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MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF FREDERICTON INC. (MCAF)

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SUN/DIM	MON/LUN	TUE/MAR	WED/MER	THU/JEU	FRI/VEN	SAT/SAM
1 First Day of Shavuot	2 Begin registration: Children & Youth Summer Programs Début d'inscription des programmes d'été pour les enfants et les jeunes	3	4	5	6 Eid-al-Adha	7 Eid-al-Adha
8	9	10	11	12	13 PD Day Journée pédagogique (K-8 Francophone)	14
15 Father's Day Fête des pères	16	17	18	19	20 World Refugee Day Journée mondiale des réfugiés Last day school Dernier jour d'école	21 National Indigenous People's Day Journée nationale des peuples autochtones
22	23 Children & Youth Summer Programs start Début des programmes d'été pour les enfants et les jeunes	24	25	26	27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day Journée canadienne du multiculturalisme	28 Cultural Expressions Festival Festival d'expressions culturelles
29	30 Newcomer Scholarship 2025 Application Deadline Dernière date de demande de bourses scolaire nouveaux arrivants 2025					

ACCESS TO ON-SITE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PARTER

DATE & TIME

Self-care Info Session In Partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association

June 19, 11am

English Talking Circle CLB 6+

Saturdays, 9-11am
MCAF

Speaking & Listening for CLB 3 & CLB 4

Saturdays, 9-11am
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SETTLEMENT INFORMATION & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

IN ENGLISH, WITH INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
(FRENCH, ARABIC, MANDARIN, DARI, PASHTO, SOMALI, SWAHILI, TIGRINYA AND UKRAINIAN)

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LINK
MCAF Intake Sessions for new arrivals For newcomers who have just arrived in Fredericton, want to meet with MCAF staff & learn about MCAF and community programs and services	Tuesdays Thursdays	10:30am	Registration
Q&A Session for NAARS Settlement Plan For newcomers with questions about the NAARS settlement plan and seeking an advice from a SINAAR worker	Wednesdays Fridays	10:30	Registration
Q&A Session for AIP Settlement Plan This session offers info on the Atlantic Immigration Program (AIP) for newcomers in Fredericton (6 months or less)	Mondays	4pm	Registration
Exploratory visit - NB Business Immigration Stream	Tuesdays	11am	Registration
Q&A Session: Ask the Settlement Worker One on One sessions for MCAF clients who are looking for support and guidance with specific settlement related challenges	Thursdays	9:30am	Registration
Community Food Smart Program Sandi MacKinnon from Greater Fredericton Social Innovation will be sharing details about the Community Food Smart Program, a community-driven initiative, that helps improve access to fresh, affordable produce	June 3	10am	MCAF Registration
Welcome to MCAF Info Session Learn about the services, and resources MCAF offers to support newcomers, including settlement and community integration	June 10	2:30pm	Registration
Self-care Information Session by CMHA This session will focus on understanding mental health, building awareness and learning where and how to seek help	June 19	11am	Registration
Cultural Café at Fredericton Public Library Meet other newcomers and learn about diverse cultures	June 19	6pm	Registration
National Indigenous People's Day Presentation An informative session highlighting the histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous people in Canada	June 26	10am	Registration

For more info on settlement I & O sessions: settlement@mcaf.nb.ca

WELLNESS ACTIVITIES		
ACTIVITY	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
<p>Knitting Circle</p> <p>If you want to learn how to knit or have an item you have been working on and want to have support finishing it, please join us!</p> <p><u>One-time registration link</u></p>	Saturdays 11am-1pm	MCAF Reception Area
<p>Women Sewing Program</p> <p>Whether you're just starting out or have been sewing for years, our Sewing Circle is a welcoming space for everyone!</p> <p><u>Registration link</u></p>	Saturdays 1-4pm	MCAF Reception Area
<p>Therapeutic Art sessions</p> <p><u>Registration link</u></p>	June 26 12-1pm	MCAF Classroom 142

For more information: wellness@mcaf.nb.ca

ANNUAL RECREATION FAIR AT MCAF A GREAT SUCCESS!

On May 9, 2025, the Multicultural Association of Fredericton hosted its annual Recreation Fair, welcoming over 300 visitors and featuring 16 fantastic organizations as presenters:

- Charlotte Street Arts Centre
- City of Fredericton
- Conservation Council New Brunswick
- Cricket Fredericton
- Fredericton bouldering co-op
- Fredericton District Soccer Association Inc
- Fredericton Police
- Ignite
- Kid's Sport
- MCAF SWIS
- Nashwaak Watershed Association
- NB South - Regional Cadet Support Unit
- NBASW
- Parks and Trails
- RoboFlight
- Utec NB



- FIRST FREDERICTON FRIENDS (FFF)

Be a friend AND welcome newcomers to our community! The First Fredericton Friend Program has openings for you. Learn about other cultures and traditions while sharing your time and resources to help settle our new neighbours. An enriching cultural experience awaits.



First Fredericton Friend
volunteer

Commitment: 2 hrs/week (min. 6 months)
Responsibilities: conversation, friendship-building,
introduction to the community resources, language practice

Email at community-liaison@mcaf.nb.ca



- ONLINE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTORS

Volunteer with MCAF as an English Language Tutor while enhancing your teaching skills. Gain experiences supporting the settlement & integration of newcomers in our community.

- Volunteers provide tutoring for newcomers, usually one-on-one, in some cases 2-3 students
- Volunteers require a 3-6 month commitment.
- Meet once a week for 1-1.5 hours for meaningful language activities.

For more info: community-liaison@mcaf.nb.ca

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ON-SITE & ONLINE ENGLISH CLASSES

MCAF offers ESL classes for eligible candidates. Class levels are from Foundation Literacy to CLB6. To join an English class: esl@mcaf.nb.ca

ONLINE ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

CLB 3-4 language level: Saturdays 9-10am - online

CLB 5+ students: Saturdays 10-11:30am - onsite

To join the conversation groups: esl@mcaf.nb.ca

CANADIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INDEX PROGRAM (CELPIP)

We've added additional CELPIP test dates in the MCAF computer lab. Starting in January, Sunday test dates will also be available!

To schedule your test or view upcoming test dates, visit: <https://www.celpip.ca/city/fredericton/>

CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS FESTIVAL 2025 – SAVE THE DATE!



The Cultural Expressions Festival 2025 will present an exciting day of entertainment from around the world on June 28, 12pm-8pm at Officers' Square. This year's theme, the Light Beyond the Mountains: Afghan Resilience, Culture & Connection will feature Afghanistan and showcase multicultural dance and music performances, drumming circle, displays, food for purchase and family activities, coordinated by MCAF & Fredericton's ethno-cultural associations. There will be a series of multicultural activities in June. Free admission.

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Art Session The World Community Village	Sunday, May 25	12pm-3pm	Beaverbrook Art Gallery
Photo & Art Exhibition Light Beyond the Mountains: Afghan Resilience, Culture & Connection	June 1-30	All day	Fredericton Public Library
Drumming Circle	Thursday, June 5	6-7pm	Beaverbrook Art Gallery
Art Session Fly Beyond the Mountains: Afghanistan Kite Making	Saturday, June 7	10am-12pm	Fredericton Public Library
International Cricket Tournament	Saturday & Sunday June 14 & 15	11am-7pm	Grant Harvey Centre
Anti-racism Panel Discussion	Tuesday, June 17	5pm-7pm	MCAF
Living Library	Wednesday, June 25	4:30pm-7:30pm	Fredericton Public Library
Multicultural Performances & Info Booth	Thursday, June 26	4:30pm-9pm	Garrison Night Market
Cultural Expressions Festival	Saturday, June 28	12pm-8pm	Officers' Square

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: "BECOMING US" MULTICULTURAL ART EXHIBITION

The Multicultural Association of Fredericton (MCAF) is seeking newcomer and immigrant artists to participate in Becoming Us, an exhibition exploring identity, change, and belonging through migration. This showcase will take place at Government House in September 2025.

Accepted Art Forms:

- ✓ Paintings ✓ Sculptures ✓ Photography ✓ Textile Art
- ✓ Collage & Mixed Media

How to Submit:

- Submit up to three pieces.
- Send clear photos of your artwork.
- Include the following details in the form:
 - Your full name and country of origin
 - Title(s)
 - A short description of how your work connects to Becoming Us

Submission Deadline: August 1, 2025

For questions, please contact mihail.milchenko@mcaf.nb.ca



**Click [HERE](#)
or Scan to apply**

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS (SWIS)

The MCAF SWIS offer settlement services to newcomer students and their families in the Fredericton and surrounding area. In partnership with local schools, the Anglophone School Districts, and community partners, SWIS workers support students to learn about and to integrate into their new school and community.

For more info & additional tutoring, homework & school support, please contact:

SWIS for Anglophone Schools (K-G12): swis@mcaf.nb.ca or (506)476-1300

Fredericton High School students are welcome to visit our office located in Room E127, available Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For further assistance, please contact:

- **Jeremias Tecu at jeremias.tecu@mcaf.nb.ca or (506) 476-1300**
- **Ilhan Abdi at ilhan.abdi@mcaf.nb.ca or (506) 471-6338**

SWIS ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	AGE
1 on 1 tutoring program with United for Literacy Tutoring for Math, Science & English subject support	evenings & weekends	Online	children & youth
Homework support/Tutoring programs Additional tutoring & homework supports for various subjects including Math, Science, English	determined based on each participant's schedule	Online	All Grades
Tutoring Program at FHS Support for various subjects including Math, Science, and English	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:45 - 4:45	FHS	High school

For more info & to register: swis@mcaf.nb.ca

Please note: All outdoor activities, including Outdoor Sports, Girls' Soccer, and Boys' Cricket are weather-dependent.

CHILDREN & YOUTH WELLNESS, RECREATION & ART PROGRAMS

ACTIVITIES & SESSIONS	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Soccer for Girls: Age 12+	June 3 & 10 5:45 - 7:30pm	MCAF / Wilmot Park
Outdoor Sports: Age 12+	June 5 & 12 5:30 - 7:30pm	Wilmot Park
Cricket for Boys: Age 12+	June 6 5:30 - 7:30pm	Wilmot Park
Cricket for Girls: Age 12+	June 7 & 14 1 - 3pm	MCAF
Parks & Trails Day	June 7 10am - 2pm	TBC
Movie Night: Age 12+	June 13 5:45 - 7:30pm	449-551 Needham st

For registration: [Click HERE](#)

For more information: youth@mcaf.nb.ca / elena.shevchenko@mcaf.nb.ca

SWIS YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

The SWIS Youth Summer Program, offered by the Multicultural Association of Fredericton, is an exciting opportunity for newcomer youth to improve their English while making new friends and having fun!

Running from **June 23 to August 15, Monday to Friday, 9am - 3:30pm** (excluding weekends and holidays), the program helps students between the ages of 12 and 17 practice their English and develop their social skills through engaging activities and outings.

It's a great way for youth to stay active, connect with their community, and build confidence in a supportive environment.



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