Employment, she rose to the position of Senior Public Works Officer.

"Canada is such a beautiful, receptive and multicultural country, we are happy to be here, thank you for having us share your home and making it ours as well".

"My family and I moved from Nigeria in September 2022 and have since called Yorkton our new home. I'm very passionate about settlement and retention of newcomers in the East Central Saskatchewan region. Working at East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre is perfect, as it affords me the opportunity to be part of the team working to make East Central region a growing, prosperous and inclusive community for all residents...

I love baking and cooking when I'm not working".

### EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY



**Parkland Outdoor Show Expo 2023**

**Come Join Us April 29 and 30**

**Gallagher Centre, Yorkton**

# Community Activities & Events APRIL 2023

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.

## Conversation Café (Boyz II Gents)

**What:** A fun and Interactive Group Hangout for Men  
**When:** **APRIL 3**, 2023 — 6:00 pm - 8:00 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



## Post-Secondary Information Session

**What:** An information Forum for Grades 11&12 Students and their Parents  
**When:** **APRIL 4**, 2023 — 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Where:** At East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre INC., Unit H, 132 Broadway St. West  
**Cost:** FREE. Contact Jeisel - jtolentino@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



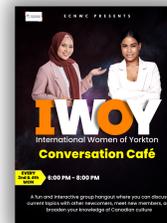
## Easter Egg Hunt

**What:** Family Fun Easter Egg Hunting  
**When:** **APRIL 8**, 2023 — 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
**Where:** At St. Paul's School Playground (487 Parkview Road, Yorkton)  
**Cost:** FREE. Contact Jeisel - jtolentino@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



## Conversation Café (IWOY)

**What:** A fun and Interactive Group Hangout for Women  
**When:** **APRIL 10/APRIL 24**, 2023 — 6:00 pm - 8:00 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



## Gallagher Centre Facility Tour

**What:** A Guided Tour of the Gallagher Centre  
**When:** **APRIL 18**, 2023 — 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
**Where:** At the Gallagher Centre  
**Cost:** FREE. Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



## Multifaith Festivals in March

<b>JBaha'i' Faith</b>	April 21 - May 2 - Festival of Ridván	<b>Shinto</b>	March 20 - Sanja Matsuri (Three Shrine Festival)
<b>Buddhism</b>	April 8 - Buddha's Birth Date	<b>Islam</b>	March 23 - April 21 - Ramadān*
<b>Christianity</b>	April 2 - Palm Sunday/April 7 - Good Friday April 10 - Easter Monday	<b>Hinduism</b>	April 6 - Hanuman Jayanti

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



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