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THE FFTNL WELCOMES A NEW FRANCOPHONE IMMIGRATION NETWORK CO-ORDINATOR

St. John's (Newfoundland and Labrador), July 27th, 2012 – The Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (<u>FFTNL</u>) is proud to announce the hiring of Ms. Danielle Coombs, new co-ordinator of the Newfoundland and Labrador Francophone Immigration Network (RIFTNL).

Danielle Coombs assumed her new role on July 20th, 2012. Danielle was born and raised in St. John's, where she studied French Language and Linguistics at Memorial University. She is the former Executive Director of Canadian Parents for French (CPF) in the province where among other things, she worked to encourage collaboration between Francophone organizations and the French second language community.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Francophone Immigration Network works to:

- advance the attraction, integration and retention of Francophone newcomers to the province, especially within Newfoundland and Labrador's Francophone and Acadian communities:
- improve the capacity for integration of newcomers in Newfoundland and Labrador's Francophone and Acadian communities;
- highlight the contributions of newcomers within communities and the workplace;
- increase the number of French-speaking newcomers who settle in Newfoundland and Labrador.

"Danielle's arrival will allow the FFTNL to build on its work in the promotion of Francophone immigration since 2007," says Gaël Corbineau, Executive Director. "As a Newfoundlander and Labradorian, Danielle understands how the socio-economic realities of our province relate to immigration. She also brings her work experience with Francophone Immigration Network community partners in government, education and the non-profit sector, which will allow us to strengthen the ties within our network."

Founded in 1973, the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FFTNL) is a provincial organization dedicated to the protection and promotion of the interests and linguistic rights of Newfoundland and Labrador's Francophone and Acadian communities.

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