

International Women of Saskatoon (IWS) Inc.

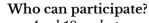
Empowering Newcomer, Immigrant and Refugee Women; Supporting their Families



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Program Spotlight EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM (ETP)





- Aged 18 and up
- Has lived in Saskatchewan for less than 5 years
- Legally entitled to work in Canada (Permanent Resident, Work Permit holder or Citizen)
- Actively seeking employment in entry level positions
- Possesses a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level between 3-5

At ETP, participants attend 9 weeks of online training where they cover topics like resume/cover letter writing, job search techniques, computer skills and many more. Then, there is a mandatory 6-week unpaid work placement, as well as ongoing job development support.

To sign up, participants can submit an online application or walk-in to fill out the registration form. You can also sign up via email at: imfohub.saskatoon@iwssaskatoon.org



If you are a local business owner, big or small, please consider providing work placements for our program participants, as it is a great help to the newcomer community!

Our program participants are typically professionals from their home country and are very keen to help out with your business! Contact us through the email posted above.

Get Involved!

DONATE!

Your money would help our operations and allow us to continue helping newcomers to Saskatoon. Click <u>here</u> to make a tax deductible donation.

SPREAD THE WORD!

We offer a number of settlement services for Newcomer, Immigrant & Refugee Women & Their Families! If you know someone who would benefit from our services, please contact us at:

- Email: info@iwssaskatoon.org
- Phone: 306-978-6611

Our Language Assessment & Referral Centre (LARC) Saskatchewan programs operate in:

- Saskatoon
- Regina
- Prince Albert
- Moose Jaw

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Below are typical volunteer opportunities at IWS:

- Assist our Drop-in EAL classes
- One-on-one Tutoring
- Special Events Assistance
- Children & Youth Program Assistance Click <u>here</u> to volunteer.

WORK WITH US!

Click <u>here</u> to view our website, which has the latest career opportunities at IWS.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow us on social media to get updates from IWS!









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Message from the ED A MEANINGFUL WINTER

I am proud of the many milestone achievements of IWS in the last few years. This year, IWS secured its place as a strategic leader in the IRCC led urban transformation initiative for the settlement sectors in the PNT Region. IWS has become a strong "Voice" to reckon with, on national and regional immigration issues, for our women and their families.

Thus, I am very grateful for the continued support of our efforts by our funders, donors, supporters and partners; we are a much better organization because of **YOU!**

IWS Client Success Story OROD MONZAVI

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM (ETP) PARTICIPANT

Orod completed a volunteer work placement for 6 weeks, and is now working for that same company! Here's what he had to say about ETP:

ABOUT ME

My wife and I arrived in Canada from Iran on February 2021 and came straight to Saskatoon. After two weeks of quarantine, a friend introduced us to IWS. I got my CLB test results and started participating in the ETP.

THE IWS IMPACT

ETP staff - Nomin and Kareen - patiently helped us, and I will always be grateful for this! Through this program, I found friends who, like me, had challenges settling in a new country. During this period, IWS worked with us on resume-writing, writing formal and informal emails, behaving in the workplace, conducting interviews correctly, and navigating the job market.

Then, we volunteered for 6 weeks. Kareen worked very hard with me, and Nomin accompanied us to all interviews. The company which I volunteered for hired me after 3 months, and I've been working there since!

HOW SASKATOON COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN HELP NEWCOMERS LIKE ME

Saskatoon community members can help newcomers in various areas, such as finding a home, car, job, etc. and most importantly, patience in understanding their English, because the biggest weakness of newcomers is their English.

Meet the IWS team

IJEOMA NWAMUO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



My name is Ijeoma Nwamuo and I started working for IWS on October 4, 2006 as a Project Coordinator. The best thing about working at IWS is being able to help support the settlement journey of the clients and also experience some of the transformative changes to their lives as a result of their interactions with us.

The most challenging part of my work at IWS is trying to execute a leadership vision that sustains the ideals of a feminist organization and the challenging realities of a new generation of immigrant and refugee women and their families whose lives are continually impacted by many intersecting factors including a global pandemic.

If you are a community members who want to help immigrant women and their families in Saskatchewan, know that your gifts and/or donations of money, volunteer time, friendship, mentorship, knowledge sharing and advocacy for causes continue to have positive long term impacts on the lives of the women at individual and community levels. Our community is grateful for YOUR generosity.