

Literacy Dates

International Pride Month - June
National Indigenous History Month - June
Canadian Multiculturalism Day - June 27

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Blog



The Importance of Goal Setting

Many of us have different goals we would love to strive towards. The particulars vary a lot from person to person, but these goals all have the common aspect of being aspirational. They can often feel...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

This is the last e-news letter for now

The NWT Literacy Council is taking a break from issuing e-news until September. However, we will still be posting to our [Facebook page](#) and checking [our emails](#). Thank you for reading and have a wonderful summer!

Qmunity Camp NWT by RCYK and NWT Creative Collective

A five-day, four-night sleep-away camp for LGBTQ2S+ and questioning youth aged 12-19 filled with fun workshops, outdoor activities, and so much more. Registration is free and open until June 30. Details and application are [here](#).

Family Literacy Program Survey - win a \$100 prize!

Do you do work relating to literacy in the NWT? We want your feedback! Those who participate will be entered in a draw to win a \$100 gift card from the Book Cellar. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey [here](#), and good luck!

Funding

GNWT Student Financial Assistance

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment provides financial assistance to eligible Northwest Territories residents to assist with post-secondary education-related expenses. Please see more information [here](#).

Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF)

Businesses or organizations could receive up to \$100,000 through the small projects component to improve accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities. For the full details including deadlines and applications, click [here](#).

Futurpreneur Canada

They offer financing, mentoring and expertise to get business start-ups off the ground. If you're 18 – 39 and ready to launch a business, they're there to help. Please see their website for more information on funding a new business [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

Amachewespimawin: Understanding the Cree way of life

"It's always good to go outside," says Peter Bird. "It's more bonding time." Bird is one of five teenage boys stuffed into a big van making its way down a winding road. It's March, and the Grade 9 students are heading...[Read more](#)

Yukon First Nation turns to farming to help ensure food security

A refurbished farm in central Yukon is becoming part of the Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation's effort to improve food security for its citizens. "Their investment is now in play and it's going to start paying dividends very soon...[Read more](#)

Students can get financial assistance with online courses, too: GNWT
The NWT's Student Financial Assistance (SFA) program will still be offered for all students pursuing post-secondary education in the fall, including online education. The program "will continue to provide full benefits to...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Adult Educators



Riz Khimji, Fort Providence

Reezwan (Riz) Khimji has served as Community Adult Educator working in Aurora College's Fort Providence Learning Centre for the past seven years and also serves on several College committees, including Professional Development, Math and Science.

Prior to his tenure in Fort Providence, he spent three years as Adult Educator in the community of Tuktoyaktuk. In 2002, Riz received a Bachelor of Science from McMaster University, after which he established an educational consulting company, Genius, Inc., to create individualized academic plans for students coping with various barriers to mainstream education. From this venture, Riz pursued one of his 'bucket list' items of exploring the Canadian Arctic, where the beautiful northern communities captured his heart.

His professional interests include adult education, business development, project management, and education and management consulting. Riz spends time writing funding proposals and building rapport with various levels of government focused on training and delivering educational and employment programs in the NWT.

Beyond the professional sphere, Riz also sits on the board of directors for the Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre, acts as an advisor for the Deh Gah Gotie band

and is a member of the NWT Food Network. In his spare time, he trades Equities and Forex, is an avid traveller, enjoys snowmobiling and strives to learn new languages.

Resources and Websites

Resources for the month of June

[Journey of a Refugee Claimant \(AAISA\)](#)

[Resources to improve queer, trans, and Two-Spirit lives \(Qmunity\)](#)

[Useful Links for Indigenous Education \(Ontario Teacher's Federation\)](#)



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