

Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association



We acknowledge that MRMA operates on the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq People first signed with the British crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



Newcomers` Holiday Party

On December 17th, 2023, we had a Holiday Party. There were a lot of cultural foods and giveaways. The gifts were donated by local businesses and people. Everyone had a great time connecting with other people. Thank you for sharing the holiday spirit with us!

Sliding Party

On February 17, 2024, we had a Sliding Party in participation with the Historic Chatham Business District's Winter Carnival. Newcomers enjoyed the beautiful snow and free hot chocolate. Thank you for sharing your new experience with us. See you next winter!



Hockey

This January we were at the Timberwolves Hockey game at the Civic Center. For many, it was their first hockey experience. It was a fun, fast-paced, and cheerful time. This was possible thanks to WorkSafe NB and Timberwolves. See you at the rink!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Language Exchange Club

Join the Language Exchange Club in Miramichi! Discover the beauty of languages and cultures at our monthly gatherings. Every first Thursday of the month, we meet at MRMA, 1808 Water St., Miramichi at 4:45 pm. The sessions are followed by a delightful potluck gathering and lively discussions.

Women's Group

Calling all newcomer women in the area! Are you seeking a supportive community of women while engaging in wellness and fitness activities? Look no further! Join us for empowering gatherings where you can connect, grow, and thrive together, both physically and mentally. Your new adventure starts here!

Newcomer Wellness Sessions

Transitioning to a new country can be a profoundly challenging experience for newcomers, often impacting their mental health significantly. Let us help you on your wellness journey with: Adaptation and Adjustment, Stress and Anxiety Reduction, Community and Belonging, and more. Book an appointment with us today!

Nowruz Celebration

Nowruz, known as the Persian New Year, marks the first day of spring and the beginning of the year in the Iranian calendar. We are hosting an event for everyone on March 20th at 5:30 pm. Learn about Persian and Central Asian cultures and celebrate the Persian New Year with us!

Check our facebook page regularly for updates!
Please contact info@mrma.ca or 773-5272 for more information or to register.

**Embrace diversity!
Become a member today!**



INFORMATION SESSIONS

INCOME TAX & OTHER BENEFITS - CRA

On January 16, 2024, we had an Income Tax and Benefits Information session for Newcomers led by the CRA Outreach Officer, Jennifer Tribe. It was full of helpful information and interactions among the participants. We look forward to hosting more informative sessions in the future, so keep an eye on our FB page!

LEGAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

On February 13, 2024, Nushka Blais from J Donovan Law Group provided an excellent summary of what are the basic Legal rights and responsibilities for newcomers. Thank you for sharing your time with us. We are looking forward to having this every year. Keep yourself informed!



2024 Community Income Tax Clinic

The MRMA will be holding a free
income tax clinic on:

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27

Come to our office at 1808
Water Street between 9:00
am and 3:00pm to participate



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COMMUNITY FEATURE

We had the pleasure of interviewing Maria and Kimberly, International Student Community Spirit Award Recipients

Maria

1. Where were you born?

I'm from Bogota, Colombia, but I lived in Barrancabermeja.

2. When did you move to Miramichi?

In August 2023.

3. What is your favorite thing about Miramichi?

People, because they are always very warm, so you feel welcome here and they always try to help you with the problems that you would get here.

4. Why did you choose Miramichi?

The program.



Kimberly



1. Where were you born?

I was born in a city that is called Cali in Colombia.

2. When did you move to Miramichi?

In August 2023.

3. What is your favorite thing about Miramichi?

The people.

4. Why did you choose Miramichi?

Because the program, Animation and Graphics is just here.

COMMUNITY FEATURE



5. If you had to change something in Miramichi, what would it be?

Kimberly: Well, personally I think that since a lot of international students have been arriving here I would add more restaurants and malls and stuff for students to do, I would make it more like a city instead of a town just to get more immigrants, and make taxis cheaper and extend the bus schedule from 7 am to 10 pm.

Maria: Open more job options for students because it is really hard to find a job here, and create a residence for students because it is also really hard to find a good place to stay when you are an international student.

6. What do you enjoy about going to college?

Kimberly: I love the program and enjoy learning new stuff, growing, and doing assignments. Although we focus on studies most of the time, I still like going to college because of the program and the opportunity to see Maria and my friends.

Maria: The program, and since there are international students you get to know a lot of new people from other cultures.

7. What have you learned from college so far?

Kimberly: More discipline, I think having a network is important. Back in my country, I was a bit shy in relationships, so I didn't make new friends or establish conversations. Here I have to learn how to do it and I've been enjoying it, so I learnt that it is important to have a network.

Maria: You have to learn to be more independent because you are the one who organizes your schedule, the activities you want to do, and how you are going to deal with the assignments.

8. What do you miss most about your country?

Kimberly: I miss everything, but what I miss the most is the noise, we used to hear music everywhere, the amazing food, and the weather in our country. It's too cold here, and although the food is not bad, it's just different from what I'm used to.

Maria: Here is really quiet, and if you go to Colombia there is always noise everywhere.

9. What have you done to adapt to the Miramichi lifestyle?

Kimberly & Maria: Being hopeful, be open-minded because you are here as a visitor, which is fine, Canada welcomes you, so be open-minded to whatever it wants to teach you, We've been enjoying it so far, despite missing our country because we think it is one of the best experiences that we have had so far.

10. What activities do you participate in here?

Kimberly & Maria: We have participated in the events from the welcome week, and the activities for international students and volunteered in external events (out of the college). We like to get involved in events related to our program and international events where we can get to know different people and cultures.