



Community Sector Council Newsletter

December 4, 2023

Happy Holidays from CSCNL!



As the holiday season begins in Newfoundland and Labrador, I'm reflecting back on the incredible acts of kindness and community support we've witnessed at CSCNL in 2023.

This is why our new "Volun-Cheer" campaign is more than a celebration; it's an acknowledgment of the tireless individuals and organizations who step up, particularly during these times.

They're the unsung heroes, whether they're organizing events for seniors, participating in beach clean-ups, volunteering at food

banks, or simply offering a helping hand to those in need. These contributions not only bring joy and support to others but also impact our collective well-being and create a sense of community belonging.

The recent [Well-Being Community Fair](#) at the St. John's Farmers' Market was a testament to this spirit. With over 50 community organizations and volunteer groups, we showcased a spectrum of low-cost or no-cost services contributing to our health and wellness. The fair was not just an event; it was a vibrant display of community strength and resilience.

Interested in having a Well-Being Fair in your community? If so, reach out to Lindsey Hynes at lindseyhynes@cscnl.ca and let's explore! Your participation

could spark a wave of change.

Stay connected and inspired – visit our [website](#), sign up for our newsletter, and join a movement dedicated to uplifting each other all year long.

Thank you for embarking on this meaningful journey with us. Your involvement and support mean everything.

From my family to yours, and from all of us at CSCNL, Happy Holidays! Here's to a 2024 filled with health, happiness, and community spirit!

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Colin Corcoran, CSCNL CEO

CSCNL UPDATES AND INSIGHTS

Don't miss CSCNL's "Coffee's On" TODAY (Dec. 4) at 1 PM (NST) for an online discussion on NL's Poverty Reduction Plan and its connection to well-being

Aisling Gogan, Assistant Deputy Minister with the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development will be providing an overview of the province's new Poverty Reduction Plan, announced on November 8th, 2023. The new three-year phased plan is an important element of achieving the province's goal of becoming one of Canada's healthiest provinces by 2031, and is aligned with recommendations from Health Accord NL. The plan has four key focus areas and associated actions to better support the well-being of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

Register here: <https://cscnl.ca/events/coffees-on-awareness-session-on-govnl-new-poverty-reduction-plan/>

Coffee's On

A CSCNL INITIATIVE



Join us on December 4th, 1-2:30 pm NST,
for an overview of Newfoundland and
Labrador's new Poverty Reduction Plan.

Join us for CSCNL's Volun-Cheer Event on December 14th!

Join us on December 14th at 12 PM NST for our online Volun-Cheer event, part of our Volun-Cheer campaign dedicated to recognizing and celebrating our invaluable volunteers during this special time of year. Click [here](#) to register now!

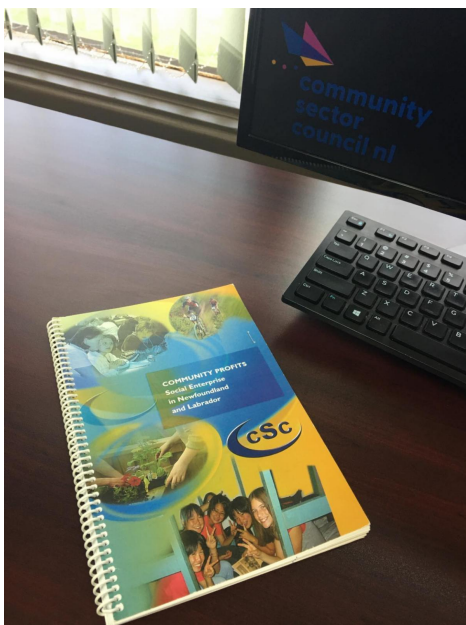
You'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the holiday spirit with CSCNL's regional network facilitators, your festive elves of volunteer wisdom. During this event, we'll delve into volunteer engagement tips, engage in conversations with special volunteer guests, and even offer an exciting giveaway for participants!



How are you feeling? Surveying your Well-being in the Sector



Your well-being matters, both personally and professionally, and we want to hear your thoughts! As Newfoundland and Labrador places a growing emphasis on well-being, we invite you to take part in our "How are you Feeling?" survey. Your input can help us better understand and support the well-being of those who work tirelessly in the sector to strengthen our communities: <https://cscnl.ca/well-being-survey/>



Discover Newfoundland and Labrador's Social Enterprises - Join Our Directory!

At CSCNL, we have long been advocates for social enterprises, recognizing the incredible potential they hold in not only strengthening our communities but also in generating diverse revenue streams for the community sector. In fact, back in 2008, we created a guidebook to support social enterprises in Newfoundland and Labrador.

In our effort to promote social enterprise development in the province, we're excited to announce our initiative to create a province-wide directory of social enterprises. This directory will serve as a valuable

resource, helping both social enterprises and those seeking their products and services to connect and thrive.

We need your help to make this directory comprehensive and impactful. If your organization is involved in social enterprise and you'd like to be included, please get in touch with Christine Snow, CSCNL's Manager of

When you reach out to Christine, be sure to provide us with the following information:

- The goods and services your social enterprise provides.
- Your organizational name.
- Contact information for your social enterprise.

Discover TechKnowTutors' New Webpage!

We're excited to introduce the new webpage for techKnowTutors on CSCNL's website! TechKnowTutors is a free digital literacy program designed to help individuals of all ages and backgrounds learn to use technology in their daily lives. Our program covers a wide range of digital topics, including internet safety, online privacy, critical thinking, and more. Whether you're a student, professional, or simply looking to enhance your digital skills, techKnowTutors is here to empower you. Visit the new [webpage](#) to explore upcoming sessions, our expert instructors, and flexible options.



FUNDING AND SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Propel Impact Consulting Fellowship (Deadline: December 8, 2023): An exciting chance for women- and gender-diverse-led nonprofits to receive 160-200 hours of project support in areas like market research, feasibility assessment, financial modeling, and impact measurement. This program, running from January to March 2024, also offers impact investing education and potential investment opportunities. Expressions of interest are open until December 8. Learn more at propelimpact.com/consulting.

Navigating Financial Services with CPA NL's Guidance: In Newfoundland and Labrador, only accountants licensed by CPA Newfoundland and Labrador (CPA NL) are legally allowed to conduct audits and reviews of financial statements. CPA NL also requires its members to register, ensuring they follow professional standards, even for services that don't require a license. To help banks and anyone using financial statements understand these rules, CPA NL has created a

helpful article, "Why a CPA." This guide is essential for making smart financial decisions and is available [here](#).

Additionally, CPA NL keeps a current list of all licensed accountants, making it easy for you to check if an accountant is officially recognized. This list is accessible on the CPA NL website [here](#). If you're unsure about an accountant's status or if you've received a financial report from someone who isn't licensed, you can contact CPA NL at registrar@cpanl.ca for further assistance.

Canada Summer Jobs for Employers: The application period is now open for employers to receive wage subsidies for hiring youth, including those facing employment barriers, during summer 2024. This nationwide initiative supports young Canadians in gaining valuable work experience. Apply now at ow.ly/sRkX50QaKkY.

SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Kimberly Leonard, the Director of Community Engagement and Outreach for 211 Newfoundland and Labrador, is actively seeking community support to amplify awareness of the 211 phone service in the province.

As Canada's comprehensive source for government and community-based services, 211 offers invaluable information and referral services, including non-clinical health and social support. It's particularly crucial during crises like natural disasters and pandemics. Available 24/7, free of charge, and in over 150 languages (including those of Indigenous peoples), 211 is accessible via phone, chat, text, web, and TTY for those with hearing impairments. Covering a wide range of needs from seniors' support to mental health and addictions, 211 serves as a key resource for everyone in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more information or to contribute to the program's awareness, contact Kimberly Leonard at kimberly.leonard@nl.unitedway.ca or call 1 (709) 753-8288, and visit <https://nl.211.ca/search/> for further details.



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