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Full Circle Moment for our IRS - Welcoming Leah to our Team

It was a “full circle moment” for Leah Noble when she recently took on the role of Information Resource Specialist at the Northside location. In 2012, she accessed services at the Baddeck location, which is where she grew up, applying for the Skills Development program to attend NSCC to study Graphic Design. Case Manager Melanie MacLellan-Garland was her point of contact and, she says, “taught me a lot about making people feel welcome in the space there, providing information and helping people navigate the programs. Melanie was truly great at her job.” Then after Leah graduated in 2014, she was hired by Coastal Business in a program they had which matched recent graduates with local non-profits, and was matched with the Horizon Achievement Centre on a one-year term. She then worked there for 7 years, making her way into the field of employment supports for people with intellectual disabilities, as well as providing design and marketing to Horizon. However, she always wanted to work closer to home (her adopted hometown of North Sydney) and so when the opportunity came up at Nova Scotia Works North Sydney, she applied and was successful. “So now I’m doing a similar role as Melanie did, and I think back to the things she used to do, like write quotes on the whiteboard, and her friendly demeanor, and I’m drawing inspiration from that,” says Leah. “I also find that because I’ve been through the Skills Development process, it gives me a great deal of empathy for the clients we serve.”



NS Works Northside Employment & Resource Centre -
Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 in the North Sydney Mall

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Are you or someone you know thinking about training options to become more employable? The Skills Development Program provides financial support to eligible applicants seeking to acquire the skills necessary to secure employment. Contact Leah at 902-794-7213 for more information.

Local LMI

Based on a three-month moving average, Eastern NS’s Unemployment Rate is presently 14.3% in effect until January 8, 2022

Stats Canada

Introducing NS Works Online - Your Portal to Employment Exploration

It has been one year since NS Works Online was launched as an initiative to provide online resources to job seekers throughout the province. NS Works Online enables users to visit their website, create an account, job search, and explore labour market information and trends in Nova Scotia. NS Works Online also supports users to connect directly with a NS Works Centre in their community for direct one-on-one assistance with a Career Practitioner. NS Works Online is a valuable on-line companion to self-serve and virtual services. To create an account and learn more about NS Works Online visit:

<https://novascotiaworks.ca/nsdc/>

Free

Employability Workshops

NS Works Northside Employment offers a wide range of free workshops to enhance employability skills. Resume Writing, Job Search, Interview Skills, and much more. Give us a call to learn more about what we can offer YOU!

902-794-7213

Employability Programs

Providing Skills Enhancement Through Training and Work Placement

For many participants, having the chance to take part in an Employability Program can be life changing. The goal of Employability Programs in the community is to provide participants with an opportunity to build on their existing skills, acquire new skills through short courses, take part in employment related workshops, and explore employment options. Employability programs can vary in length and are usually divided into two parts; in-class and work placement. During the first few weeks, participants take part in a variety of workshops such as resume building, interview skills, learning about the labour market, effective communication, conflict resolution, employment exploration and job searching. Participants will also receive certificate training in courses such as WHMIS, First Aid, Food Handlers, and industry specific courses such as forklift, skidsteer, traffic control, etc. With the support of the Program Coordinator and a Case Manager from Nova Scotia Works, participants will explore personal interests and both short and long-term goals in preparation for a paid work placement in the community. Once a work placement is identified, participants will complete on-the-job training in a field of their interest. Not only does the work placement provide work experience but it can also open doors to continued employment once the placement ends. If you or someone you know would benefit from taking part in an Employability Program, please register with your nearest NS Works Centre. Employability Programs take place in various communities throughout Cape Breton each year where a need for programming is identified. To register for a program on the Northside or surrounding service are, please call 902-794-7213.

Self Employment Benefits Program

Do you have a great business idea? If so, you may be interested to know that the SEB program provides support to entrepreneurs while they work to open their business. Call 902-794-7213 for more info