



Western Development Museum  
Moose Jaw

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### FILMS ON IMMIGRATION AT THE WDM MOOSE JAW

Most Canadians immigrated to Canada from other shores. In partnership with the Yorkton Film Festival we will survey the successes and failures of many Canadian immigrants and the immigration policy on Saturday, February 20.

10:00 am *Famine and Shipwreck: An Irish Odyssey*. In the Spring of 1849 a coffin ship called the Hannah carrying 180 Irish immigrants fleeing Ireland's potato famine hits an ice reef off the coast of Newfoundland. Miraculously 17 hours later the survivors are rescued by another famine ship the Nicaragua. Their Canadian and Irish descendants tell this extraordinary tale of horror and survival.

11:00 am *Continuous Journey*. In 1914 the Komagata Maru, a vessel with 376 immigrants from British India, became the first ship carrying migrants to be turned away by Canada. The consequences were felt throughout the British Empire.

12:00 pm *New Norway* traces three generations of the Watvick family that emigrated from Norway to Alberta in 1912.

1:00 pm *Brooks: the City of 100 Hellos* explores immigrants, refugees and temporary foreign workers from the local meat packing plant are changing and challenging the western cowboy city of Brooks, Alberta.

2:00 pm *One Big Hapa Family*. After a realization at a family reunion, half-Japanese filmmaker Jeff Chiba Stearns embarks on a journey of self-discovery to find out why everyone in his Japanese-Canadian family married interracially after his grandparents generation.

3:00 pm *The Invisible Wall* looks at immigration in Regina.

All films are free. Regular admission applies for Museum galleries.

While at the Museum, don't miss *Canada: Day 1* from the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. Explore immigrants' diverse personal Day 1 experiences, from Confederation to present day. You will be transported back to your first day in Canada, or inspired to imagine yourself in a newcomer's shoes. Explore first steps, first impressions and first experiences as a newcomer to Canada.

The WDM Moose Jaw is located at 50 Diefenbaker Drive and is open Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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