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Local MPP Welcomes Online Learning Centre in Richmond

Contact North | Contact Nord will help local residents train for good jobs without leaving their community

(CARLETON) - Contact North | Contact Nord opened its newest online learning centre in Richmond to help local residents get their degree, diploma, or certificate or upgrade their skills without leaving their community.

Carleton MPP Goldie Ghamari officially welcomed the Richmond online learning centre along with Ottawa City Councillor and Deputy Mayor George Darouze on March 16, 2022. “No matter where they live, everyone in Carleton and Ottawa will have access to information, education and training,” Ghamari said. “Contact North will help people of all ages and backgrounds launch their careers, improve their skills or follow their personal interests.”

Access to education and training is key to economic success in our community, and Contact North | Contact Nord will play a crucial role in helping community members access education and training they need for the jobs they want. This new location is beneficial socially and economically, giving local students a chance to improve their knowledge and training, which will better position them for jobs in Ottawa and the province.

“Today’s opening shows how our government is prioritizing the needs of hardworking Ontarians who want to build a better future for themselves and for the next generation,” Ghamari said.

Contact North | Contact Nord’s newest online learning centre gives residents access to a variety of free services, including:

- Information on available online programs and courses from Ontario’s 9 Indigenous institutes, 24 public colleges, 25 public universities, 76 district school boards, 200 literacy and basic skills providers, and 20 skills development training providers
- Help with registrations and funding options
- Free, in-person access to high-speed Internet, computers, web conferencing and extended reality (XR) headsets and technical support

- Support and encouragement to complete programs and courses
- Supervision of exams

As an international trade lawyer, community volunteer and youth mentor, Ghamari recognizes that the road to success comes through hard work and determination. Learning centres like Contact North | Contact Nord provide opportunities that will make a huge difference for many local residents.

“Contact North | Contact Nord has the staff, experience and infrastructure in place to help local residents get valuable education and training,” adds Wendy Somerville, Director, Recruitment & Partnerships, Southeast Region. “I’m thrilled to be able to help them access the programs and courses they need, and I look forward to watching them succeed on their learning journey.”

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For further information, contact Wendy Somerville, Director, Recruitment & Partnerships, Southeast Region, at 1-855-361-1421 or e-mail wendy@contactnorth.ca.

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