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A Message from the ED

Dear friends, I hope that this message meets you well, and that you had a great summer. All of us at IWS had an especially busy summer. Once again, we demonstrated our capacity to remain an effective first-stop centre for orientation sessions, centralized settlement and language needs assessments in Saskatoon, Regina and surrounding communities.

We provided services for immigrant newcomers, who arrived in large numbers, as Afghani GARs and CUAET clients (Ukrainian arrivals).

Our ongoing collaborative partnerships with SAISIA, our PNT partners, and funders helped to enhance our capacity to effectively respond to challenges. Our team members demonstrated such high levels of competence, brilliance and dedication to service that the daily operations seemed effortless.

Coming into a new season, we are not slowing down. We are currently offering LARC services on Sundays to our clients in Saskatoon. This Sunday strategy is aimed at eliminating long wait-lists for LARC services before the beginning of cold winter months. We are always prepared to adapt our service delivery strategies because we do not take for granted the confidence entrusted in us to deliver exceptional client outcomes. We remain committed to continuous improvement in the best interest of the clients.

- Ijeoma Nwamuo, Executive Director

Program Spotlight

NEEDS & ASSETS ASSESSMENTS & REFERRALS (NAARS)



Who can participate?

- Clients must be permanent residents, 18 years or older
- Ukrainian clients with a CUAET visa up to one year from arrival date

NAARS is the first step to settlement for any newcomer arriving in Saskatoon or Regina. Our staff conducts a comprehensive interview to discuss the client's needs and assets. They provide the client with an individualized Settlement Action Plan that lists the available FREE programs and services in the community that will support the clients' unique needs. Clients are also referred to our partner agencies for ongoing support.

NAARS covers the following topics:

- Housing
- Safety and Security
- Transportation
- Life Skills
- Physical and Mental Health
- Finance
- Language
- Education
- Employment
- Connections with the community



Get Involved!

JOIN OUR BOARD!

If you're interested in getting involved and helping us lead this great organization, please email info@iwssaskatoon.org for more information.

DONATE!

Your money would help our operations and allow us to continue helping newcomers to Saskatchewan. Click [here](#) 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 [here](#) to volunteer.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow us on social media to get updates from IWS!





International Women of Saskatoon (IWS) Inc.

Empowering Newcomer, Immigrant and Refugee Women; Supporting their Families



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Meet the IWS team

TODD JOHNSON

HEAD LANGUAGE ASSESSOR



TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!

My name is Todd Johnson. I was born in Canada, but I taught English in Japan for 18 years.

WHY DID YOU JOIN IWS?

I enjoy working with and meeting people from all over the world. I appreciate the fact that Canada is a welcoming country to those in need.

WHICH IWS VALUE DO YOU RESONATE THE MOST WITH AND WHY?

I suppose the word "empowerment" is something that resonates with me. It is most often the case that newcomers have to "start over" or "start from the bottom" when they arrive in Canada. If IWS can help to empower them with the necessary skills to live up to their potential, we have done a good job.

WHAT DO YOU WANT LOCALS IN SASKATCHEWAN TO KNOW ABOUT REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS AND NEWCOMERS?

Canada is a country of newcomers/immigrants. Do not think of yourself as different or inferior to those of us who have been here longer than you. We have all helped to build this country into what it is today. We have a long way to go and we welcome your participation!

Client Success Story

AFSANEH

PREVIOUS PREP-UP/TECH4BEGINNERS PARTICIPANT

THE IWS IMPACT

The impact of participating in the Prep-Up and Tech4Beginners programs at IWS has impacted me in three ways.

1. I've become aware of the rights I have as a newcomer.
2. I've gotten familiar with the new culture, ethics and environment.
3. The approaches of finding a job and the proper work atmosphere principles.

By having these courses, I've felt confident and had a sense of belonging to a new society. Plus, having an instructor who answered my questions, assisted me in coping with my fears.

WHERE AFSANEH IS NOW?

Currently, I'm in Saskatoon and I have a part-time job. I'm figuring out new things but participating in IWS programs have paved my path and initiated my presence in my new home.

