

PPCII Newsletter for December 2011



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Dear Council members,

The last PPCII newsletter starts with sincere gratitude for everyone who helped make the [PPCII Conference on Immigrant Integration](#) a big success. [See the website](#) for an overview of the day and a few of the presentations.

The next meeting of the PPCII is on Jan 12th from 1-3pm at the Peterborough Public Library Auditorium. Debby Keating from Fleming College will be there to teach us about the Language Instruction for Newcomers LINC program. We will also nominate our committee chairs and repopulate the committees. With only two months to the end of the fiscal year. We will also be discussing some ideas for the future sustainability of the PPCII. See you there!

Here is your December update:

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PPCII News

1. [PPCII Meeting Dates for 2012](#)

The dates for all council and committee meetings are now set. You can access them on the [PPCII website](#).

2. Action Plan Project of the Month: ESL Service Audit

Through a [Trent Centre for Community-Based Education project](#) two Trent students are engaged to 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 area. If you are interest in being involved in this project, contact Safo at saf@nccpeterborough.ca.

3. Jan 14: Peterborough Welcome Pass—Family Fun Day

On January 14, 2012 Peterborough Family Resource Centre and Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration will co-host Family Fun Time Event. The event will take place from 1-3pm at the Peterborough Family Resource Centre in 201 Antrim Street. Families with young kids are invited to join us for an afternoon full of crafts and games. Peterborough Welcome Passes will be offered to newcomers as well as a healthy snack for the little ones. Please come along and bring your family! For more information contact Safo at [\(705\)743-0882](tel:(705)743-0882) or saf@nccpeterborough.ca.

4. Jan 31: PPCII Strategic Planning Session

Is it in our best interests to incorporate...to seek charitable status? Is the current structure of our meetings preventing more newcomers from joining the PPCII...are the current meetings the best way to build capacity amongst our members? Join us and contribute you thoughts on the future of the PPCII.

Details: January 31st from 9am-12 Noon at the Peterborough Public Library Auditorium

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 most recent PPCII information on our website. We hope the speaking notes will help you in your role as integration ambassadors. Notes are updated monthly can be found under the 'Resources' tab at <http://ppcii.ca/>.

Community News

1. Dec 30: Peterborough Multicultural Festival at Showplace

On Friday, December 30th, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm for a family-friendly evening of international cuisine, music, and dance from around the world and lots of interactive fun !! Brought to you by the [Afrocentric Awareness Network of the Kawarthas](#) performers will include Chaka and the Revolutionaries Marimba Band, African Inspirations dance group, Sri Lankan dance, Irish Fiddlers, Phoenix Belly dancers, guitarist Giovanni Matamoros-folkloric traditional Mexican music and lots more. Pay what you can, suggested price of 7.00 per person. Chicken and vegetarian food will be provided but if possible, bring an appetizer or a side dish

from your cultural tradition. For more information, please visit the Showplace web site at www.showplace.org.

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

The second edition Peterborough's Newcomer Bulletin is now available. Subscriptions are free so get your own copy at various locations throughout Peterborough or contact Beverley to subscribe at at 772-7172 or editor@mediaplusvillage.com

3. [Starting Jan 23: ESL Classes at the Learning Source](#)

Starting January 23rd, The Learning Source is offering Beginner and Intermediate ESL classes. For further information visit [The Learning Source website](#), or contact Louise at: info@learningsource.ca or [\(705\) 743-2141](tel:7057432141).

4. [OMA Continues to Call for End to 3 Month Wait Period for OHIP](#)

The Ontario Medical Association continues to call for the removal of the 3 month waiting period for OHIP for landed immigrants. The OMA emphasizes that the three month wait for OHIP can be bad for a patient's health and the community. Ontario's doctors believe there is a significant health benefit to removing the barriers and that immediate OHIP coverage ensures that patients seek the care they need, when they need it. Further information is available on the [OMA website](#).

Together we prosper

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