

Spring into Action: Your May Update

As the days grow longer and communities across Newfoundland and Labrador come alive with activity, we're reflecting on a season full of gratitude, growth, and connection. From Volunteer Week celebrations and municipal proclamations to upcoming learning opportunities and grant programs, there's lots to share—and even more to look forward to.

Whether you're a volunteer, community leader, or changemaker, we hope this month's newsletter inspires you to stay engaged, connected, and supported. Let's keep creating ripples of change together! ☐

Volunteer Week 2025: A Celebration to Remember



Communities across Newfoundland and Labrador came together last week to honour the incredible people who power our province—our volunteers. From heartfelt recognition events to joyful community gatherings, Volunteer Week 2025 was filled with gratitude, connection, and inspiration.

Although the official celebrations have ended, the appreciation continues. In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing stories, highlights, and reflections from events held across the province that

show just how powerful volunteerism is in shaping our communities.

Together, we create ripples of change. □

Explore Volunteer Week

Recognizing Municipal Leadership & Volunteerism



As Municipal Awareness Week (May 4–10) comes to a close, we're taking a moment to recognize the incredible contributions of municipalities across Newfoundland and Labrador in supporting the community sector.

In many communities, town and city councillors are volunteers themselves, and many more bring a deep commitment to volunteerism into public service. Their leadership strengthens local connections and helps build thriving, resilient communities.

During Volunteer Week 2025, we were honoured to join municipalities across the province in signing proclamations to officially recognize and celebrate the power of volunteers.

CSCNL and the 2025 Volunteer Week Committee encourage town and city councils across the province to continue acknowledging Volunteer Week by signing a proclamation to officially declare April 27 – May 3, 2025 as Volunteer Week in your municipality.

**View
Proclamations**

Grateful to Their Honours for Celebrating Volunteers Across NL



WITH HEARTFELT THANKS TO THEIR HONOURS
FOR CHAMPIONING VOLUNTEERS ACROSS NL



Last week, we were honoured to partner with Her Honour The Honourable Joan Marie Aylward, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, and His Honour Carl R. Thompson, to celebrate volunteers in both St. John's and Gander.

From a special reception at Government House to heartfelt recognition in Gander, Her Honour has spent the past month uplifting and acknowledging the spirit of volunteerism across our province.

As our Honourary Patron, Her Honour continues to be a true partner in celebration—shining a light on the heart of the community sector. A heartfelt thank you to Their Honours and the Government House team for opening your doors and hearts to volunteers throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

PeerUp Series: Let's Talk Social Finance!



Episode 6: Social Finance: Capital that Fits
Alternative fundraising and investment pathways.

MAY 13 | 3 PM | Online



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Join us for the next PeerUp Series session as part of the Community of Practice (CoP) on May

13, 2025!

In this session, Emily Mercy (Goparity Canada) and Kyle Zhang (Tapestry Community Capital) will dive into alternative fundraising and investment pathways—ideal for non-profit leaders, social entrepreneurs, and community advocates looking to scale their impact.

- **Date:** May 13, 2025
- **Time:** 3:00 PM (NST)
- **Location:** Online

The Community of Practice (CoP) is an initiative led by [Community Sector Council NL](#) through its [Social Innovation Lab](#), in collaboration with the [Centre for Social Enterprise](#). Together, we aim to foster innovation, share knowledge, and build capacity among changemakers and community organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Save Your
Spot**

More Events from our Social Innovation Lab



Social Enterprise through Acquisition
Info Session

Are you?

- A business owner looking to retire or sell
- A community organization interested in buying a business
- A group converting into a co-operative

Join us and learn about

- Pathways to business succession and legacy
- Strategies for unrestricted funds
- Funding and supports for the acquisition

Register!



MAY 14 | 11 AM

SOCIAL innovation Lab **PLACENTIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** **Newfoundland-Labrador Federation of Co-operatives**

SETA Info Session with Placentia Chamber of Commerce

Date: May 14, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM (Virtual)

A virtual session aimed at business owners, community organizations, and groups converting into co-operatives. Topics will include business succession, strategies for unrestricted funds, and acquisition funding and support.

**Join the
Session**



Community & Small Business
Stephenville Meetup

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MAY 15 | 1 PM

35 Carolina Ave, Stephenville

SOCIAL innovation Lab **PEOPLE OF THE DAWN** **CBDC** **Newfoundland-Labrador Federation of Co-operatives**

Stephenville Community Meetup with People of the Dawn & CBDC

Date: May 15, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 35 Carolina Ave, Stephenville

This in-person meetup will provide insights into business succession, strategies for unrestricted funds, and available funding and support for hiring. Perfect for business owners, community organizations, and groups looking to convert into co-operatives.

**More
Details**



Social Enterprise through Acquisition

Info Session

Financial Aspects of an Acquisition

- How to get a business acquisition ready
- What buyers and sellers need to know
- Find the right partners



MAY 29 10 AM VIRTUAL

Presenter
Michael Lutes
Senior VP at EY



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Co-operatives

Buying a Business: Financial Lens, with EY

Date: May 29, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM (Virtual)

This virtual session will cover the financial aspects of business acquisitions, including how to prepare a business for acquisition, what both buyers and sellers need to know, and how to find the right partners. Presented by Michael Lutes, Senior VP at EY.

[Register Now](#)

Calling All Newcomers: Gain Experience, Build Connections, and Make an Impact



Strengthening Newcomers Through Volunteer Experience

community sector council nl
NVOLVE
NEWCOMER VOLUNTEERING

What is NVOLVE?
A program connecting newcomers in Newfoundland & Labrador with volunteer opportunities to gain experience, build networks, and give back to their communities.

OUR VISION

- Community Empowerment
- Inclusive Growth
- Pathways to Participation

JOIN NOW

ARE YOU INTERESTED ?
SCAN THE QR CODE



We're excited to launch **NVOLVE: Newcomer Volunteering**, a new initiative from CSCNL that supports newcomers in building networks, gaining valuable Canadian experience, and contributing meaningfully to their communities through volunteerism.

Whether you're looking to enhance your resume, practice English, or meet new people, volunteering can help open doors and create a sense of belonging.

Equity, inclusion, and lived experience are at the heart of NVOLVE. Your story matters—and your contributions are valued.

Know someone who might be interested? Share this opportunity and help build a more inclusive Newfoundland and Labrador.

[Join NVOLVE](#)



Age-Friendly NL Communities Program 2025–26

Grants up to \$10,000 (or \$15,000 for regional partnerships) are available to support age-friendly planning and community projects that promote healthy, connected aging.

Eligible applicants: municipalities, Indigenous governments, and not-for-profits with an age-friendly mandate.

☐ **Deadline:** May 16, 2025

[Start Now](#)

Grants to Youth Organizations 2025–26

Funding is available for youth-serving nonprofits in NL to support projects that promote mentorship, inclusion, leadership, and community engagement. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available for eligible initiatives.

☐ **Deadline:** June 6, 2025

[Submit Now](#)

Job Creation Partnerships Program Now Open

The JCP Program supports not-for-profit, community-based projects that offer EI-eligible individuals valuable work experience. Funding is available for short-term roles that benefit both participants and the community. Apply through the LaMPSS system.

☐ **Deadline:** June 15, 2025

[Learn More](#)



Well-Being Week 2025 Grants

Support for community organizations to host events promoting physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being during Well-Being Week (Sept 21–27, 2025). Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to help bring awareness to the social determinants of health and engage communities in meaningful conversations and activities.

[Details Page](#)



Resilient Futures Funding Now Open

Prosper Canada has launched Resilient Futures, a \$60 million initiative supporting community organizations that offer free financial empowerment services—like tax filing, benefits navigation, and financial coaching—to Canadians with low and moderate incomes.

[Apply Now](#)

Call for Applications: Wi-Fi Hotspot Pilot

The Provincial Government is seeking proposals from communities and development partners to install up to 10 new Wi-Fi hotspots in underserved areas and along highways.

Priority will go to locations with limited connectivity and strong plans for installation, maintenance, and community benefit.

[View Details](#)

Costco Charitable Giving – Now Accepting Requests

Costco Charitable Giving provides monetary support to registered Canadian nonprofits focused on children, education, and health & human services.

Organizations can apply once per fiscal year (September–August) through warehouse donations for local causes or grant applications for broader initiatives. Requests are accepted on a rolling basis year-round.

[Apply for Funding](#)



Volunteers Needed: Stroke Recovery Peer Support

March of Dimes Canada is seeking volunteers in Corner Brook to help launch a Peer Support Group for stroke survivors and caregivers. This is a great opportunity for individuals with lived experience—whether as a survivor or caregiver—to offer hope, encouragement, and recovery resources to others on a similar path.

[Learn More](#)

Sector Job Board

- ☐ **Social Enterprise Director** - Trailhead Development Company Inc. (Parson's Pond, NL)
- ☐ **Service Coordinator** - Stella's Circle (St. John's, NL)
- ☐ **Office Administrator** - Newfoundland & Labrador Federation of Co-operatives (St. John's, NL)
- ☐ **Manager of Temporary Residents** - Association of New Canadians (St. John's, NL)
- ☐ **Education and Support for Employment (EASE) Facilitator** - Association of New Canadians (St. John's, NL)
- ☐ **Settlement Officer** - Association of New Canadians (St. John's, NL)

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