

Labour force available in France and Belgium for the Tourism industry

HNL, in partnership with Fédération des Francophone de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FFTNL) and the Réseau de Développement Économique et D'employabilité (RDEE TNL), will be assisting employers who would like to hire individuals from Europe. In November 2009, FFTNL and RDEE TNL attended Destination Canada 2009 in Paris and Brussels. Tourism jobs were advertised for certain key positions such as chefs, food & beverage servers, front desk agents, housekeeping room attendants and guides. In 2009, the FFTNL underwent stakeholder consultations in three regions: Avalon, Stephenville-Corner Brook and Labrador City and these skills were identified as a need for employers in the tourism industry.

Destination Canada was a success and the FFTNL came back with almost 200 resumes matching the positions advertised. In addition, the potential employees are mostly

bilingual (French and English) and available for seasonal or permanent positions. They also have different level of skills. This opportunity is made possible with the Youth Mobility Program between Canada - France and Belgium that allows people between 18 and 35 (30 in Belgium) to work in Canada for one year. This recruitment activity was made possible with the support of Immigration Canada and the provincial Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism.

More information will be available in the next few months on how members can access these potential employees. In the meantime if you have questions you can contact Frédérique Weiland at RDÉE TNL, (709) 726-5973 or tourisme@rdeetnl.ca or Catherine Walsh at HNL (709) 722-2224 ext 31. or cwalsh@hnl.ca.



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