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Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan **Immigration Area at Heritage Festival of Saskatoon**

Regina, January 23rd, 2018 – The *Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan* (RIF-SK) this year has gathered five francophone and anglophone partner organizations to create a shared space at the Heritage Festival of Saskatoon, dedicated to francophone and anglophone immigration.

The Heritage Festival of Saskatoon will celebrate the city's rich heritage, from 12 pm to 5 pm on February 4th, at the Western Development Museum. As a member of the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS), the festival has chosen this year's theme to be *From Many Peoples Strength*, celebrating diversity.

The RIF-SK, therefore, proposed to the Heritage Festival to create, for the first time, an area dedicated to immigration to showcase how francophone and anglophone immigration have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the province's heritage.

The Immigration Area will bring together the Global Gathering Place Saskatoon, International Women of Saskatoon, the Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership (RRLIP), the RIF-SK, the *Société historique de la Saskatchewan* (SHS), and Saskatoon Open Door Society (SODS).

The Immigration Area will offer, in both official languages, two exhibits linking the past and future of immigration, as well as activities for youth and adults. It will also be an occasion to showcase the partner organizations' engagement in the matters of diversity and immigration.

This initiative fits into the promotion of services of the partner organizations, and the public's awareness of the challenges in immigration in Saskatchewan.

The Réseau en Immigration Francophone (RIF-SK) is the Francophone Immigration Network. It is a platform for its members, partners and service providers aiming at offering efficient services in French to the francophone newcomers. One of the RIF-SK's duties is to facilitate the development of services and resources fostering immigration and the retention of newcomers and immigrants in the Fransaskois community. It is administered by the Conseil économique et coopératif de la Saskatchewan (CÉCS).

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