



TESL New Brunswick Newsletter April 2024

What's Happening?

Good day TESL NB members,

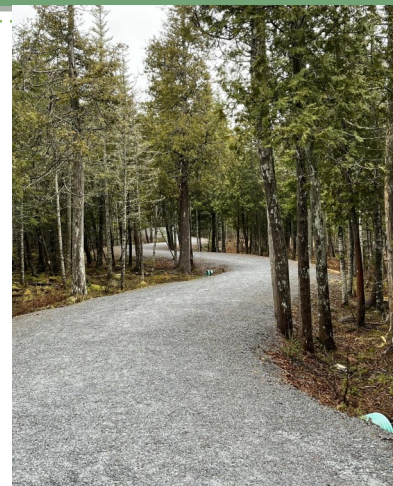


I hope your 2024 is going well so far, though if you are a skier or enjoy a zip through the trails on a snow machine it probably hasn't been your ideal winter. I don't usually make New Year's resolutions but this year I have made a list of projects and challenges for 2024. I love being able to check things off a list, so I've made a list of things I love to do or have been meaning to try and I am determined to complete the list in 2024!

There are books to read, trails to hike, restaurants to try, and art/craft projects to do. It's not exactly a resolution but I think it will keep me motivated. The point is, don't forget to do what you love. Life never seems to get less busy so why not fill it with some fun.

And have fun reading the latest newsletter! Thank you, Dawn McCluskey for another great read.

Kind Regards,
Erica Thomas
TESL NB President



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Community Profile: Rural Employment and Language Initiative (RELI)



Organization: New Brunswick Multicultural Council

Submitted by: Hannah Goodwin

As we wrap up the fiscal year, it is a time of celebration for participants in the Rural Employment & Language Initiative (RELI) who have completed eleven months of learning English, preparing for employment, and connecting in the community. RELI was born after identifying a need for language support in rural communities for newcomers arriving with beginner language levels. With funding by the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training, and Labour through Working NB, this program has now had three years of success in Chipman and Sussex, NB. The language classes designed for English language learners with Canadian Language Benchmarks 1-4 center around employment and settlement topics. With classes offered for 1-1.5 hours, four days a week in the afternoons and evenings, learners are provided with the language tools to begin their search for employment in the Canadian workforce.



RELI Graduation: Chipman Group

Through a series of workshops, employment counselling appointments, and opportunities to connect with employers in their area, participants can take the first steps toward employment. The third component of the RELI program, community connection, is to help newcomer participants explore and settle into their rural community by learning what it has to offer. This is done in part by our site visits - think field trips - and in partnership with the local settlement agencies, RSN Grand Lake and the Multicultural Association of Sussex, who offer a colourful variety of cultural celebrations, information sessions, and more!

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NBMC Staff

RELI has served over 80 students who have represented nine countries around the world. The majority of our clientele have been women who are searching to improve their language to better support their family and engage with their community. To reduce barriers to access, we are pleased to offer assistance with transportation and childminding. Since many rural NB towns and villages do not have public transportation, this helps clients maintain their class attendance. Furthermore, RELI offers support for mothers with children at home by providing childminding for children who are not in school.

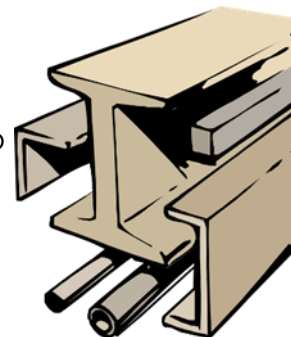
The 2023-2024 RELI Cohort 3 has finished its programming and celebrated the accomplishments and growth of 25 participants in late February/early March. We wish them all the best with their continued growth and with their future in Chipman and Sussex!



TESL NB's Teaching Tip: Creative Repetition

Learning a language is not always about inputting new information, it is also about reinforcing material in new and creative ways. This repetition will assist students in “digesting” the content.

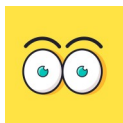
Students may feel overwhelmed by so many factors, especially at the beginning of their language learning journey. Many students may also feel bombarded by all the new material being presented. Being mindful about how much “new” content is being introduced and how much time is being spent on it, can assist in a student's language development.



To help with this, re-use the same material a few times for different learning targets. For example, a text could first be used for pronunciation practice by having students recite the text out loud. A few days later, the same text could be used for reading comprehension and vocabulary building. The following week, it could be revisited and used as a springboard into writing. By doing this, a student will have more familiarity with the subject matter and more exposure to the vocabulary, in turn, creating more comfort and confidence while working on the various skills.

Submitted by Geoff

Stay Tuned!!!!



Keep an eye on your TESL NB emails for information about our next in-person professional learning event. Be sure to save the date and add it to your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing you there!





TESL NB

TESL NB is a professional organization affiliated with [TESL Canada](#) that aims to support ESL and EAL teachers and instructors working in a variety of institutions in the province of New Brunswick.

TESL NB provides ESL/EAL educators with a venue for professional networking and professional development opportunities.

We welcome new members. Visit www.teslnb.ca/join-us/ to find out more.

LET'S CONNECT!

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Please reach out if you want to get involved or know more. We believe in the power and importance of professional connections.



Attention TESL NB Members:

You will have received an email announcing bursary applications. Applications are available to TESL NB Members for attending a professional conference or learning event. Details are on the copy of the application form below.



The Association of New Brunswick Teachers of English as an Additional Language

Bursary Application Form

Application for a bursary, up to a maximum of \$250.00 per applicant, to attend a virtual or in-person conference or professional learning event.

Application due date: _____

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Application Requirements:

- Be a current member of TESL NB.
- Attend, in person or virtually, a conference or professional learning opportunity which takes place prior to August 31st, 2024.
- Bursary to be applied to registration, or travel and lodging if the event is face-to-face.
- A receipt is required to receive payment.
- Following the event, a short report is to be submitted to teslnewbrunswick@gmail.com for publication in TESL NB's newsletter to share what insights you gained from this opportunity.

*Bursary applications may be submitted for any 2024 conference/PL opportunity after having attended, provided the applicant can present valid receipt(s).

Contact teslnewbrunswick@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Please submit your completed bursary application form by 2024 by e-mail to the following address:

teslnewbrunswick@gmail.com

Subject: Bursary
