

What's Happening?



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Update: New Brunswick Multicultural Council

TESL New Brunswick is proud to bring its members a series of sector updates. This month, the focus is on the work of the New Brunswick Multicultural Council (NBMC), a bilingual, not-for-profit, umbrella organization committed to supporting immigrant-serving agencies, and multicultural and ethnocultural associations in NB.

NBMC is pleased to share the following update with TESLNB members:

Skills Launch:

- Three groups of 27 immigrant and refugee youth graduated from the 10-month training and employability program, *Skills Launch*, in Saint-John, Fredericton and Moncton.
- The program was developed by the New Brunswick Multicultural Council and is co-funded by the Government of Canada and the Government of New Brunswick.
- The Skills Launch program supports participants to overcome challenges of time and place to secure full-time employment or further education in the province. Over three years, the program assisted 81 immigrant youth, between 18 and 30 years old, overcome barriers to employment, and helped them develop a broad range of skills and knowledge to participate in the current and future labour market.



Recent graduation in Moncton, NB for Skills Launch participants

The Atlantic Immigrant Career Loan Fund (AICLF)

- A community-based, bilingual project delivered in the Atlantic Provinces, assisting internationally trained newcomers (Permanent Residents or Immigrant Canadian Citizens) in their Foreign Credential Recognition (FCR). Participants are provided with microloans, thereby helping them overcome the financial barriers they face in becoming licensed practitioners and entering the NB workforce. The NB service providers include the Multicultural Association of Fredericton (Fredericton), the Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton Area (Moncton), the Saint John YMCA (Saint John) and the New Brunswick Multicultural Council (for the rest of the province).

ImagineNB

- Imagine NB, (a program led by NBMC, supported by EECD, and grateful for the involvement of several TESLNB Executive members), had its 6th leadership accelerator in Bathurst, NB in February 2019, on the topic of Food Security, Budgeting, and Multiculturalism. The 7th leadership accelerator is slated for end of March 2019, focused on the theme of honouring plurilingualism in a bilingual province. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the history of bilingualism in New Brunswick, tour the Legislative Assembly building, meet with leaders of today, and work on their community projects to impact their own communities.



ImagineNB cohort of youth leaders from across New Brunswick



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