



## Coordinator appointed



Saturday, July 5 2014

The Edmonton Multicultural Coalition has appointed Michael Barton the Coordinator. Mr Barton, an experienced international development project manager, was introduced to Coalition members during a monthly members' meeting on Saturday, July 5, 2014 by the Coalition President, Roslynn Zulla.

Michael brings a vast background in international development work to the position of Coordinator of the Edmonton Multicultural Coalition in terms of his experience in project management, strategic planning, social research, and collaborating with community-based organizations. He has been involved in development projects funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) over fifteen years of living and working in Cambodia.

With this professional background, his multicultural experience, and a Master of Education degree in the Sociology of Education, he will be a valuable addition to ensuring the continued success of the Coalition's programs and future direction.

Michael's project work has focused on conducting socio-economic and ethno-cultural research among Cambodia's indigenous groups as part of a Natural Resource Management Project funded by IDRC, working as a Managing Editor for the Cambodian-based think-tank the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, conducting project evaluations for rural flood mitigation projects implemented by the Cambodian Red Cross, providing grants to community-based organizations through CIDA's Civil Society Governance Fund, and most recently, being Project Manager responsible for CIDA's Agriculture Development in Mine-Affected Areas of Cambodia project.

Michael looks forward to engaging with the multicultural communities of Edmonton and collaborating with all of EMC's partners.