



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

"Ọ bụrụ na onye anyị nwere ike, o kwere na ọ bụrụ na ndị ọzọ nwere ike. N'ihia ha ka anyị na-akporọ ụtu, n'ihia ha ka anyị ga-ele anya n'ụzọ ha."

Translation:

"If one of us has strength, they should know that others also have strength. It is through their combined efforts that we build our community, and it is through them that we prosper."

March Like No Other

A STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENCY

As we step into the month of March, we embrace a time filled with significance and celebration. March marks Women's History Month, a time to honour the invaluable contributions of women throughout history. Let us take this opportunity to recognize the remarkable achievements and resilience of women in our community and beyond.

We look forward to a significant Easter weekend celebration, conveniently positioned midway between Family Day and Victoria Day. Let us wholeheartedly embody the essence of solidarity and inclusivity symbolized by this occasion, nurturing harmonious relationships and mutual understanding among all individuals within our community.

With the arrival of daylight savings time and the first day of spring, let us welcome the promise of longer days and the renewal of nature. May this season inspire us to embrace change and growth in our lives, both personally and professionally.

I urge each of you to ensure you fulfill your tax filing obligations, contributing to the betterment of our society through responsible citizenship. Let us demonstrate our commitment to the principles of integrity and accountability, setting a positive example for future generations.

Furthermore, let us remain steadfast in our dedication to making impactful contributions within our careers and local communities. Through our collective efforts, we can effect positive change and create a brighter future for all.

As members of the Igbo community in Edmonton, let us unite in solidarity and continue to uphold the values of inclusivity, compassion, and resilience.

Uche Okereafor, PhD - President

MEMBERSHIP

Join Us for a Year of Excitement and Growth!

We are pleased to announce that our annual membership registration is now open to all, extending a warm welcome to both new and returning members.

Dear returning members, please be advised that if you missed the extended registration deadline, a late registration fee of \$10 will be applicable. Your participation is highly valued, and we look forward to your prompt registration.

A gentle reminder to those who have submitted their membership fee but have yet to complete the registration form - we kindly urge you to do so without delay. Your membership will only be considered complete upon the submission of the filled form, ensuring enhanced service provision throughout the year.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

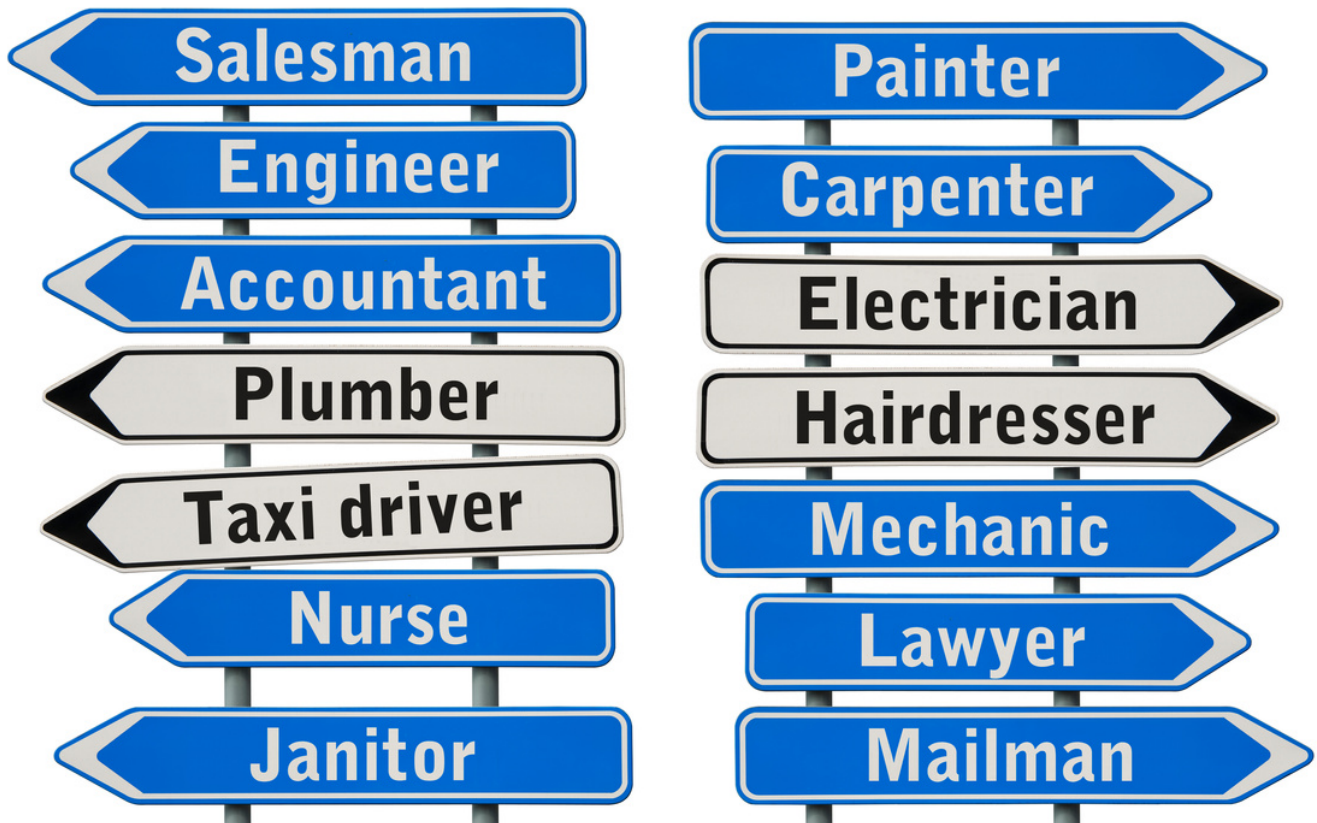
Birthday Greetings

Wishing a spectacular birthday celebration to all March-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.

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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Glimpse from our BHM Initiative



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

The inaugural Black History Month event hosted by the Igbo Cultural Association at TELUS World of Science - Edmonton on February 17th, 2024, was a resounding success, promoting inclusivity and diversity by bringing together members from various communities. The evening celebrated African resilience through a screening of the thought-provoking film "**The Skin We're In,**" followed by a dynamic panel discussion with esteemed guests. Attendees engaged in meaningful dialogue, deepening their understanding of African history and culture. Gratitude is extended to attendees and sponsors, including the **African Centre, Edmonton Heritage Council, City of Edmonton, and Edmonton Community Foundation,** for their vital support in making the event a triumph. Let us continue to honor and celebrate African resilience. Special appreciation to our BHM Initiative Team.

Community Events



Join one of our partners for Obinokor Talks, an event that reprises female voices and wisdom from Nigerian Igbo culture to nurture and critique our communities. This event, in collaboration with PRAN, aligns with our vision of preserving Igbo culture and features the unveiling of a toolkit for preventing intimate partner violence.

Join knowledgeable advocates and traditional knowledge keepers to explore various aspects of IPV prevention, including support for female elders, the role of men, community building, and mental health through a cultural lens.

This free event will also showcase Afro-Caribbean music and cuisine.

Secure your spot today!

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Community Events

A photograph of a man climbing a palm tree, used as a background for a recital poster. The man is wearing a light-colored tank top and dark shorts, and is using ropes to ascend the trunk of the tree. The background shows the fronds of the palm tree against a bright sky.

Far Away from Home

A recital in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Music in Choral Conducting

Featuring
Jude Nwankwo, conductor
The University of Alberta Recital Choir and Chamber Orchestra

Works by:
Joseph Haydn,
Kim Andre Arnesen,
Harry Burleigh,
Fela Sowande,
Laz Ekwueme,
Michael Uzoma,
Ferdinand Muogbo,
Christian Onyeji,
& Jude Nwankwo

Friday, March 15, 2024 8:00 PM (MT)
Convocation Hall, University of Alberta
Free Admission

FINE arts DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

With pride, a member of our community is showcasing Igbo culture at the University of Alberta through an exceptional recital. 98% of the performers represent diverse backgrounds but share a passion for Igbo culture.

Guided by an Igbo conductor, this event unites us through five captivating Igbo songs, transcending boundaries.

As guardians of our cultural legacy, we must offer unwavering support to this display of unity and diversity. Let us stand together, proud and supportive, as we celebrate the vibrancy of Igbo culture. This event is more than a recital; it exemplifies our community's strength and traditions. Let us embrace this occasion wholeheartedly, as our unity is our power, and our culture our strength. Show your support by joining us at this remarkable event!

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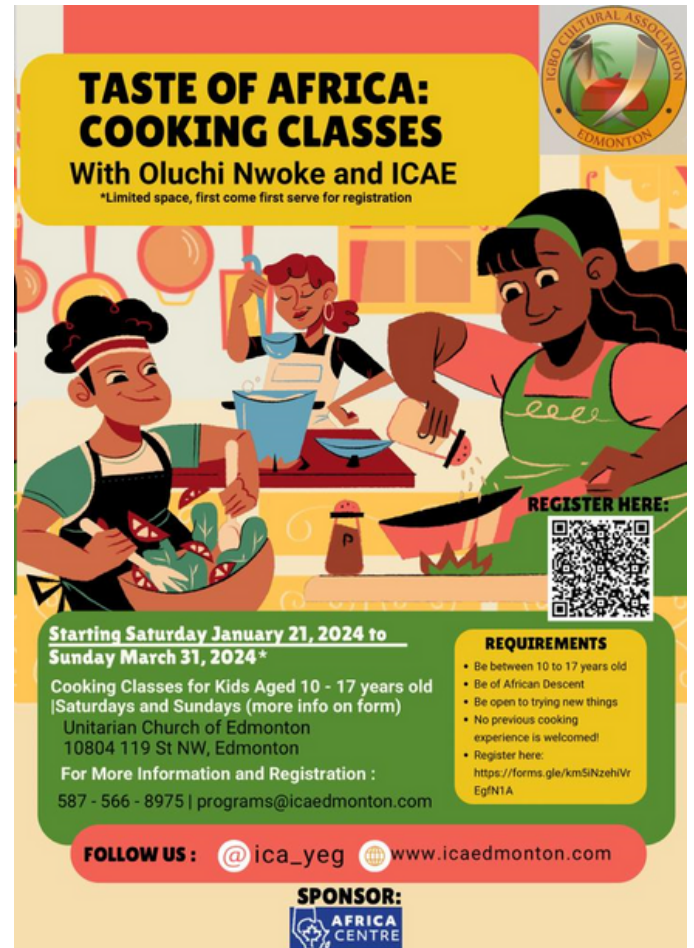
Bingo Volunteers

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the members of our youth wing for their exceptional dedication during our bingo event in February. Their unwavering commitment has been exemplary, ensuring the success of our fundraising endeavors while upholding our bingo license with the AGLC. We truly commend their enthusiasm and reliability, which exemplify the values of community spirit and responsibility.

As we make preparations for the forthcoming bingo event in March, we are profoundly thankful for their ongoing support. Their contributions are of immense value, and we deeply appreciate their readiness to take on this crucial task. Together, we are effecting a significant impact. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their integral role in our community.

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Taste of Africa: Cooking Classes



TASTE OF AFRICA: COOKING CLASSES
With Oluchi Nwoke and ICAE
*Limited space, first come first serve for registration

REGISTER HERE:

Starting Saturday January 21, 2024 to Sunday March 31, 2024*

Cooking Classes for Kids Aged 10 - 17 years old (Saturdays and Sundays (more info on form))
Unitarian Church of Edmonton
10804 119 St NW, Edmonton
For More Information and Registration :
587 - 566 - 8975 | programs@icaedmonton.com

REQUIREMENTS

- Be between 10 to 17 years old
- Be of African Descent
- Be open to trying new things
- No previous cooking experience is welcomed!
- Register here: <https://forms.gle/km5NzehlVrEgfn1A>

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Our ongoing Taste of Africa: Cooking Classes, hosted by Oluchi Nwoke, have received wonderful feedback from participants. If you haven't already, register your child for this enriching and entirely free program.

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Economic Action Plan Grant

Are you ready to take your business to new heights? The City of Edmonton is here to support your growth and expansion through the Economic Action Plan Grant! This incredible opportunity is designed to empower local businesses and business associations like yours to contribute to the implementation of the Economic Action Plan, paving the way for a more resilient, diverse, and equitable local economy.

With the Economic Action Plan Grant, you can receive a matching reimbursement grant of up to \$50,000 for eligible projects or programs. Whether you're looking to expand your operations, enhance your services, or invest in innovative initiatives, this grant is your ticket to realizing your business goals.

Imagine the possibilities: from upgrading your facilities to launching new community-focused projects, the Economic Action Plan Grant can make it happen. Plus, with a minimum grant amount of \$10,000, there's ample opportunity for businesses of all sizes to participate and thrive.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to fuel your business's growth and contribute to the economic prosperity of our city. Seize the moment and apply for the Economic Action Plan Grant today!

As Ndi Igbo, let's take advantage of this awesome opportunity and build a stronger, more vibrant Edmonton for all.

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Quarter 1 General Meeting

Save the Date/Time

Mar 30, 2024 07:00 PM

Meeting ID
858 6532 6011

Passcode
569343

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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.