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APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Communities in Action This April

April is a busy month of celebration and connection — a time for communities in action. Across Newfoundland and Labrador, organizations are coming together to celebrate, share ideas, and build momentum through collaboration and innovation.

This month's newsletter highlights opportunities to fund, connect, learn, and take part.

Registration Now Open: Community Ideas Festival 2026

**APRIL 29 -
MAY 1**
St. John's, NL


COMMUNITY
Ideas Festival
2026

**FUTURE-PROOFING NL'S
COMMUNITY SECTOR**

 **EMERA INNOVATION
EXCHANGE + VIRTUAL**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Shared Communities. Shared Future.

The Community Ideas Festival returns April 29 – May 1 in St. John's, NL — bringing together community leaders, innovators, and changemakers from across Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond.

This year's focus: **Future-Proofing NL's Community Sector** — strengthening the people, partnerships, and prosperity our communities need to thrive.

Can't join in person?

Join from anywhere through our virtual experience.

Bursaries available

Cost shouldn't be a barrier — reach out if support would make it possible.

[Join the Festival](#)

Ignite Volunteerism: Volunteer Week 2026



Volunteer
Bénévoles
Canada



Volunteer Week 2026 (April 19–25) is a time to celebrate the people who show up - again and again - for our communities.

Across Newfoundland and Labrador, volunteers are the quiet force behind connection, care, and belonging. They make life a little brighter in ways big and small - and this is our moment to recognize them.

There are many ways to get involved:

- ✦ Support local events through Celebration Grants
- ✦ Nominate someone for the Volunteer Recognition Reception
- ✦ Share your volunteer story
- ✦ Access tools and resources to help you celebrate

Whether you're organizing, recognizing, or sharing — there's a place for everyone to take part.

[Explore Now](#)

CSCNL at Metropolis Canada 2026

CSCNL was proud to be represented at the **Metropolis Canada Conference in Halifax** (March 11–13), where Bahar Hashemi delivered a session on newcomer volunteer engagement.

The session explored how access to meaningful volunteer opportunities is often shaped by systemic barriers, and highlighted the importance of designing roles that foster inclusion, belonging, and community connection.

Drawing on insights from CSCNL's NVOLVE initiative, the conversation contributed to a broader national dialogue on newcomer integration and civic participation.



Grants & Funding



AECU Community Grants Now Open

Atlantic Edge Credit Union is investing in communities across Newfoundland and Labrador through its Community Grant Program. \$50,000 in funding is available, including five \$10,000 grants to support impactful local initiatives. 17 JULY Apply by April 17, 2026

[Apply Now](#)



EnviroFest Grants Now Open

Newfoundland Power is offering five grants of up to \$6,000 to support community groups and municipalities in delivering environmentally focused projects. These grants aim to encourage sustainability and positive environmental action across NL.

[Explore Funding](#)



KidSport Grants for Kids

KidSport NL provides grants of up to \$400 per child (18 and under) to help cover sport registration and equipment costs. Support is available for families facing financial barriers, so more kids can play and experience the benefits of sport.

[See Details](#)



Funding for Free Tax Clinics

Co-operative Development Fund

The Co-operative Development Fund offers accessible, affordable financing to support new and existing co-ops across Newfoundland and Labrador. Built by co-ops for co-ops, this revolving fund helps strengthen a growing and diverse co-operative sector.

 Apply by April 15, 2026

[View Details](#)

Job Creation Partnerships (JCP)

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Job Creation Partnerships (JCP) program supports not-for-profit community projects that provide meaningful work experience for individuals eligible for Employment Insurance (EI).

 Application deadline: June 12, 2026

[Review Program](#)

The Government of Canada has renewed funding for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), supporting organizations that host free tax clinics for people with modest incomes. This program helps communities access important benefits while strengthening local support services.

 Applications open May 1

[Learn More](#)

Programs & Opportunities



ST. JOHN'S STATUS OF
WOMEN COUNCIL

Free GBV Awareness E-Course

Empowering Them is a free, first-of-its-kind e-course designed to help end gender-based violence in Newfoundland and Labrador. Open to anyone 14+, the course equips participants to recognize signs, take action, and help create safer communities.

[Start Learning](#)



Volunteer Opportunity: HR Committee

ICNL is looking for a volunteer with experience in human resources, employment law, or organizational development to support its HR Committee. Help strengthen practices and contribute to a more inclusive Newfoundland and Labrador.

[Express Interest](#)

SeniorsNL
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Tea & Talk: Homesharing Info Session

Join this upcoming session to explore how intergenerational homesharing can support aging in place, offering companionship, income, and help at home. Learn how it works, ask questions, and discover if it's the right fit for you.

 April 7 | 2:00–3:30 PM

[Save Your Spot](#)



Human Rights in the Workplace

Join this practical RISE session to better understand employer responsibilities and



Partner with Horizons Program

Easter Seals NL is inviting employers to connect with trained, job-ready candidates

build more inclusive, compliant workplaces. Gain tools to manage challenges, support retention, and handle workplace issues with confidence.

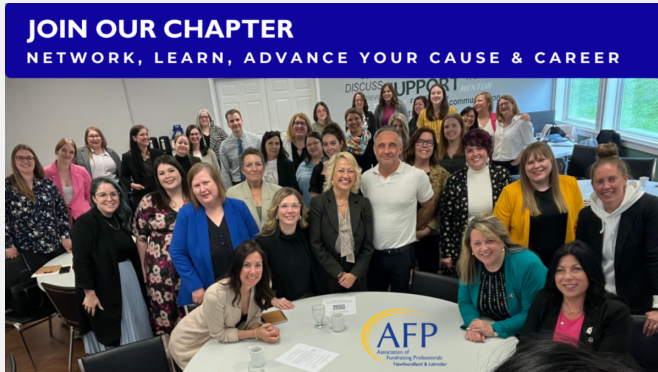
 April 14 | 2:00–3:00 PM (Virtual)

through the Horizons Work Experience Program. Receive support throughout the hiring process, including onboarding, accommodations, and access to wage subsidies.

Register Now

Get Started

Tools & Resources



Fundraising Support & Learning

AFP Newfoundland & Labrador connects nonprofit leaders with training, mentorship, and a professional network to strengthen fundraising practice. Access tools, insights, and community support to grow your organization's impact.

Learn More

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:

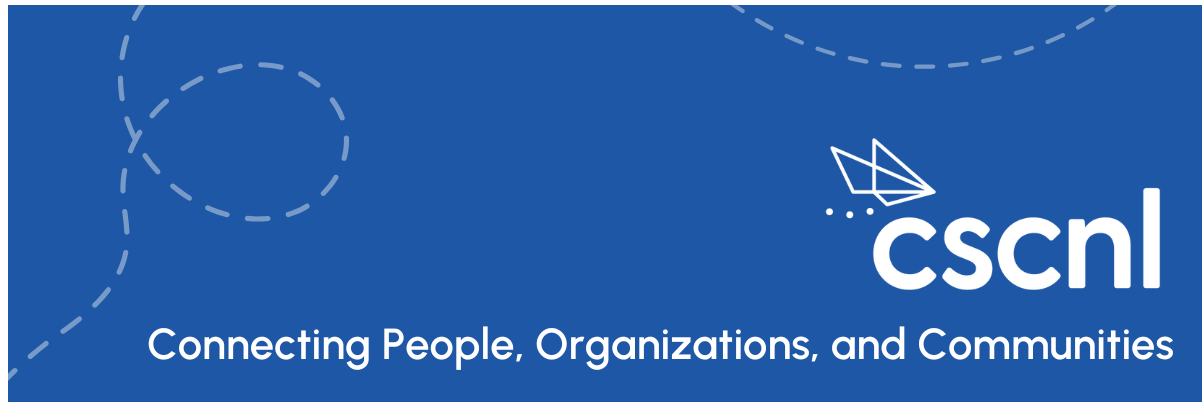
- ♦ **Child Care at Work: Improving Equitable Child Care Access in NL:** A new report from the YWCA explores how expanding childcare access can strengthen economic security and workforce participation across Newfoundland and Labrador. → [Read the report](#)
- ♦ **Open Letter on Trust-Based Philanthropy:** Organizations across Canada are coming together to advocate for more equitable, trust-based funding practices that support deeper impact and long-term change. → [Add your name](#)
- ♦ **Consultation: Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (2026–2029):** The Government of Canada is seeking input on its draft strategy outlining plans to build a resilient society, grow the economy, and protect the environment. Stakeholders are invited to share feedback and join future engagement opportunities. → [Participate in the consultation](#)

Careers in the Sector

- ✦ **Associate, Finance and Administration** - CSCNL (St. John's, NL)
- ✦ **Administration & Records** - Bridges to Hope (St. John's, NL)
- ✦ **Day Summer Camp Director** - Ukrainian National Federation Avalon Branch (Corner Brook, NL)
- ✦ **Accountant** - Association for New Canadians (St. John's, NL)

- ☀ [Project Lead - SEA for Youth](#) - Association for New Canadians (St. John's, NL)
- ☀ [Research and Labour Market Analyst](#) - SABRI (St. Anthony, NL)
- ☀ [Charity Development Manager](#) - Candlelighters Association NL (St. John's, NL)
- ☀ [Community Support Worker](#) - Choices For Youth (St. John's, NL)
- ☀ [Front Desk Memberships Sales and Service](#) - YMCA of Western NL (Corner Brook, NL)

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.



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