



THE BCIS EXPRESS

MARCH 21-THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

March 2017

Unity Walk 2017



March 21 is the *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*. Each year, we hold a Unity Walk through downtown Brooks to mark this day.

- . Gather at Veteran's Park at 4 p.m.
- . Group photo in front of City Hall
- . Walk through downtown to the Lakeside Leisure Centre
- . Entertainment and refreshments to follow

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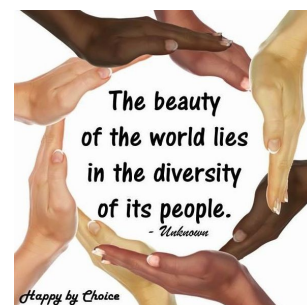


When you see a large group of people walking around downtown Brooks during the afternoon of March 21, please join in.

The 7th Unity Walk to mark the *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination* will begin at 4 p.m. at City Hall. The launch will feature dignitaries and a group photo in front of City Hall before taking to the streets. Winding around the downtown core, the walk will conclude at the Flex Hall of the Lakeside Leisure Centre for refreshments and entertainment.

Every year, BCIS, the SPEC Association, the City of Brooks, MHC Brooks Campus and the Francophone Association of Brooks work to mark March 21 and bring awareness about what the day commemorates.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was proclaimed in 1966 by the United Nations General Assembly, drawing on events in Sharpeville, South Africa six years prior, when police opened fire on a group of peaceful demonstrators protesting the apartheid 'pass laws.' A total of 69 people were killed as a result.



EMPLOYMENT BLOG by Ryan Kiedrowski

How References Work For You

We always see the space on a resume or job application, or maybe it's even a question during a job interview from an employer; **references**.

A reference is somebody that can give an employer information about you. They might be able to tell them about your abilities, what it's like to work with you, or what kind of personality you have. Choosing the right reference is very important, and can make or break your chance at getting a job.

Sometimes, people assume they can include their friend or former co-worker as a reference; adding them without a second thought. Before including them, make sure you contact the person to find out if they would be willing to be a reference. Not only are you preparing them for a possible phone call, but you can find out if they will give you a good reference or not.

There are two types of reference that you can give – character and professional references. A character reference is someone that can talk about you as a person. They are usually someone that you don't work

with, and preferably someone who's not a relative or a close friend.

A professional reference is somebody that can speak to about your work ethic and what it's like to work with you. This might be a former employer or supervisor at a place you've worked or volunteered at.

It's a good idea to update your list of references often because people change jobs and contact information. Also, choose somebody that know you very well – someone that can give a detailed description to a prospective employer. The more your reference can say, the better – especially if it's all good things!

So what do you include in a reference list? Usually, it's the person's full name and their phone number. Include whether they are a character or professional reference, and you may want to list where you know them from (example: Supervisor, Company ABC).

If you'd like to know more about creating a reference list, book an appointment with me at (403) 632-0404

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Thank you
to
**Jonathan
Kazimir**
for helping
make the LIP
Newcomer
Event a
success!



Looking for Vendors/exhibitors for the Annual Spring Expo!!

Join us – check out: opportunitynewell.com for info or contact the Chamber office: 403-362-7641

TFW CORNER by Kofi Adu-Parko**Understanding Restoration of Status**

Eligibility requirements for restoration of status:

- apply within 90 days of having lost their status; **and**
- have not failed to comply with any other condition (such as working without being authorized to do so, etc); **and**

meet the requirements of the class under which they are currently applying to be restored.

Clients who have been refused an extension to their temporary resident status, and were **in status** (including implied status) until the refusal, have 90 days from the date of the refusal notice to apply for a restoration, if otherwise eligible. Clients who submit an application to renew their **status after it has expired**, but within the

90-day restoration period, will receive a notice warning them to apply for restoration. Clients will have 90 days from the date their status expired to submit their restoration application and pay the restoration fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) in addition to the cost of the permit. Contrary to applicants to whom we recognize an implied status, persons awaiting restoration have lost their status and **may not continue** to work or attend school.

It must be noted, that Restoration cannot be granted at the Port of Entry. Individuals need to apply in Canada for restoration of their status; but if they choose to leave, they will be deemed to be seeking a **new entry** on their return.

Note: A person must still satisfy that they are a genuine temporary resident and meet all requirements in order to qualify for restoration.

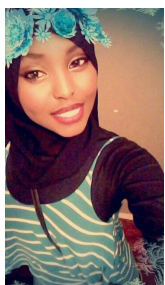
**Save the Date!****English Language Assessment**

The team from SALAS will be at the Brooks Campus of Medicine Hat College for two assessment sessions.

Tuesday, March 14, 4-8 pm

Wednesday, March 15, 9 am-1 pm

To book an appointment, call the Brooks Campus at (403)362-1677 and speak with Lorelei, Khamla or Marian. You can also call SALAS toll-free at 1-888-329-4811 or email salasltd@telus.net.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS by Samsam Dayib

My name is **Samsam Dayib**. I am a student at Brooks Composite High School. I am also a member of the BCIS Youth Club and have been for almost three years. BCIS organizes events twice or three times every month for the youth, especially youth who newly came to Canada from different places. These events help us to learn more about the city and to explore new things.



bowling and we loved it! We experienced new things and we learned a new sport. Events like these really help us to communicate with others and it's a chance to hangout with friends and explore more.



On February 16 we went to Ben's Bowling. It was really an amazing event and we had a lot of fun, me and my classmates. For most of us, it was our first time





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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am-7:00pm
Friday 8:30am -2:00pm



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THE GAMES ROOM

Sudoku Puzzle

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				4		9		
	4		8			7		
		3		5			6	8
			4	6	2			
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		4			6		2	
		1		9				
8			3			6		

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS



Tax Time

Find out who has to file taxes, why we have to file taxes and how you can file your taxes.

Sunday, March 5
1pm



The International Day For the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Join us for our unity walk!

Tuesday, March 21 at 4pm
Brooks City Hall



Immigrant Women's Breast Health

Get the facts and ask questions to be sure you have important information regarding your health.

Saturday, March 11 & 18
2 - 4 pm



Newcomer Orientation

Important information for newcomers to the community.

Sunday, March 26
1 pm



Family Sponsorship

Be sure you have all the updated information you need to sponsor your family.

Sunday, March 12
1pm



Lunch & Learn Series

Held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, March 29
12-1 pm

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