

COMMUNITY PARTNER DESCRIPTION:

Latispanica Cultural Association is a nonprofit organization created in 2012. Latispanica's mission is the promotion of the Hispanic culture, in all its manifestations, the celebration of diversity and integration in Nova Scotia. Latispanica organizes many cultural events through the year and has more than 20 active volunteers working in it.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

During the pandemic all of us have been dealing with extremely challenging situations such as losing jobs, relationships breaking apart, loneliness, depression, mourning family members and friends here and in our home countries, feeling trapped in our own private spaces among other difficult situations. Minorities and visible minorities are more vulnerable during these uncertain times as language and cultural understanding become yet another barrier during the crisis. There is a strong need within the Hispanic community to symbolize all of these losses and to start rebuilding our strength and resilience through cultural projects such as the creative writing workshop. Some members of our community might feel the need to talk and write about some of the experiences they have been dealing with during these challenging times.

PROJECTED BENEFITS:

This project will be an excellent opportunity to bring together the Hispanic community in Atlantic Canada through literature and give them an interactive platform to amplify their voices. The project will serve to validate literature works, publicize future writers and bring the community closer. This could be the beginning of a strong collaboration between the Hispanic community and some of the local universities.

NB: These are excerpts from the Community Partner's original proposal from 2021.