

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

APRIL 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 holidays

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

CLOSED APRIL 3 & 6, 2026

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).....

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's 2026-27 Departmental Plan.

This Departmental Plan details Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC) priorities, plans, and associated costs for the upcoming three fiscal years.

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This is HOME

Meet *Cherry Orias*

HIPPY Home Visitor - East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



Cherry Orias moved to Canada from the Philippines in May 2025 as a Temporary Foreign Worker, seeking new professional opportunities while prioritizing her family's wellbeing. She and her family were searching for more than a new place to live, they were looking for a community where their children could grow, thrive, and feel supported. A civil engineer by profession, Cherry brings end-to-end experience in the development, construction and operation of renewable energy projects, including utility-scale hydropower, solar and wind projects in the Philippines.

Cherry works as a part-time HIPPY Home Visitor with the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre, supporting families with young children by helping them become their child's first and most important teacher. "Through regular visits and ongoing connection, I work one-on-one with parents especially mothers, to build confidence in parenting skills, support early childhood learning and school readiness and encourage positive routines at home".

Her work reflects her passion for helping others feel supported, informed, and confident as they navigate life in a new country.

Today, Cherry and her family call Yorkton home. "I love the slower pace of life, welcoming neighbourhoods, and easy access to essential services and recreation spaces".

Cherry's story reflects the strength newcomers bring to our communities, along with gratitude, resilience and a desire to contribute. She and her family are excited to continue building their future here and discovering more reasons to call Saskatchewan home.

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

Spring Fling 2026

Trade Show and Craft Sale



April 18, 2026 @ 11:00am - 4:00pm

St Mary's Ukrainian Church

Community Activities & Events April 2026

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.

SWIS - Bowling for Newcomer Students (Grades 5-8)

What: Join the SWIS team for Bowling for Newcomers

When: April 7, 2026 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

Where: Yorkton Bowling Arena, 49 Broadway St E, Yorkton

Cost: FREE Contact: jtolentino@ecnwc.ca/llutz@ecnwc.ca



Language Camp

What: English Conversation and Coffee

When: April 10, 2026 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Where: At the Yorkton Public Library

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



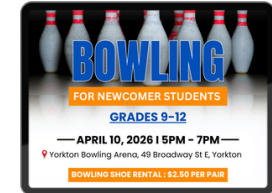
SWIS - Bowling for Newcomer Students (Grades 9-12)

What: Join the SWIS team for Bowling for Newcomers

When: April 10, 2026 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

Where: Yorkton Bowling Arena, 49 Broadway St E, Yorkton

Cost: FREE Contact: jtolentino@ecnwc.ca/llutz@ecnwc.ca



Employment Standards in Saskatchewan

What: Information on employment standards and workplace rights and responsibilities for employees

When: April 13, 2026 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Where: Online via Zoom

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



SWIS - Bowling for Newcomers 18+

What: Join ECNWC for a fun bowling evening out

When: April 17, 2026 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

Where: Yorkton Bowling Arena, 49 Broadway St E, Yorkton

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call/text 306 620-7532



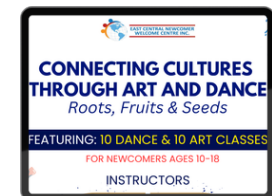
Connecting Cultures Through Art and Dance

What: Art and Dance lessons for newcomers ages 10 - 18 years

When: Starting April 18, 2026 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 APRIL 2026

Judaism - April 2-9 - Passover

Buddhism - April 1 - Theravada New Year

Baha'i Faith - April 29 - Ninth Day of Ridvan

Christianity - April 3 - Good Friday

- April 5 - Easter Sunday

Sikhi - April 14 - Vaisakhi/Khalsa Day

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



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