

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

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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.



FEBRUARY OFFICE HOURS

We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays.

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

February 20th - CLOSED

Otherwise, our staff is available

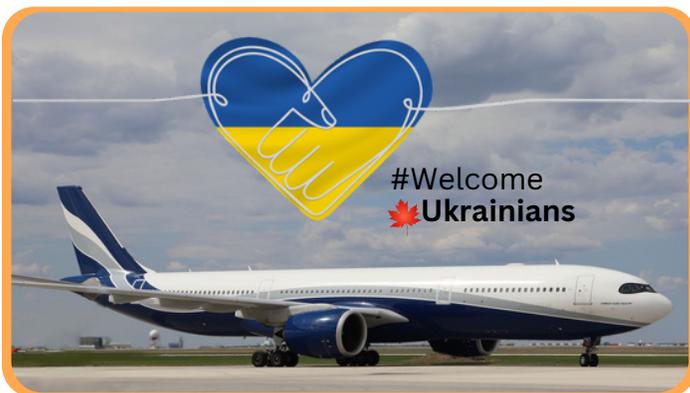
Mon to Fri from 8 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:45 pm.

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

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

Canada is committed to supporting those affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We're helping Ukrainian families get visitor visas as quickly as possible so that they can find a safe, temporary home in Canada.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see how you can Help



This is HOME

Meet *Taynika Walker*

Festival Co-ordinator at the Yorkton Film Festival



Taynika started her career in Jamaica, where she worked in banking for 17 years. She coordinated some events at the bank and realized event planning was where her passion lay. She came to Canada to study event management at Humber College in Ontario. After receiving her certification, a friend invited Taynika to move to Yorkton. Within two weeks of arriving, she saw the job ad for the Yorkton Film Festival, applied and was hired. "It was fate," she says.

What Taynika appreciates most about working at the festival is that Executive Director Randy Goulden trusts her with a number of responsibilities, enabling her to grow personally and professionally.

My mantra is "I love learning. Anything that challenges me and allows me to say, at the end of the day, It was new, it was hard, but we got it done. That's what I love," she says.

She also recently had the opportunity to serve on a review panel for SK Arts grants.

"So far, Yorkton has been good to me. I like the fact that opportunities are here for everyone who comes to Canada.

I am blessed with a job in my field of study and a wonderful boss. I am growing spiritually through my church, through my work and volunteering, I am meeting interesting people and learning more about the different cultures here in Yorkton".

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

YFF Yorkton Film Festival

Open Cinema - The Newcomers
February 14, 2023, 7pm at the
Yorkton Public Library, 93 Broadway St W,
Yorkton, SK S3N 0L9, Canada

*To learn more about this event,
please visit: yorktonfilm.com/open-cinema





Community Activities & Events

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 Cafe

What: Coffee, Cake and a Good Conversation
When: February 06, 2023 — 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre
Topic: **WHAT IS SUCCESS?**
Contact: Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



In-Class Driver Training Education

What: Driver Training (6 hrs. in-class)
When: February 12, 2023 — 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Where: In the boardroom at the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre
Cost: FREE. Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



YFF OPEN CINEMA

What: 100% free of charge movie screening/Movie : The Newcomers
When: February 14, 2023 — 7:00 pm
Where: Yorkton Public Library, 93 Broadway St W, Yorkton, SK S3N 0L9
Cost: FREE. Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Cross Country Skiing

What: Skiing and Snowshoeing Adventure
When: Saturday February 18, 2023 — 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Where: Melville Regional Park/meet up is at the Melville Comprehensive School
Cost: FREE. Pre-registration is REQUIRED
Contact: Bob - rbuhler@ecnwc.ca/Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306) 783-2777 to register



ECNWC All-Star Basketball Skills Challenge / 3 Point Contest

What: Gym Night, Basketball in Invermay
When: February 24, 2023 — 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: Invermay School, 319 4 Ave, Invermay, SK S0A 1M0
Cost: FREE. Pre-registration is REQUIRED
Contact: Bob - rbuhler@ecnwc.ca/Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306) 783-2777 to register



Multifaith Festivals in February

JBaha'i' Faith Feb. 26- March 1 Ayyam-i-ha
Buddhism Feb. 5 - Magha
Feb. 15 - Nehan-e
Christianity Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
Feb. 27 - Lent Begins

Aboriginal Spirituality Feb. - Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony
Shinto Feb. 3 - Sersubun-sai
Islam Feb. 16 - Layat al Mi'raj
Hinduism Feb. 18 - Mahashivaratri

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



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