## Pathways to Prosperity 2021 National Conference





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Impactful Gifts

### **OVERVIEW**



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We provide a platform and create spaces for the voices, cultures, histories, and experiences of all school children and youth – newcomer, indigenous, francophone, local – to be heard, seen, and valued.



## INTRODUCTION



- Established in 1999
- Study: Psychosocial needs of newcomer school children
- Release of the study's findings on March 21
- Department of Education, school administrators, teachers
- Workshop with study participants and local youth
- Drama production on integration at a local theatre
- Evaluation: Teachers' responses, new format

## PROGRAMS



- Free structured programs from September to May
- Weekly meetings to prepare displays
- Skills-development workshops
- Develop sense of place & belonging, friendships
- Eliminate unwanted social isolation
- Volunteer experience & community engagement

### EVENTS





- March 21 Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- High school youth share their cultures
- Public event and school visits
- Bilingual "Tour Guides" and "Passports"
- Intercultural and experiential learning
- Complements grade 6 curriculum outcomes: Social Studies, Language, Religious Education





## **EVENTS**

2018 Expansion to all regions of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- Corner Brook
- ➤ Gander
- Grand Falls-Windsor
- St. John's



## PROJECTS

#### > *Cultural Con'txt'* Publication:

- A collection of stories, poems, and drawings, by and for grade 6 students
- Enhance literacy, literary, and artistic skills
- Stimulate conversations about cultural diversity in classrooms and homes
- Multicultural Classroom Program:
  - Intensive and interactive learning about cultural diversity







# PROJECTS

Intercultural and experiential learning: Exchange Program between school youth in Kugluktuk, Nunavut, and St. John's, NL. Build positive relationships between indigenous and newcomer school youth



- Legacy hooked rug: Newfoundland Art
- Newcomer school youth unemployed
- Barriers to gaining employment
- Rug created by 46 culturally diverse youth
- ➢ Developed friendships by the end of the project Red dots indicate 90 cultures/countries 1999-2019.

#### Social Enterprise: Impactful Gifts Program

- Employability skills
- Canadian work experience
- ➢ Give back to the community





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