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Building Connections: Your October Edition

This month, we're celebrating the power of connection — between people, ideas, and communities. From the Catalyst Capital Roadshow Recap exploring social finance, to NVOLVE strengthening newcomer engagement, to the launch of our new Well-Being Communities Program, October is all about collaboration in action.

□ *Explore how communities across Newfoundland and Labrador are working together to drive impact and inclusion this fall.*

Catalyst Capital for the Community – NL Roadshow Recap

This September, CSCNL's [Social Innovation Lab](#) joined GoParity Canada and Memorial University's Centre for Social Enterprise for a province-wide roadshow exploring the power of community finance and impact investing.

Workshops and social sessions in St. John's, Gander, Corner Brook, St. Anthony, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay brought together changemakers and organizations driving innovation across Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Roadshow highlighted the power of collaboration and the growing potential of community finance to strengthen Newfoundland and Labrador's social impact ecosystem.



NVOLVE Highlights – Connecting Newcomers & Community

This fall, [NVOLVE](#) connected with communities across Newfoundland and Labrador — from hosting a booth at the GIVE Expo and sharing opportunities at MUN & CNA Career Fair, to supporting grassroots and newcomer-led groups with ARAISA Consultation, and co-hosting a Volunteering & Career Growth session at CSCNL to explore how volunteering fosters belonging

and inclusion.

☐ **Is your organization looking for volunteers?**

NVOLVE connects newcomers with meaningful opportunities to contribute their skills and grow their networks.

☐ **Contact Bahar at bahar@cscnl.ca to get involved or list your opportunities.**



Well-Being Communities Program

The **Well-Being Communities Program** is a new CSCNL initiative supporting community-led projects that foster inclusion, accessibility, and social connection across Newfoundland and Labrador.

This pilot program focuses on building capacity through collaboration. The Well-Being Communities Advisor works directly with your community to co-create a project — facilitating a workshop to identify well-being priorities, develop a proposal, explore funding opportunities, and help bring your ideas to life.



☐ Get in touch with Hannah, Well-Being Communities Advisor, at hannah@cscnl.ca or 709-853-7821 to learn more and set up an introductory call.



Help Shape the Community Ideas Festival 2026

We're reimagining the Community Ideas Festival — and we want your input! ☐ Following the success of the 2024 edition, CSCNL and partners are planning the next Festival for 2026, and your feedback will help guide its direction.

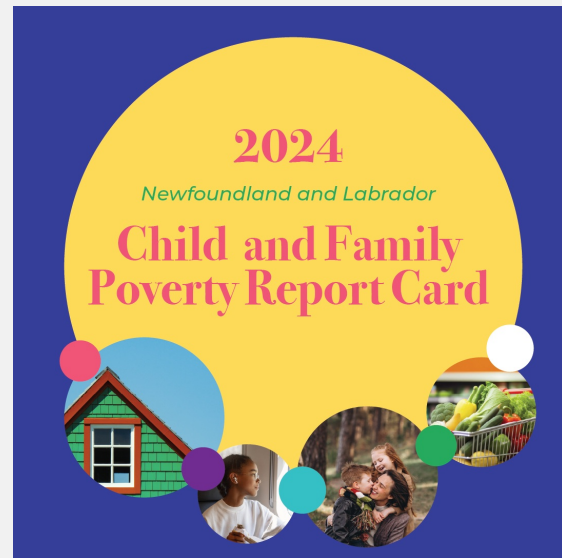
☐ Share your ideas through our short survey and help shape the future of this province-wide event that brings people together to learn, connect, and spark change.

Take the Survey

Child & Family Poverty Report Card 2024

CSCNL is proud to have collaborated with Choices for Youth and the Jimmy Pratt Foundation on the 2024 Child and Family Poverty Report Card — an in-depth look at child and youth poverty in Newfoundland and Labrador.

This report amplifies the voices of individuals with lived experience, highlights the progress made, and calls for continued action to create a better future for young people in our province.



[Read the 2024 Report Card](#)

Upcoming CSCNL Events



Coffee's On: October Edition

☕ *Join the conversation!*

This month, Lindsey Hynes (CSCNL) will host a session with Sara Burrows and Mandy McGrath from the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work (CCRW).

We'll explore inclusive employment practices, featuring the launch of Untapped Talent Job Board and Disability Confident Leader Training — tools that support accessible workplaces and equitable hiring.

[Save Your Spot](#)

PeerUp Series: Financial Health for Community Organizations

Join the Social Innovation Lab and Memorial University's Centre for Social Enterprise for Episode 10 of the Community of Practice series. This session, led by EY, will explore how community organizations can strengthen their financial resilience through strategy, governance, and risk management.

Join the
Conversation

SOCIAL
innovation
Lab

Community of Practice (CoP) PeerUp Series

Episode 10: Financial Health For
Community Organizations

NOV
7 | 11:00
AM (NST)

Online



Grants & Funding

ST. JOHN'S



Digital
Museums
Canada



City of St. John's Grants

The City of St. John's provides funding and resources to support community organizations and individuals working toward the city's strategic goals.

□ Applications open late October and close the last Friday of November.

Learn
More

Digital Projects Fund

Apply for funding of up to \$250,000 to develop digital projects—from the ground up—with support from a web development agency. Ideal for heritage, museum, and community organizations. Find full eligibility details and how to apply.

Explore
Details

Solid Waste Management Innovation Fund

The MMSB is accepting submissions for its Solid Waste Management Innovation Fund (SWMIF), which supports projects promoting waste reduction and sustainable resource management.

Apply for
Funding



Farm Credit Canada

The Community Funding stream from FCC supports projects that strengthen the agriculture-based economy and enhance rural quality of



Canadian
Red Cross

Youth Resilience Fund

The fund supports youth (ages 16–30) to lead community-based projects that build resilience — offering funding up to \$5,000,

Co-operative
Development Fund

Loans to empower co-operative growth

Co-operative Development Fund

NLFC's Co-operative Development Fund offers accessible loans for new and existing co-operatives in NL.

life. Eligible applicants include agricultural organizations and community groups in rural areas.

mentorship, and skills development.

Built by co-ops for co-ops, the fund strengthens community-led enterprises by providing affordable financing and support.

**Get
Started**

**Start your
Project**

**Discover this
Fund**

Programs & Opportunities



Forging Shared Paths

Join Nature NL for the annual ENGO Summit, a province-wide gathering bringing together environmental organizations, community leaders, and changemakers to share, connect, and collaborate on sustainable solutions for NL. November 13 - 15, 2025

Stay Tuned



Fair Funding for Nonprofits — Virtual Launch

Join the national launch of the Fair Funding for Nonprofits coalition to explore equity in federal funding, necessary reforms, and how the sector can mobilize for change. October 22, 2025

Save your Spot



Informal English Learning Sessions for Newcomers

Tombolo Multicultural Festival NL invites newcomers to join weekly Conversation Café sessions — a relaxed and friendly space to practice English, meet new people, and build confidence. Every Saturday | ☐ 2:00–4:00 PM

Register here



Student Volunteer Opportunity

Are you a student looking to earn volunteer hours while making a difference? Paw2Love is inviting youth to join their team and help support dogs in need! From event assistance to fundraising or rescue support, there are plenty of ways to get involved and make an impact.



Volunteer with Hockey Canada

The U18 Women's National Championship is coming to NL this November 2–8!

Join Hockey Canada's volunteer team and help make it happen — from game operations to team services and more.



Summit Accelerator Program 2026

The Navigate Small Business Summit Accelerator Program is now open for applications! This free 12-week program helps entrepreneurs and social innovators fuel their business growth through mentorship, accountability, and milestone-based funding of up to \$5,000.

[Get Involved](#)[Apply to Volunteer](#)[Learn more](#)

Tools & Resources

Alzheimer
Society

[Book a Session](#)

Dementia-Friendly Education Sessions

The Alzheimer Society of NL offers free presentations to help businesses, organizations, and communities become more dementia-friendly. Topics include Understanding Dementia, First Responder Training, and Meaningful Engagement.

Policy Matters

Want to stay on top of policy matters? Below is a round-up of recent government announcements, reports, and invitations for public feedback that may impact our sector:

- ❑ **National Seniors Day Recognized** — The Office of the Seniors' Advocate observed International Day of Older Persons and National Seniors Day to spotlight issues affecting older adults → [Read more](#)
- ❑ **Environmental Assessment Bulletin Released** — The Department of Environment & Climate Change published its latest environmental assessment updates and review notices → [Explore updates](#)
- ❑ **Community Health Assessment 2025 Launched** — NL Health Services is conducting a province-wide survey and engagement to identify community health needs and priorities → [Learn more](#)

Careers in the Sector

- ❑ **Featured: Manager, Revenue & Strategic Development** - CSCNL (St. John's, NL)
- ❑ **Communications Assistant in Social Enterprises Marketing** - Food First NL (St. John's or Corner Brook, NL)
- ❑ **Project Coordinator** - Sharing Our Cultures (Corner Brook & Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL)
- ❑ **Housing Specialist** - Homestead NL (St. John's)
- ❑ **Education and Training Coordinator** - Heritage NL
- ❑ **Current Openings** - Stela's Circle
- ❑ **Current Openings** - Association for New Canadians

Have a nonprofit job to share? If you're a board director, hiring manager, or recruiter, [contact us](#) to have it featured in our newsletter.



Connecting People, Organizations, and Communities



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