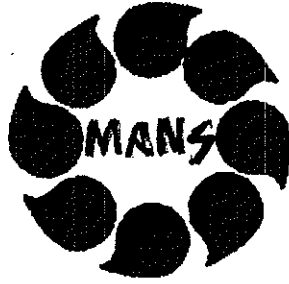


Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia

The multicultural association of Nova Scotia (MANS) was founded in 1975 and was mandated by the Provincial Government to represent the interest of the multicultural organizations and communities in the Province. It started as an "umbrella" organization for regional multicultural councils already existing in the province, and to establish better communications between them, and to act as a 'central clearing house' to assist various cultural groups to develop and preserve their cultural identities. MANS quickly found its place in education and promotion of all aspects of culture, including bringing about awareness to the majority community about multiculturalism.

MANS is governed by a Board of Directors largely made up of representatives from different regions of the province, bringing to the board a variety of expertise. MANS provides leadership to the diverse ethno-cultural community, of which, over a hundred ethno-cultural groups reside in Nova Scotia, and works to support the development of cultural diversity. It encourages people from diverse communities to work together and presents programs and services that aim at building a



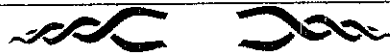
society that is fully inclusive of all peoples and cultures. MANS in addition to project funding from various sources is also supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture & Heritage.

It contributes to promote better understanding of history and heritage by providing a broadened picture and allow viewers to see their heritage reflected in the history of Nova Scotia. MANS aims at education and equipping Nova Scotian's with skills that are needed to function and prosper in a multicultural country by conducting and participating in projects and programs across the province.

With 32 years of effective multicultural programming and service behind it, MANS looks to the future with optimistic enthusiasm. Having carved for itself, an integral niche in Nova Scotian society. The association will continue to grow to meet the demands of an ever-changing population. With an ever expanding resource centre and educational programs, MANS should be able to meet the needs of multicultural education, advocacy and policy development for the future generations of Nova Scotian's.

The Mission of MANS is to

- Educate all Nova Scotian's by developing and/or delivering multicultural programs, and provide for a meeting of all cultures by hosting the annual Multicultural Festival.
- Promote equality and to influence and/or initiate the development of all relevant legislation and policies that advances multiculturalism.
- Create a sense of belonging and respect for all cultures.
- Facilitate communication between the ethno-cultural groups in Nova Scotia.
- Act as a clearing house for multicultural issues.



For more information about MANS you can visit the website @,

www.mans.ns.ca

Or

If you are interested in attending a meeting/becoming a member of the MANS Shelburne area support group you can contact Mary Ayer @ 875 - 2171

