



UNB Student Union to hold mitten drive in support of Syrian refugees

FREDERICTON N.B.—the Multicultural Association of Fredericton noticed that there is a need for waterproof gloves and mittens for newcomers in the region, especially for children. The UNB Student Union (UNBSU) is running a mitten drive from Feb. 15-26 in support of UNB's efforts in helping Syrian refugees settle in our community.

The UNBSU will have donation boxes in the Harriet Irving Library, Student Union Welcome Center, Richard J. CURRIE CENTER and the Science Library.

"When the need was brought to our attention we were eager to help out" says Katie Davey, UNBSU President.

Over the past few weeks UNB has held information sessions and public lectures designed to engage and educate the Fredericton community on the Syrian crisis and how we can do our part in their resettlement.

UNB's faculty of law recently launched a new chapter of the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program (SSP) in New Brunswick. The SSP is a nationwide project that trains lawyers to assist groups seeking to privately sponsor refugees. This is all to support the existing efforts that are taking place in city.

"It is always encouraging to see the university act with such community centered focus." Says Travis Daley, UNBSU Vice President External, "This mitten drive is an opportunity for students and members of the wider community to collaborate to achieve a common goal" -30-

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