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THE FFTNL WELCOMES THE NEW COORDINATOR FOR THE RÉSEAU DE L'IMMIGRATION FRANCOPHONE

Saint-John's (Newfoundland and Labrador), July 13th – The Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FFTNL) is pleased to announce the hiring of Sarah Parisio as its new coordinator for the Francophone Immigration Network (RIF-TNL).

Sarah Parisio began as coordinator on July 8th 2015. Ms. Parisio is originally from London, Ontario, and has since relocated to pursue studies in life sciences and a master's in social and cultural anthropology at McMaster University and Concordia University, respectively. Ms. Parisio has many years of work and volunteer experience in Canada and Italy in nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations working among minority groups including Franco-Ontarian youth, disabled persons and women.

Throughout the last year, Ms. Parisio held the position of Volunteer coordinator with l'Arca Italia Onlus in Rome. She is happy to be back in Canada and to work toward promoting Newfoundland and Labrador as a choice destination, and assisting Francophone newcomers with settling and integrating in their communities.

The Francophone Immigration Network works to favor :

- welcoming, integration, and retention of Francophone newcomers in the province, and in Francophone and Acadian communities more specifically;
- welcoming and integration capacity of the Francophone and Acadian communities of Newfoundland and Labrador;

- awareness of the contributions made by newcomers to communities and employers;
- growth in number of French speaking newcomers who establish themselves in Newfoundland and Labrador.

“ Sarah’s arrival allows us to pursue the work accomplished to promote Francophone immigration begun in 2007 by the FFTNL ” says Gaël Corbineau, executive director of the FFTNL. “ Sarah has a good grasp of the francophone-minority setting having been born and having long worked actively with community organizations. Her personal experience as an immigrant to Italy is an undeniable asset for easily identifying the needs and difficulties that newcomers encounter. ”.

Gaël Corbineau adds *“ I think it particularly important to underline the work undertaken over three years by Ms. Danielle Coombs. Since 2012, her enthusiasm largely contributed to positioning the RIF-TNL as a natural partner for all of our partners – including the community, governments and employers – and obtaining the results we are all very proud of. We thank her warmly, and wish her continued success in her future projects. ”*

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

Since 2007, the FFTNL has been actively promoting Francophone immigration in our province, and in 2010 created the Francophone Immigration Network (RIF-TNL) to facilitate the recruitment, welcoming and retention of Francophone newcomers.

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