

Mennonite New Life Centre invites internationally trained journalists and writers to contribute to *New Voices* magazine

New Voices is currently recruiting writers for our fall 2011 issue. The Ontario general election will take place on October 6, 2011, and this edition of *New Voices* aims to contribute to the political debate by raising issues that matter to immigrant communities across Ontario.

About *New Voices*: *New Voices*, a publication of the Mennonite New Life Centre, comes out twice a year and connects readers to the work of immigrant writers and journalists in Canada. Our internationally trained contributors explore the political and social factors that affect the lives of immigrants and refugees in this country. They expose injustices and propose solutions, sharing in the Mennonite New Life Centre's mission to facilitate the full inclusion and participation of new Canadians. The New Life Centre is a settlement agency that has served immigrants and refugees since 1983.

About this issue: In the Fall 2011 issue of *New Voices*, we wish to explore a people's agenda for Ontario, in the context of the October provincial election. Contributors will present research and analysis, together with community initiatives, on issues of concern to immigrant communities, offering proposals and recommendations to inform the agenda of the next provincial government. Articles will examine four key issues from the perspective of immigrant communities: 1) **Health:** with a focus on addressing social determinants of health; 2) **Education:** with a focus on addressing high school drop-out rates among students from racialized communities; 3) **Income security:** with a focus on input and recommendations to inform the Social Assistance Review process; and 4) **Employment equity:** with a focus on improving access to the Canadian labor market for racialized and internationally trained workers. Article should focus on the Ontario context. We will support contributors to identify research sources, including potential interview subjects.

About contributing: Selected writers will receive an honorarium for their work, and will benefit from working closely with a professional editor, who will help develop their article to publication. Writers should expect constructive feedback on their first draft, and be willing to conduct further research and/or revise text, with careful attention to deadlines. Articles will be no more than 600-800 words. They will be printed alongside a short biography and photograph of the contributor. *New Voices* is widely distributed to immigrant serving organizations and allies in academia, faith communities and the labour movement.

How to contribute: This is an excellent opportunity for internationally trained journalists/writers interested in social and political issues, who would like to see their work published in Canada. If you are interested in writing for *New Voices* please send us the following:

- Two samples of your written work in English (published/unpublished);
- A copy of your resume outlining your journalistic and/or writing background;
- A statement of interest that describes 1) *why you are interested in writing for New Voices* and 2) *which of the four key issues you would be most interested in writing about and why, together with one policy proposal to government in relation to this issue*

Please send documents by **July 20, 2011** to Gabriela Martinez: gmartinez@mnlct.org

If you have any questions please send an email or call us at: 647-776-2057 ext. 303.

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We thank everyone in advance for their interest.

