

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

OCTOBER 2026

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 holiday schedule

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

CLOSED OCTOBER 12, 2026

Otherwise, our staff is available

Mon. - 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).....

Supporting economic growth and stronger public services by maximizing the contributions of temporary workers already in Canada

To drive economic growth, address labour gaps in key sectors and help eligible temporary workers maximize their contributions to Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is introducing a temporary measure to allow work permit holders to study for up to 6 months without a study permit.

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Congratulations

Jeisel Tolentino

Executive Director - East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. (ECNWCI) is proud to announce the appointment of Jeisel Tolentino as its new Executive Director.

Jeisel is celebrating 12 years of supporting newcomers in East Central Saskatchewan, helping individuals and families integrate into schools, workplaces and the broader community. Her journey began in 2014 as a Newcomer Liaison Worker with SaskAbilities, where she served as a vital link between newcomers and essential community resources. In 2018, she joined ECNWCI as a Settlement Worker in Schools (SWIS), a role she held until September 2026.

Over the past eight years with ECNWC, Jeisel has worked closely with newcomer students and families, helping them navigate the education system, access community services and build meaningful connections.

Jeisel has been a trusted advocate for newcomers for the past twelve years. Her experience, passion, and leadership make her exceptionally qualified to guide the organization into its next chapter.

As Executive Director, Jeisel will lead ECNWC's ongoing efforts to strengthen newcomer services and build welcoming communities across East Central Saskatchewan. The organization expressed its gratitude for her years of service and looks forward to her continued leadership in supporting newcomer success.

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

**SILVER CIRCLE
COMMUNITY EXPO**

**OCTOBER 1, 2026
4 PM-7 PM**

**Gallagher Centre
Convention Place**



Community Activities & Events October 2026

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities and events happening in our community!

If you are interested in any of them, please call our office at
(306) 783-2777. We can help you register and /or accompany you to the event.

Conversation Café

What: A lively, interactive gathering where you can connect with fellow newcomers.

When: **October 7, 2026, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Centre

Cost: FREE. Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca/306 783-2777 to register



Citizenship Test Tutorial

What: A review of the Discover Canada guide to help you prepare for your citizenship test with confidence.

When: **October 15, 2026, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Centre

Cost: FREE. Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca/306 783-2777 to register



Lunch & Learn: CRA credits and benefits via ZOOM

What: An information session on the credits and benefits for which you may be eligible.

When: **October 15, 2026, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Centre

Cost: FREE. Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca/306 783-2777 to register



Know Your Rights via ZOOM

What: An info session on the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code and your rights against discrimination.

When: **October 23, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: FREE Contact: Amal - asajeev@ecnwc.ca/306 783-2777 to register



Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Workshop - By Appointment ONLY

What: One-on-one assistance for newcomers

When: **October 27, 2026, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Centre

Cost: FREE. Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca/306 783-2777 to register



In-Class Driver Education

What: Driver Education information

When: **October 30 & 31, 2026 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Centre

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca/306 783-2777 to register



MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN OCTOBER 2026

Christianity - October 11 - Harvest festival; Thanksgiving Sunday

Judaism - October 2 - Hoshana Rabbah*

Islam - October - Islamic History Month

Indigenous Spirituality - October 4 - National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit...

Hindu - October 20 - Dasara



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