

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.



Nowruz

On March 20th, 2024, we celebrated Nowruz, the Persian New Year, marking the first day of spring in the Iranian calendar. Our event welcomed everyone to join in the festivities. We enjoyed dancing, musical performances, and delicious cultural foods while learning about Persian and Central Asian cultures.

Family Cafe

On April 25th, 2024, our NBCC practicum students organized a Family Cafe, providing a safe space for newcomer families to share their experiences. It was a wonderful gathering where everyone enjoyed delicious donuts and connected with one another.



Painting Party

On May 25th, 2024, our Settlement Worker in Schools (SWIS), Mikayla, organized a fun-filled Painting Party for kids. The event was a hit, with plenty of snacks and creative activities that kept everyone entertained. Thank you, Mikayla, for bringing joy to our young participants!



On May 25th, 2024, we proudly sponsored a boat ride on the Miramichi River, organized by ABIZ (Advocates of Building Inclusive Zones), a group of Grade 12 newcomer students from James M. Hill Memorial High School. The event, which included middle school students and their parents, aimed to foster inclusivity and social integration by providing a unique experience to learn about the cultural and historical aspects of Miramichi. The boat tour at Ritchie Wharf was a memorable and educational outing for everyone involved. Thank you to ABIZ for leading the way in building a supportive community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PALS Summer Camp - July & August

Multiculturalism Day at Elm Park - June 27

**Mayor's Welcome BBQ at Elm Park
- August 18**

Women's Group Macrame Session - June 23

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

ICT SESSIONS

In partnership with the New Brunswick Multicultural Council, MRMA provided two free half-day Cultural Sensitivity workshops to regional and community stakeholders. The workshop on June 13th was for local businesses. The workshop on August 6th is for non-profit organizations and service providers.

We extend our warmest wishes to Mikayla, our wonderful SWIS, who is leaving to pursue a Bachelor of Social Work degree at Dalhousie University. Her dedication and kindness have touched us all, and she will be deeply missed. Best of luck, Mikayla — your future is bright!



Every Thursday
4:30pm - 9:00pm
Elm Park in Downtown Chatham



**Embrace diversity!
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COMMUNITY FEATURE



Tina & Nollie - New Citizens

1. What country did you come from?

Me and my husband came from the Philippines

2. What was the hardest thing about moving here?

Financially, as the principal applicant, I need to borrow money to support my coming to Canada for my airfare, accommodation, food and clothing allowances, and visa payments

Communication Barrier. Although we know how to speak English, we don't use it often in my country unless we are in school or in the workplace, where we are required to communicate in English.

There are so many things to do for a newcomer, like opening a bank account, getting my SIN, government ID, health and ID, getting a family doctor, and looking for more resources for help with future information.

3. How do you feel now that you are a Canadian Citizen?

I felt so happy the day I received my Permanent Residency. And now that I am a Canadian Citizen, I feel mixed emotions.

My dream and my mother's wishes came true at last. I'm so happy because all my sacrifices are worth it, fruits of labor. Lonely because my mother, who so much prayed to God and wished me to be successful here in Canada, passed away before I came in the year 2018. I want to share this news with her wherever she is right now. And I know that she is happy and still watching over us. She is my inspiration and my family in pursuing this dream.

4. What is your favorite thing about living in Canada?

I say my favorite feeling is the FEELING of WELCOMENESS of all the Canadian people, most of all the people here in Miramichi, NB, where I've been residing for almost 6 years now. Everybody is welcoming, friendly, and kind to all newcomers.

5. Did the multicultural association help? How?

The MRMA caters services to newcomers like me. They are very accommodating and ready to help and give informations that you need. Specially to mention Juliette Cabana who helped us.

6. A piece of advice you have for new people in Canada?

Prepare financially, prepare to adjust your nature of work no matter what is your position before in other countries, get to know Canada, keep in touch with your heritage and share as well, never stop learning and being kind to all kinds of people, give inspiration to people by being simple and happy person, and most of all be proud of what race you are and thank Canadian Government for giving the opportunities for the work I have and becoming a Canadian Citizen