



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

We are pleased to provide you with the latest updates and developments within our association and community.

Warm Welcome to New Members

We extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have recently become part of our culturally affluent Igbo community in Edmonton. Your presence greatly enhances our community, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to engage with you, exchange experiences, and commemorate our heritage collectively.

Quote for the Month

"In the midst of differing opinions and varied paths, we find unity in our peaceful coexistence as this month reminds us that diversity is our strength, and together, we bloom brighter and stronger."

Acknowledging the roles of mothers in our community.

A STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENCY

As May gracefully enters our lives, we welcome the vibrant colours of spring and the promise of new beginnings. It's a time when nature rejuvenates itself, and so do we, in our community bonds and shared aspirations.

One of the most admirable traits of our community is the spirit of peaceful coexistence, even amidst differences and disagreements. It's truly heartwarming to witness how we continue to support and uplift one another, regardless of our diverse perspectives.

This month holds significance for two important occasions: Mother's Day and Victoria Day celebration. Mother's Day serves as a poignant reminder of the pivotal role our mothers play in shaping our lives. They are the pillars of our community, fostering safety, harmony, and growth through their unconditional love and wisdom.

Let's not confine our appreciation for mothers to just one day, but rather cherish and honor them every single day. Their sacrifices and contributions are invaluable, laying the foundation for a stronger and more cohesive community.

As we celebrate Victoria Day, let's also reflect on the values of unity and resilience that define us as a community. Let this day serve as a reminder of our shared history and the strides we've made together.

Let us continue to uphold the values of respect, understanding, and solidarity that define our community. Together, let us strive to build a future where peace, harmony, and prosperity flourish for generations to come.

Wishing you all a joyous and fulfilling month of May.

Uche Okerefor, PhD - President

MEMBERSHIP

Join Us in Strengthening Our Community

We are dedicated to enriching our community, and we humbly seek your support. Our organization has launched a crucial membership campaign with the objective of enrolling 300 families. This initiative is paramount in augmenting our collective influence and securing the sustainability of our organization.

Your involvement in this campaign is indispensable as we endeavor to broaden our impact and deepen our ties within the community. Let us collaborate harmoniously to realize our objective and welcome more families into our network.

It is important to note that each new member contributes valuable perspectives, enthusiasm, and resources to our organization, enriching our shared journey. Let us unite our efforts and ensure the success of this membership campaign!

To our esteemed returning members, please be informed that a late registration fee of \$10 will be applicable for missing the extended registration deadline. Your participation is greatly appreciated, and we eagerly anticipate your prompt registration.

For those who have remitted their membership fee but are yet to complete the registration form, we kindly urge you to do so promptly. The fulfillment of the registration form is essential for the finalization of your membership, guaranteeing improved service provision throughout the year.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Spotlight on Pioneer Members



In the radiant glow of our community's journey, we extend our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the pioneering members of the Igbo community in Edmonton. Your unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions continue to shape and elevate our shared identity.

Through your enduring commitment to fostering unity, preserving culture, and driving positive change, you inspire us all. Your remarkable leadership and tireless efforts pave the way for a stronger, more vibrant community, illuminating the path for generations to come.

Thank you for being the guiding stars, lighting our way with your passion and resilience. Your legacy shines brightly, casting a radiant beam of hope and possibility across our community. Together, we honor your legacy and celebrate the profound impact of your journey.

MENTORSHIP

Our Career Mentorship Event for May

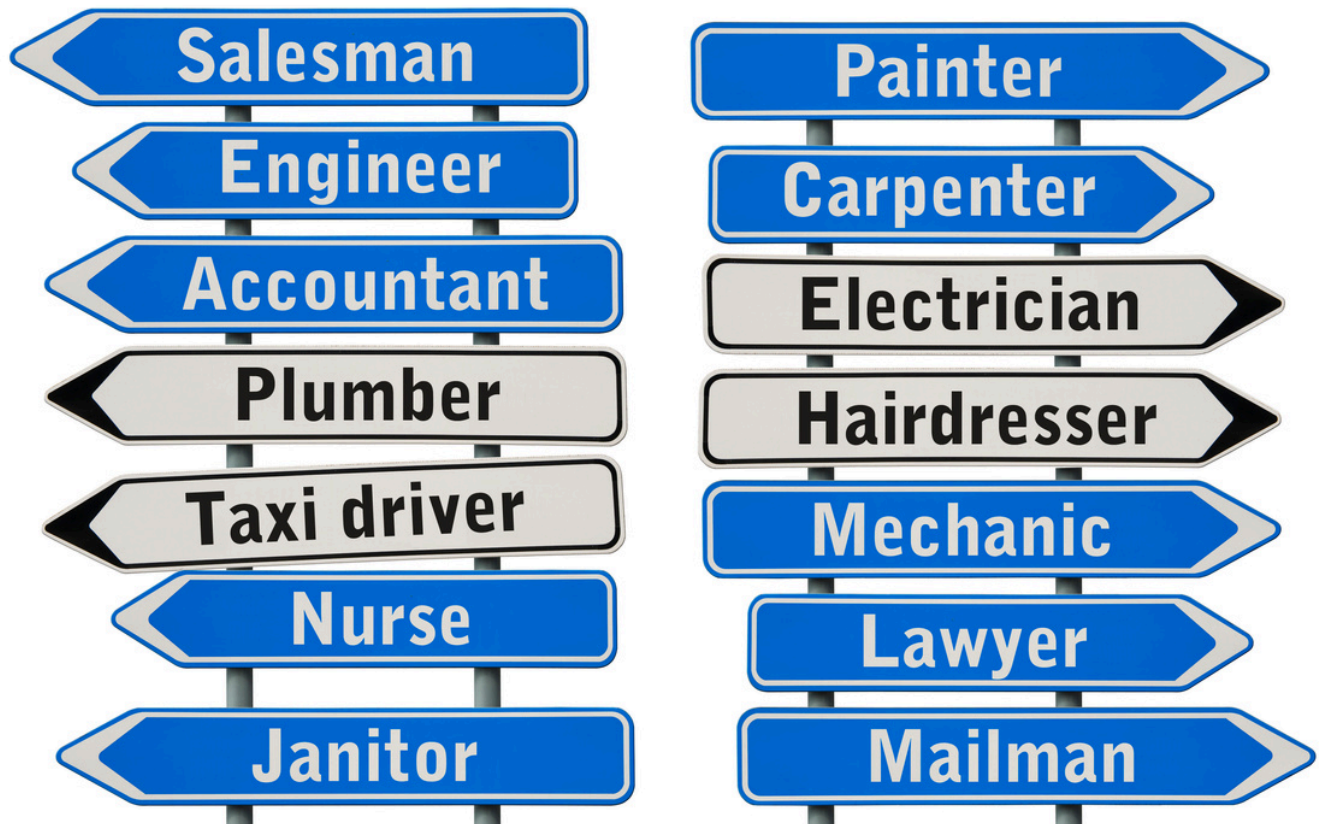
Unlock your career potential with our Lunch and Learn sessions tailored for newcomers and skilled professionals alike! Join us as we collaborate with leading professional bodies to provide invaluable insights, guidance, and networking opportunities. Whether you're just starting out or looking to elevate your career, our sessions offer a dynamic platform to learn from industry experts, exchange ideas, and forge meaningful connections. From navigating job markets to mastering new skills, our Lunch and Learn series is designed to empower you every step of the way. Don't miss out on this unique chance to fuel your career growth while enjoying a delicious meal. Reserve your spot today and embark on a journey towards success!

JOIN US FOR A LUNCH AND LEARN!

**Engaging
Lunch and
Learn Session
with Industry
Professionals.**



Explore Employment Support Through Mentorship Program



Call for Mentees

Employment seekers are invited to discover our mentorship initiative aimed at providing guidance and empowerment throughout their professional growth. Engage in our program to receive invaluable support and assistance on your career path.

[REGISTER AS A MENTEE](#)

Call for Mentors

We are currently soliciting assistance from volunteer mentors who are experts in the following disciplines:
Project Management,
Product Management,
Business Analysis, Data Analysis, Cybersecurity,
Brand Development,
Marketing, and Information Technology (IT).

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Celebrate Mom!

A DAY TO HONOR THE SPECIAL WOMEN IN OUR LIVES



As we approach Mother's Day, let's take a moment to honour the incredible women and mothers who enrich our lives every day. We invite all the men within our community to share their heartfelt appreciation for the women and mothers who have made a positive impact in their lives.

How to Participate:

🎥 **Men:** Record a short 30-second video expressing your gratitude and appreciation for the women and mothers in our community. Share your heartfelt messages, stories, and wishes for Mother's Day.

📸 **Women and Mothers:** Send us your professional headshot photo. Let's showcase the remarkable women and mothers in our community in a special gallery.

Submission Details:

✉️ **Email:** Send your videos (for men) and professional headshot photos (for women and mothers) to **info@icaedmonton.com**

Subject: Mother's Day Celebration

Let's come together as a community to celebrate the strength, love, and resilience of women and mothers. Your participation will make this Mother's Day celebration truly special.

Participation is strictly for registered ICAE members

ICAE BIZ DIRECTORY

Get ready to discover the heartbeat of our community like never before! In just a few days, we're thrilled to unveil our brand-new Community Business Directory!

Your one-stop destination for everything local - from cherished mom-and-pop shops to thriving startups, this directory will showcase the diverse tapestry of businesses that make our community vibrant.

Stay tuned for the big reveal and get ready to support local businesses like never before! Together, let's strengthen our community ties and celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship.

Look out for the release publication on May 4th, 2024 as we embark on a journey to support and uplift our fellow entrepreneurs. Mark your calendars and be prepared to explore the incredible array of offerings right in our own backyard!



Bingo Volunteers



We extend our deepest appreciation to our community volunteers for their remarkable dedication during our April bingo event. Their steadfast commitment and exceptional enthusiasm ensured the success of our fundraising efforts while maintaining compliance with AGLC regulations. We commend their unwavering reliability, which embodies the true essence of community spirit and responsibility.

As we gear up for the upcoming bingo events in May, we are profoundly grateful for their continuous support. Their invaluable contributions play a pivotal role in our endeavors, and we are immensely thankful for their willingness to shoulder this important responsibility. Together, we are making a significant impact on our community.

To our dedicated volunteers, we offer our heartfelt thanks for your integral role in our organization. Your dedication and passion are truly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Your commitment exemplifies the essence of unity and service, and we are honored to have you as part of our team.

[SIGN-UP FOR BINGO](#)

Facts About Bingo

Volunteering at bingo under the Alberta Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Commission (AGLC) fosters community development and sustains non-profits. AGLC regulates charitable gaming, ensuring proceeds directly benefit local causes. By volunteering, individuals contribute to the operational success of bingo events, funneling funds to vital community programs. This engagement cultivates social cohesion, strengthens community ties, and empowers non-profits to fulfill their missions effectively.

Moreover, AGLC oversight guarantees transparency and accountability, enhancing public trust in charitable activities. Ultimately, volunteering at bingo promotes grassroots initiatives, fortifies social infrastructure, and perpetuates the invaluable work of non-profit organizations for long-term community prosperity.

Upcoming Bingo Event

May 25 Bingo Volunteers

1. Innocent Chiasaokwu
2. Chief W. Nwaribe
3. Ima Anugom
4. Stella Agu
5. Philip Igwe
6. Chinenye Emesiobi
7. Chidiebere Obodo
8. Chidi Ibemere
9. Nneoma Lillian Ayo-Soyele
10. Patrick Eze
11. Victor Amadi
12. Dr. Collins Ugochukwu
13. Ihuoma Obioha
14. Okwukwe Udoye

A vibrant red poster for a bingo event. At the top center is the logo of the Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton, featuring a palm tree and a red roof. Below the logo are several bingo cards in blue, green, and red, along with numbered balls (1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 24) and gold coins. The word "BINGO" is written in large white letters, with "EVENT" in yellow script below it. The text at the bottom of the poster reads: "Calling all volunteers! Join the Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton in their exciting bingo event and be part of an enriching cultural experience. Register now to lend a helping hand and make this event a resounding success." The event details are: "SAT. MAY 25, 2024 | 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM" and "MORNING | CASTLEDOWNS BINGO | 12222 - 137 AVE NW EDMONTON". At the very bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION | www.icaedmonton.com".

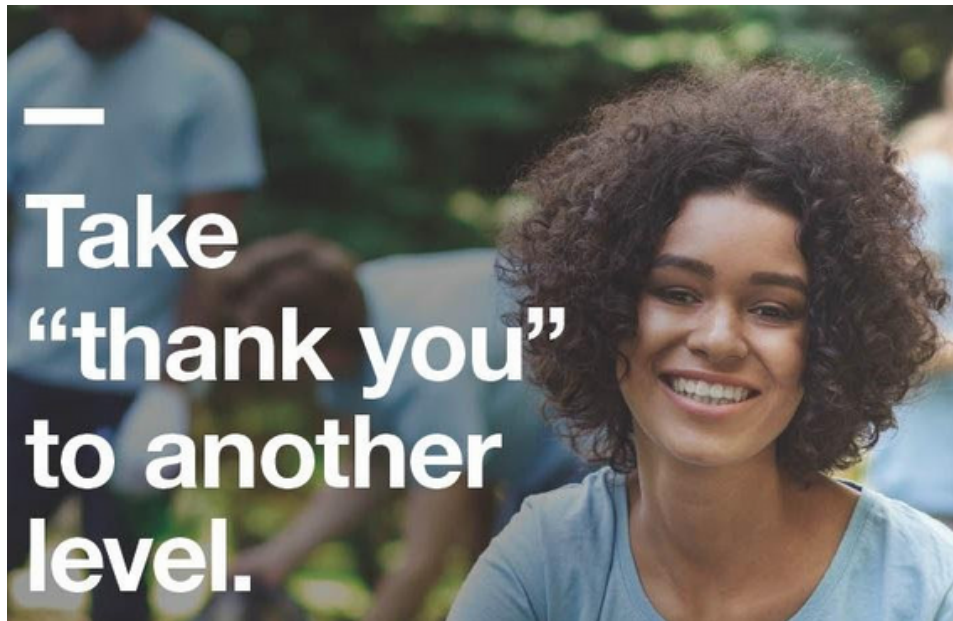
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City News

Spotlight On: Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards (Deadline: June 30)



Do you know of an exceptional volunteer within our community? Someone who has made a large impact on our organization? Someone you wish you could recognize at a higher level? This award program could be a great opportunity! The Stars of Alberta Awards highlight and recognize volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of Albertans.

Two awards are given in each of the following categories:

- * **Youth (up to 24 years of age)**
- * **Adult**
- * **Senior**

Additionally, one award may be given in each of these subcategories addressing breaking barriers:

- * **advocating for 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion**
- * **fighting gender discrimination**
- * **addressing racism**

Nominations are currently being accepted until **June 30, 2024**. Please visit the Government of Alberta's webpage, **[Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards](#)**, for more information.

Birthday Greetings

Wishing a spectacular birthday celebration to all May-born members! May your special day be filled with joy, laughter, and unforgettable moments. May this new year of life bring you prosperity, good health, and the fulfillment of your dreams. Cheers to another year of wonderful memories and achievements! Happy Birthday!

Condolences For Your Loss

Our deepest sympathies are extended to those who have recently experienced the loss of a beloved family member.

May cherished memories serve as a source of comfort during this difficult time.

Please know that our thoughts and support are with you as you navigate through this period of grief and mourning.

Appreciation

As always, we thank each one of you for your continued support and dedication to the Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton.

Together, we will continue to celebrate our heritage, foster inclusivity, and create lasting impact within our community.

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