



Workplace COVID-19 Screening Program

The Western REN has been working with the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce and the province of NS to facilitate the Workplace Screening Program.

Since this program launched in July 2021, there have been 6600 participating employees in Yarmouth, Shelburne, and Digby Counties.



As well as being a partner, the Western REN is a proud participant of this program. For more information visit <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/working-during-covid-19/>

Local Immigration Partnership

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has provided funding to the Western REN to lead in the creation of a **Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)**. The LIP brings together diverse voices and partners to collaborate on innovative and community-driven strategies to meet our region's changing needs and manage population growth.

The **Partnership Council**, which includes members from more than 20 organizations, municipalities, and businesses, held its first meeting in June. The **Immigrant Advisory Committee** has representation from 13 different countries as well as several immigration "pathways." The members are keen to be involved in helping other immigrants settle and thrive in the Western region.



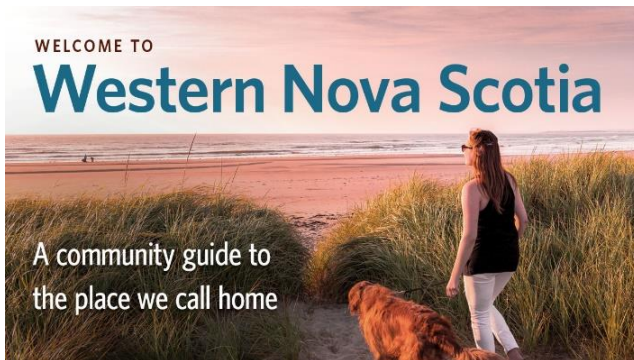


Welcome Guide

In partnership with funders, local municipalities, and organizations, the Western REN created 'Welcome to Western Nova Scotia' as a resource to help newcomers navigate our region.

'Welcome to Western Nova Scotia' is an all-encompassing guide to living in the region for those considering moving to our communities and those who have recently moved here. It takes readers through the need to know, including housing, healthcare, child-care, education, volunteering, museums, and activities to check out within the region.

The Welcome to Western Nova Scotia Guide is available in both official languages at www.westernren.ca



Western REN LIP Community Survey

The LIP wants to learn more about community priorities, concerns, and attitudes about immigration in the Western Region. Immigrants are people born outside Canada who are now permanent residents, temporary residents, Canadian citizens, or foreign nationals (including refugees, refugee claimants, international students, and more).

Anyone who lives in the Western Region is encouraged to complete this survey. Information gathered will be used to inform the Western NS LIP Strategy, to focus our work on local priorities, and to create stronger communities.

If you are interested in completing the Community survey, you can click on this link

<https://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/l/WesternCommunitySurvey2021>.



Western Region Community Survey

Deadline October 29th, 2021

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Virtual Adviser Program

"The virtual advisor program was a great support. Having someone experienced in the industry with a broader view to connect with, was a huge help and a great way to bring ideas to reality and put downturns into perspective." - Saskia, Sydney Street Pub

Does your business need help solving a problem? Get one-to-one support from an experienced business advisor.

Our free Virtual Adviser Program powered by BoomersPlus.com will match you with a season. Reach out to rstephenson@westernren.ca to learn more.



In business, time is money. Wasted time is wasted money. This program helps identify and reduce wasted time, energy, materials, and more.

Learn about the simple and often free strategies to reduce waste.

Reach out to Rob Stephenson as rstephenson@westernren.ca to learn more.



The "hidden job market" are the 80% of jobs not posted online. Many of these jobs depend on face-to-face networking.

The Connector Program helps you get your first introduction. Reach out to our Program Manager Miranda MacLean a mmaclean@westernren.ca to get started.



If you are an employer unable to fill your labour needs from a Canadian workforce, the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program (AIPP) is here to help.

Once designated, your business can recruit the talent you need. Reach out to Program Manager Kathleen d'Entremont-Mooney at kmooney@westernren.ca to learn more



The LIP is a regional partnership that brings together representatives from a wide range of sectors to work on a settlement and integration strategy for newcomers to the region.

Reach out to Brenda LaGrandeur to learn more about this partnership at blagrandeur@westernren.ca to learn more.