

# PPCII Newsletter for October 2011



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Dear stakeholders,

Your October update includes [Food](#), [hockey](#), and our upcoming [conference in November](#). Stay tuned for details on our Strategic Planning session in December.

Congratulations to Michael VanDerHerberg and his lovely wife, Andrea on the arrival of their first baby. Attached, you will find photos of William James VanDerHerberg.

A fond farewell to Sonya Harding- our active PPCII member- as she embarks on a new chapter and a new role. We will miss her creative ways and wish her all the very best.

We would also like to announce the hiring of Ralph Colley and Gabriel Ribadeneira as the newest employees of the New Canadians Centre. They will be part of the [Workplace Integration Centre as Employer Liaison Specialists](#).

Please read below for some time-sensitive (and dare I say) interesting news items.

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## Details

1. [Oct 26: NCC World Kitchen- The Art of Zambian Cooking](#)

**What:** NCC World Kitchen- Learn how to prepare the meal and then enjoy dinner together!

**When:** Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>; 6:00-8:00pm

**Where:** St. James United Church (221 Romaine Street)

**Cost:** \$10 to include cookery demo and dinner

**How:** To reserve your place, please pay and register with Jenny at the New Canadians Centre Reception Desk. There is a limit of 20 people, so please act quickly!

**Contact:** Anne at (705) 743-0882 or [anne@nccpeterborough.ca](mailto:anne@nccpeterborough.ca)

2. [Nov 17: Join us for another PPCII Conference](#)

The PPCII will host our 2<sup>nd</sup> *'Together We Prosper'* conference **NOVEMBER 17th** from **1-8pm** at the Holiday Inn. The conference will explore issues related to immigrant integration. Speakers include the CEO of the GPAEDC, who will speak on the importance of diversity to the creative economy. To register, please contact Jason at (705) 743-0882 x 233 or [jason@nccpeterborough.ca](mailto:jason@nccpeterborough.ca).

3. [Dec 8: NCC Hockey Night with the Peterborough Petes!](#)

Join us for the New Canadians Night at the Peterborough Petes hockey game. Newcomers will receive a discount on tickets and a portion of every ticket sold will be donated to the New Canadians Centre.

Contact Anne at (705)743- 0882 x222 or [anne@nccpeterborough.ca](mailto:anne@nccpeterborough.ca) to sign up and to find out how to get the discount on the tickets.

4. [Action Plan Project of the Month: ESL Service Audit with TCCBE](#)

The PPCII and the [Trent Centre for Community Based Education \(TCCBE\)](#) are working together conduct an audit of English as a Second Language (ESL) services in the Peterborough area. This audit will showcase the available services from pre-school to adult, at all levels and pinpoint the specific gaps in ESL service in the Peterborough City and County. This project is one of the actions planned under the [Education Pillar of the PPCII Integration Strategy](#), and aims at improving access to services.

Implementation of the project will take place during the 2011-12 academic year. For additional information on this project please contact Safo Musta, PPCII Research and Implementation Specialist at [safomusta@nccpeterborough.ca](mailto:safomusta@nccpeterborough.ca).

5. [Newcomer Stories are Waiting for You!](#)

Ever wonder what it's like to be an immigrant in Peterborough? Impressed by the resiliency of newcomers? Wonder no more! Newcomers from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Philippines, Somalia, Zimbabwe (and more!) share their stories of tribulation and triumph in Peterborough. These videos and written pieces are insightful and inspiring. And you are just a [click away](#).

6. [Updated PPCII Speaking Notes](#)

You will find the October speaking notes on our website. We hope they will help you in your role as integration ambassadors. Notes are updated monthly can be found under the 'Resources' tab at [www.ppcii.ca](http://www.ppcii.ca).

7. [Language Interpretation Toolkit for Service Providers](#)

**Let's Talk** is an initiative of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Ontario Region (CIC). **Let's Talk** is an electronic repository of tools, resources and information related to interpretation for people with limited English language proficiency. **Let's Talk** can help organizations better deliver services to immigrants, and provides information that answers these and many other questions. See [our website](#) for details.

8. [PPCII Committees Need You!](#)

Are you passionate about the PPCII Integration Strategy? Do you get a kick out of conference planning? Is marketing 'your thing'? Do you see the big picture and wish to take part in the overall governance of the PPCII? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is your lucky day! The following PPCII committees need your time and talent: Executive Committee, Marketing Committee, Training & Capacity Building Committee and the Integration Strategy Committee. For Terms of Reference, meeting dates, and other details, [please click here](#). Contact Jason for more information at (705)743-0882 x 230 or [jason@nccpeterborough.ca](mailto:jason@nccpeterborough.ca).

9. [Free Subscriptions to the Newcomer Bulletin!](#)

Based in Peterborough, Ontario *Newcomer Bulletin* magazine believes in creating a supportive and open-door environment for newcomers. It is designed to provide guidance to newcomers as they go about the process of starting a new life in Peterborough. The magazine also features longer-term immigrants and use their stories to inspire newcomers. Subscription is free! *Newcomer Bulletin's* website is accessible at: [www.newcomerbulletin.com](http://www.newcomerbulletin.com). For more information, contact Beverly Lomosad at (705) 772-7172 or [beverly@mediaplusvillage.com](mailto:beverly@mediaplusvillage.com).

10. [Canada's Immigration Policy: a Focus on Human Capital](#)

As the country debates the ability of younger generations to support an aging population, the size of the labor force and tax base necessary to maintain economic growth, and the population's ideal cultural and linguistic composition, Canadians are re-evaluating the goals of the immigration system and the direction in which they want it to help lead their society. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

11. [Over-qualified Immigrants at Risk of Poorer Mental Health](#)

Poor mental health in any worker, immigrant or otherwise, can lead to a number of consequences, including poor morale, reduced productivity, absenteeism, injuries, higher rates of short- and long-term disability, and rapid turnover. Details on contributing factors to poor mental health and supporting immigrant workers' mental health can be found in the [full research article here](#).

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