



# The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

## SEPTEMBER 2022

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

### ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

#### **We are open for walk-in and in-person appointments.**

We will continue to provide service through phone calls, emails and other media. You are encouraged to book appointments.

To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email [ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca](mailto:ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca).

Our service hours are Mon-Fri,

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**The office will be CLOSED on September 5, 2021.**

### **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada News**

As we transition back to pre-pandemic requirements, IRCC is extending distance learning measures to pursue your studies online from outside Canada while remaining eligible for a post-graduation work permit (PGWP) until Aug 31, 2023.

- ✔ If you're already studying online from outside Canada or you submit a study permit application before Aug 31 2022, you'll be able to complete up to 100% of your program online without affecting PGWP eligibility.
  - ✔ If you start a program between Sept 1, 2022 and Aug 31, 2023 or apply for a study permit before Aug 31, 2023, you will be able to complete up to 50% of your program online from outside Canada without affecting PGWP eligibility.
  - ✔ Starting Sept 1, 2023, all study time completed outside of Canada will be deducted from the length of your PGWP, regardless of when you began your studies.
- To learn more, please click [HERE!](#)

### **FUN Fact about Canada!**

With school starting back up this month, did you know that Canada is the Most Educated Country in the World. More than 50% of the population has a post-secondary education. Plus, Canada has a 99% literacy rate. Not bad eh?



Based on this information, Canada is the most educated country globally, with 56.71% of adults meeting the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) criteria. Japan has the second-highest percentage of 51.44%, followed by Israel with 50.92%. In general, the lowest education rates are seen in underdeveloped countries.

For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).



### **This is HOME**

#### **Meet Sohail Shaikh**

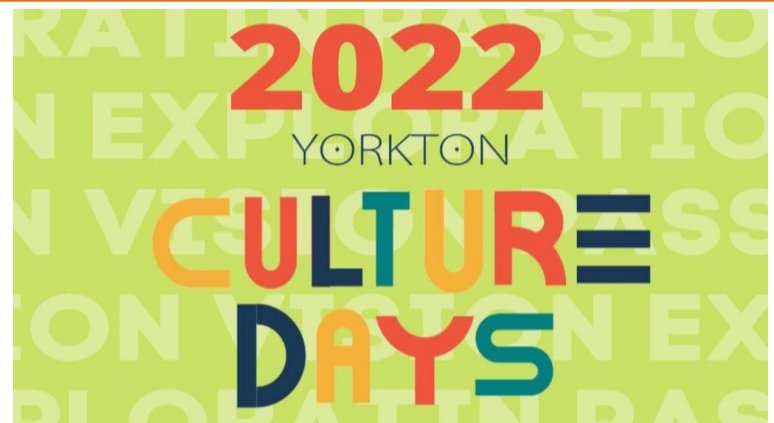
Sohail moved from the city of Hyderabad in India in 2021. He now calls Yorkton home! Sohail is currently working here in the city and enjoys his life in Canada!

*"I really like the serenity and pristine beauty of nature here in Saskatchewan. The people here are also very welcoming and considerate."*



*A few of the things I enjoy about Canada are the low crime rates, expanding job markets, excellent healthcare, high standard of living, and spectacular vacation spots."*

- Sohail



**Culture Days Yorkton is a celebration of art and culture in our community. An exciting selection of art and culture events and activities will take place indoors, outdoors and online starting September 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Some of the In-Person Activities in September include:**

- Sept 23 (2 – 4 PM) – Wheat Weaving (Yorkton Brick Flour Mill)
- Sept 23 (2 – 4 PM) – Groovy Grain Games (Yorkton Brick Flour Mill)
- Sept 23 (1 - 4 PM) – Heritage Stories (Yorkton Brick Flour Mill)
- Sept 23 (7PM) - Book Making Workshop with Ho Tam (Blue Drip)
- Sept 25 (1 – 4 PM)– Learn to Crochet (Yorkton Public Library)

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the events happening and visit the Yorkton Culture Days website!



# Community Activities & Event

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.



## BACK to School

Students / Education

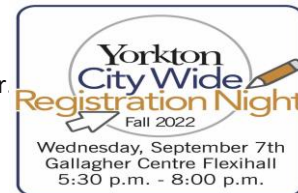
**WHAT?** Students return to classes! We hope everyone has a great school year. Stay safe!  
**WHEN?** September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
**WHERE?** Schools in the Good Spirit School Division and Christ the Teacher Schools. If you require assistance regarding school, please contact our office and our SWIS workers can assist you!



## Yorkton City Wide Registration

All ages

**WHAT?** Enjoy a one-stop shopping experience for all community groups and activities happening in Yorkton and area this year. Head down to the Gallagher Centre see what Yorkton has to offer  
**WHEN?** Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 5:30 PM – 8PM  
**WHERE?** Gallagher Centre Flexihall  
**COST?** FREE to attend and see which activities Yorkton has to offer.



## Sunflower Art & Craft Market

All ages

**WHAT?** Exhibitors from across Canada will display and sell their creations including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, textiles, woodwork, spa products, gourmet foods, accessories, home décor and much more!  
**WHEN?** Friday, September 9 from 5pm to 10pm and Saturday, September 10 from 10am to 5pm  
**WHERE?** Gallagher Centre, Yorkton SK  
**COST?** Might be a small admissions fee to enter the show. Attend prepared.



## Citizenship Test Tutorial

Adults / Education

**WHAT?** Are you a Permanent Resident and recently applied for Citizenship? If so, join us as we help you prepare for your Citizenship Test!  
**WHEN?** September 29, 2022, 1:00PM to 3:00PM  
**WHERE?** In the boardroom at East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre.  
**COST?** FREE but you must pre-register. Please email [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) to register.



## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Statutory Holiday

**WHAT?** Statutory holiday for federally regulated organizations to commemorate the legacy of residential schools fulfilling one of the many recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Also, in collaboration with Orange Shirt Day. The day is not a statutory holiday in Saskatchewan for employees who are not federally regulated.  
**WHEN?** September 30, 2022



## Multifaith Festivals in September

### Aboriginal Spirituality

Cenqolew (Dog Salmon returns to Earth)

### Baha'i Faith

8 – 'Izzat  
27 - Mashyyat

### Buddhism

7 – Birthdate of H.H. Sakya Trizin  
12 – Tatsunokuchi Persecution Anniversary  
20-26 – Higan-e

### Hinduism

22 – Death Anniversary of Eihei Dogen Kigen.  
11 – Pitru (Pitri) Paska  
26 – Navaratri

### Jainism

1 – Samvatsari  
1 - 10 – Dashalakshani-parva  
9 – Ananta-chaturdasi  
10 – Ksamavan

### Judaism

26 - 27 – Rosh Hashanah

### Scientology

12 – Auditor's Day  
23 – Shubun-no-hi

### Shinto

### Sikhism

1 – First Parkash

### Wicca

23 – Mabon (Harvest Home)

### Zoroastrianism

12-16 – Ghambar Paitishem

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



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