

# What's Happening?



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## WELCOME FROM TESLNB'S NEW PRESIDENT

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Hello TESL NB members:

I would like to take a few moments to introduce myself. My family and I have lived in Fredericton for 20 years and we truly feel like this is home. Fredericton is a great place to live – green spaces, trails, a rich culture, and many social and active living opportunities. My favourite activities are biking in the summer, snowshoeing in the winter, and walking year round.

I recently retired from the Multicultural Association of Fredericton (MCAF) where I had been teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to newcomers for 10 years. I found teaching newcomers to be particularly rewarding and I enjoyed learning about other cultures. It was bittersweet this fall when I didn't have a new class to meet and teach. I'm hoping to make a positive difference to newcomers through volunteer opportunities.

Being recently retired, I was looking for new opportunities to explore. Having been a TESL NB member-at-large for several years, I am honoured to take on the role of president. I'm looking forward to finding ways to enrich the lives of TESL NB members. I look forward to serving as your president, and I welcome your suggestions to grow and energize the organization.

I hope your fall is going well.

Donna Hoffman



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TESL NB exists because of, and for, its members. To get involved, email [teslnewbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:teslnewbrunswick@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.teslnb.ca](http://www.teslnb.ca).

## Thank you to outgoing President, Corey Harvey

Corey Harvey served our provincial organization with dignity, professionalism and pride during his time as Co-President and then President. He actively sought new partnerships provincially, and advocated for our province's important role in the success of our national organization, TESL Canada. In his current role as Past President, Corey remains an active TESL NB member and a significant force on the Organizing Committee of the upcoming TESL Atlantic Conference (details below). Thank you, Corey, for sharing your time and energy in service to a strong and passionate provincial organization for teachers of ESL, EAP, EAL, and EFL in New Brunswick!



## TESL NB MEMBERS LOVE LEARNING!

TESLNB members played an important role in the recent national conference, **Languages without Borders**, co-hosted by the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers and the Second Language Research Institute of Canada (at the University of New Brunswick). Several TESLNB members spoke at the Conference, which took place in May 2019, and TESLNB Board Members, Paula Kristmanson, Chantal Lafargue and Kathy Whynot were on the organizing committee.

TESL NB is pleased to co-host, along with TESL Nova Scotia, a **TESL Atlantic Conference in spring 2020**. The conference falls on the NBTA subject council day thus facilitating the attendance of educators from the K-12 system, in addition to colleagues from other sectors. We are excited for the cross-sectoral learning and sharing that will take place. Mark your calendars: **TESL Atlantic Canada Conference – Halifax, Nova Scotia – April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020!** Information will be added to [www.teslnb.ca/events/1766](http://www.teslnb.ca/events/1766) as it becomes available. Please consider not only attending, but speaking at this great event! **Call for proposals** is up now: <https://tinyurl.com/y5xrwtae>

TESL NB is currently organizing a **Learning Day for members, to take place in December 2019**. More details coming soon: keep an eye on Twitter, teslnb.ca and/or your email for information!



TESL NB Executive, with TESL NB members, at our June PL event

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*In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.*

**Phil Collins**