

TESL NB FALL 2015

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Become a Member!

Now accepting membership renewals (and new members!) for 2016. Download the membership form from the TESL NB wikispace (www.tesl-nb.wikispaces.com) and send it in! Cost is \$40/year and your membership in TESL Canada is included when you join TESL NB.

Message from the President

As a group of English language educators, TESL NB provides networking and professional development opportunities to support its members. I am thankful that educators from various sectors can come together to support and learn from one another. Coming from a variety of teaching backgrounds helps us to see the importance of English language as it relates to the whole family and its effects on immigration in the province.



Shawna Rogers, TESL NB President

I'm looking forward to 2015-2016 as we focus on four priority areas.

*For the first time, we, as a collective, will be advocating for newcomer children in the K-12 system and providing support for the educators who teach them.

*We have already starting planning for our 2016 Spring Conference, featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Hetty Roessingh.

*We will continue to support members to attend PD events.

*We are looking at ways to connect with teachers in the northern part of the province.

Thank you to Paula Kristmanson for her help and guidance over the past few months. Thank you to a very passionate executive



Upcoming Events

Oct. 29-31, 2015 - TESL Canada Conference in Lake Louise, Alberta

Nov. 20-21, 2015 - TESL Nova Scotia's Fall Conference

Nov. 26-28, 2015 - SPEAQ Conference in Montreal, PQ

April 5-8, 2016 - TESOL Convention in Baltimore, Maryland

May 6, 2016 - NBTA High School Subject Council Day at Fredericton High School (special focus on EAL)

May 7, 2016 - TESL NB's Spring Conference with featured speaker, Dr. Hetty Roessingh from the University of Calgary. (Let us know if you would like to present!)

Bursaries Available: Apply Now!

TESL NB offers bursaries to attend the following conferences: TESL Canada, TESL NB, SPEAQ & TESOL

Bursaries to attend the TESL Canada conference have already been awarded (congratulations to Jeremy Curnew and Angela MacMichael). To attend one of the others, **email TESL NB President Shawna Rogers to express interest:** S.Rogers@saintjohny.com.

committee who is able to provide a well-rounded overview of the language needs of newcomer families. Thank you to all of the members who provide English instruction throughout the province and help newcomers to achieve their goals. I look forward to adding even more voices to TESL NB over this year.

Shawna Rogers, TESL NB President

Message from the Past President

Happy new academic year TESL NB! I've included one of my favourite instagram pictures from July/August, as a way to remember the beautiful summer we had!

As past-president, I want to first thank you all for a great couple of terms as President. Your support and enthusiasm have been immensely

appreciated. I feel that we have accomplished a lot in the last few years including hosting some very engaging spring conferences and initiating PD bursaries that many of our members have used to attend other conferences. This year, I look forward to supporting our new President, Shawna Rogers, as well as our executive members who will be taking on many new and interesting initiatives.

Finally, I would encourage those who are able to participate in the TESL Canada Conference in Lake Louise at the end of October to do so. I am thrilled to announce that some of our provincial executive members, Kathy Whynot and Corey Harvey, will be first time presenters at this event. As the TESL NB representative to TESL Canada, I will be attending board meetings as well as delivering and attending some sessions at the conference.

Best wishes to all for a successful academic year!

Paula Kristmanson, TESL NB Past-President





**When our hearts are open,
there is no language
barrier**



**From your Newsletter
Editors:**

We are delighted to assume the role of newsletter editors for TESL NB. We are also keeping the Facebook and Twitter feeds updated, so please stay in touch in whatever way works best for you!

We welcome submissions to future TESL NB newsletters. Please send us ESL/EAL news from your corner of the province: success stories, profiles of teachers and/or learners, ideas for warm-ups, recommendations for websites or apps, or any other bit of information you think your fellow educators might like to know.

Chantal Lafargue & Kathy Whynot

News from around N.B.

Judith Mattie, from Y Newcomer Connections in Saint John, shares:

We've moved! After much anticipation and with a lot of help, we are finally in our new space! We moved in and opened Newcomer Connections services on August 31st, 2015.

We are thrilled for the most recent graduates of our Facilities Maintenance Employment Training Program. These students worked very hard building their skills, learning the language and preparing for their work term at the Saint John Regional YMCA.



Uta Doerr, from the Multicultural Association of Fredericton, Inc. (MCAF), shares:

One of our MCAF teachers, Teri Fullerton, organized a Terry Fox Run for our students on September 15. Under a radiant sky, the students gathered in a nearby park. After proper warm up, conducted by our own champion marathon runner, Ryan O'Shea, the students had a choice of running or walking 30 minutes on a route determined by the organizing team.



The run (walk) concluded with a BBQ. Sponsorships, donations and the BBQ raised over \$800. Well done, Teri, and all of those who participated. We are proud of you.

Tech Tip

from Dr. Paul-Emile Chiasson,
Education and TESL Coordinator, UNB
Sain John

The Teaching Channel is an excellent resource as it has a multitude of video clips demonstrating unique and fun teaching strategies and techniques. For example, there are many excellent videos that show creative ways to teach Academic Vocabulary. Check out one entitled Vocabulary Paint Chips at <https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/build-student-vocabulary>. Lesson plans are provided, as are questions for PD, and comments for the strategies/techniques demonstrated.

There is also a series on English Language Learners. Excellent videos for teachers and teams to discuss as part of PD. <https://www.teachingchannel.org/blog/2014/10/24/engaging-english-language-learners-in-conversations-ousd/>

Also check:

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/building_hope/index.html

This resource uses a multimedia narrative approach to share stories of children and youth from refugee backgrounds or war-affected countries. This resource can be used to develop empathy and awareness with colleagues.

News from around N.B. cont'd

Amelia Stiles, from MAGMA in Moncton, shares:

Congratulations to 39 MAGMA language students who received achievement certificates at a recent barbecue celebration!

Pictured are Language Department Manager, Amelia Stiles, Assistant Coordinator / instructor, Megan Burts, language instructors, Paz Hart, Debbie Jeffrey, Angela MacMichael, Zohreh Rad, Mary Reid and Ginette Richard, along with the students receiving certificates.



MAGMA recently launched a new PELT (Professional English Language Training) cohort. Twelve internationally-trained professionals will be building their language and employment-readiness skills throughout this 13-week program. Pictured are Workplace Integration Manager, Kari Cheyne, PELT instructor, Amelia Stiles, Workplace Integration Facilitators, Nicole Falardeau and Jennifer Henry, and the new PELT students.



Supporting the Whole Family

Advocacy efforts in the K-12 system will be one of the four foci for TESL NB this year. Coincidentally, an article written by authors at the Second Language Research Institute of Canada at UNB Fredericton can be accessed by visiting page 21 of the NBTA News (<http://tinyurl.com/palqu8h>). The purpose of the article is to incite reflection and dialogue about the inclusion of newcomers and English language learners in K-12 classrooms. To be part of the conversation, watch the NBTA News link on the NBTA website for future articles in the series.