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June 2026 Newsletter

Community Connections & Opportunities

This month, we're bringing you a fresh roundup of opportunities, inspiring stories, and ways to get involved across Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. From leadership programs like Open Hearth to impactful grants, volunteer calls, and sector job openings, there's something here for everyone working to strengthen our communities. Read on to discover how you can connect, contribute, and grow your impact this season.

Building Healthier Communities Together: Community Wellbeing Fair a Success



Co-presented by CSCNL and the Health Care Foundation, the Community Wellbeing Fair held on June 4th at Jack Byrne Arena, brought together more than 60 nonprofit organizations, healthcare partners, businesses, and government agencies to connect residents with programs, services, and resources that support health and wellbeing.

One of the event's greatest successes was the meaningful connections made throughout the day -not only between community members and service providers, but also among organizations themselves. These conversations sparked new relationships, shared learning, and opportunities for collaboration that will continue long after the event.

CSCNL extends its sincere thanks to all exhibitors, volunteers, and attendees, as well as our Co-Presenting Partner, the Health Care Foundation, whose leadership, support, and commitment to healthier communities helped bring this initiative to life. We also thank the Jack Byrne Arena, our Venue and Community Partner, for their generosity and hospitality. Together, we are

Open Hearth — Applications Open



Applications have been extended to June 15, 2026. Join the June 11 information session to learn more about this mentorship and leadership development program for nonprofit leaders in Western Newfoundland and Labrador.

Learn more and register:

<https://cscnl.ca/ourworks/open-hearth/>

Information Session Registration:

<https://zoom.us/join/0K3h4XyZRDSjTyMEzX5AHQ>

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Ascend Participant Story

Rebecca's Story Port Medway, NS

"Because of her work, areas that had been overgrown became places where we could plant more food, welcome more people, and imagine new uses for the garden."



Funded by the Government of
Canada's Youth Employment
and Skills Strategy



Rebecca and Port Medway Community Garden, NS – From a place with potential to a place where community gathers

When Rebecca arrived at Rosefinch and the Port Medway Community Garden through the ASCEND program, she was very nervous and very quiet. She had been largely out of the workforce for years, after previous experiences had not felt safe or supportive for her as an autistic person.

Rebecca did an extraordinary amount of hands-on work. She mowed grass, watered regularly between weekly volunteer visits, moved soil, helped plant two new raised beds built with provincial support, and performed Olympic-level weeding that dramatically expanded the usable space. In fact, for the first time in 17 years, the South Shore Public Libraries bookmobile is returning to Port Medway for a regular story hour, partly because of Rebecca's work.

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[Read Full Story](#)

Grants & Funding



NLFC Outreach Fund

The outreach fund is now accepting applications for the 26-27 fiscal year! The fund is intended for funding travel within Newfoundland & Labrador for the purposes of attending meetings with other co-operatives, communities, or like-minded organizations for activities such as outreach



Community Violence Prevention Grants Program

The Community Violence Prevention Program provides grants to support targeted, community-driven efforts, led by community partners within our province, particularly those in rural areas, to



Day of Caring

United Way Newfoundland and Labrador is now accepting Expressions of Interest from registered charities and qualified donees for its upcoming Day of Caring. This annual event connects volunteers with community organizations to complete meaningful projects that make a difference.

for co-operative development, outreach for co-operative partnerships, outreach for co-operative growth, and/or outreach for co-operative promotion.

combat violence against high-risk populations.

Applications are now open. Don't miss this opportunity to engage volunteers and enhance your impact in the community.

Apply Now

Apply Today

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Great Things in Store: A Retail-Based Project

Phase Two (2026 - 2029)

Starting June 1, 2026, Food First NL will be accepting applications from retailers for Phase Two of this project. Up to 16 retailers will be selected to pursue pilot programs which improve food access. Check out our Phase One retailers below for inspiration!

Applications close **July 31, 2026**.

Apply Now

Call for Proposals

Government of Canada announced the launch of the 2026–27 call for proposals for community-based projects under the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

If your organization supports older Canadians, you can now apply for funding!

Apply Today

Programs & Opportunities



Atlantic Lottery's Community Game Changer

Atlantic Lottery's Community Game Changer program is celebrating the people who go above and beyond to create positive change across Atlantic Canada.

Nominate someone who's making a game-changing impact in your community today



Disability Confidence Workshops

The Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work are Offering Free Disability Confidence Workshops for employers and people leaders across Newfoundland and Labrador. These interactive workshops cover a variety of topics included in our Disability Confidence Toolkit and build skills, confidence, and accessibility by providing learning opportunities for businesses.

Email: sevans@ccrw.org for more info



Newcomers Community Connections

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is currently conducting consultations with workers, employers, newcomers, community members, and organizations serving newcomers regarding Temporary Foreign Workers and their rights in Canada.

Register for in-person sessions taking place across the province.

[Nominate Now](#)



6th annual CharityVillage Awards

Charities, nonprofits, sector champions, and volunteers have helped build a brighter future for the nonprofit sector through their resilience and commitment to our communities.

We look forward to celebrating their achievements and dedication at the virtual CharityVillage Awards and Sector Summit on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

[Nominate Now](#)



We're accepting applications to join our Board of Directors! This is an exciting time to join our team as we're continuing to sustainably grow our successful housing model and amplify our impact.

If you'd like to invest your expertise into advancing affordable housing and preventing homelessness in communities across Canada, we invite you to apply.

[Apply Now](#)



Connections for Seniors

Volunteers Needed —
Support Seniors in Our
Community

Connections for Seniors is looking for compassionate volunteers to help seniors stay independent, connected, and supported.

Even a few hours a week can make a real difference in a senior's life.

[Get Involved](#)



Connections for Seniors

**Volunteer Open House —
You're Invited!**

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Join Connections for Seniors for our Volunteer Open House and discover how you can make a real difference in the lives of local seniors.

**Wednesday, June 10
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

First Point, 30 Harvey Rd,
St. John's

Complete the consultation
questionnaire through the
[EngageNL](#) platform



ST. JOHN'S STATUS OF
WOMEN COUNCIL

Gender-based violence e-course

Empowering Them is our
FREE, publicly accessible e-
course on gender-based
violence (GBV).

GBV is not a women's issue or a private issue. This course will help you understand and explore the impacts that gender-based violence has on all of us. You will learn what signs of abuse to look for and how to tell the difference between facts and myths surrounding this taboo topic.

[More Info](#)



Join our board!

We're looking for someone who believes in our mission, is organized, and community minded.

Interested?

Send your resume to
info@artsandaging.com



Volunteers Needed – July 26!

Spend a few hours outdoors, meet great people, cheer on athletes, and help create an unforgettable experience for our participants!

Flexible shifts (1–5 hours)

Register by June 29 to receive a volunteer t-shirt

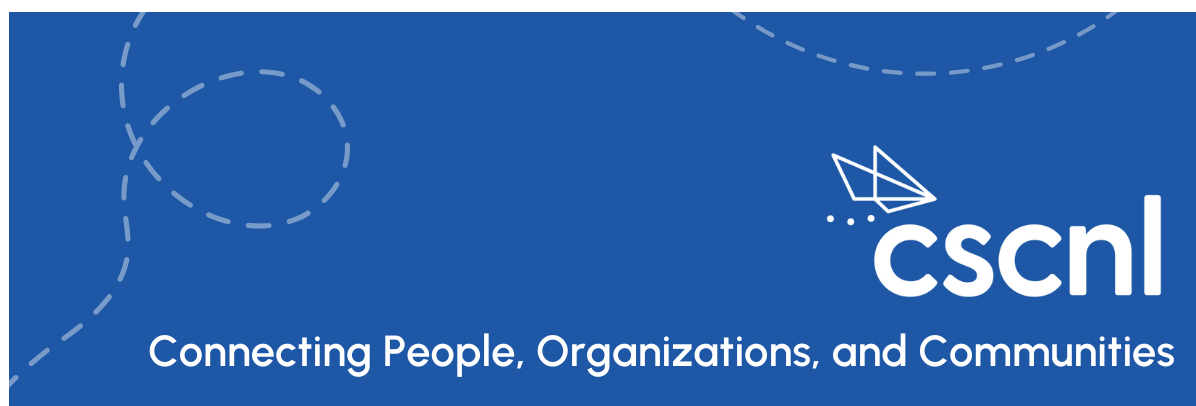
All volunteers are invited to the post-race reception.

[Sign Up Today](#)

Careers in the Sector

- ★ [Social Enterprise Manager](#) - Home Again Furniture Bank (St. John's, NL)
- ★ [Programming Manager](#) - Seniors Food Co-operative (St. John's, NL)
- ★ [Communications Manager](#) - Seniors Food Co-operative (St. John's, NL)
- ★ [Resource Development](#) - United Way Newfoundland & Labrador (St. John's, NL)
- ★ [Communications Manager](#) - Sport Newfoundland and Labrador
- ★ [Residential Staff](#) - John Howard Society (St. John's, NL)
- ★ [Case Manager](#) - Stellas Circle (St. John's, NL)
- ★ [Program Officer Intern](#) - Qalipu First Nation (Stephenville, NL)

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