

**-Community Linking Programs-  
“Linking You to Wellness”  
2024**



**Leisure Programs for Adults with Addictions and/or Mental Health  
Concerns**



**The Wellness Network**  
**[www.WellnessNetworkEdmonton.com](http://www.WellnessNetworkEdmonton.com)**

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## **Background**

In Edmonton, approximately one in five individuals has a mental health concern. Recreation and leisure opportunities are important components of maintaining good mental and physical health. The Community Linking Committee was formed to address the need for the provision of high quality, low cost community leisure programs for individuals with mental health concerns in the Edmonton area.

## **Purpose**

To provide leisure programs for adults with addictions &/or mental health concerns (e.g. schizophrenia, major mood disorders), who would benefit from supportive leisure environments.

## **Objectives**

- To introduce a wide variety of low cost community based activities
- To teach and develop leisure skills
- To provide an opportunity for socialization
- To increase awareness of leisure opportunities in Edmonton
- To increase community acceptance of persons with addictions & mental health concerns

## **Please Note**

Programs run every day with the exception of the following:

- Statutory Holidays
- Two week break during the Christmas Holidays
- During extreme weather (colder than -23\*, extreme heat advisories, air quality index advisories, tornado warnings, etc).

Please call program facilitator to confirm if the program is running that day if you are unsure.

## Central/East Edmonton Programs

### Commonwealth Aquafit

Meet new people while improving your fitness in the water! This program involves participating in a group based, shallow water aquafit class. Please bring swim wear and a towel. Please meet in the main foyer of CRC. The class starts at 11:00am so please arrive with time to change.

- Monday: 10:45am – 12:00pm
- Commonwealth Recreation Centre (11000 Stadium Road)
- Drop-in; Free with Leisure Access Pass
- For more info, please contact Vanya at 780-918-5308

### Hobby Habitat

Participants are provided with the opportunity to connect in the community with other individuals while engaging in a hobby of their choice (brought independently, not provided) while building social skills. Let your creativity soar while meeting others in the community! \*Please note there is alcohol served at this location, but consumption will not be permitted during the group time.

- Monday: 12:00pm -1:00pm
- Dirtbag Café (10505-107 Street)
- Drop In; Participants are required to purchase one item from the café (tea, coffee, food, etc.)
- For more info, please contact Lisa at 780-405-1264

### Boxing

Join us for group Boxing Class. Learn about the basics of boxing while working up a sweat! Please ensure you are dressed to be active. Please note: All bag drills take place on the second floor with no access to an elevator.

- Tuesday: 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Westchester Amateur Boxing Club (11 Airport Road)
- Drop In; \$5 includes gloves and hand wrap rental
- For more info, please contact Ted (text prefer): 780-224-4857

## **Explore Fitness**

Meet new people while improving your fitness! Participate in yoga, cycle, and various types of strength based fitness classes as we explore the domains of fitness. All fitness levels welcome! Dress to be active.

- Wednesday: 10:00am – 11:00am
- Commonwealth Recreation Centre (11000 Stadium Road)
- Drop-in; Free with Leisure Access Pass- equipment provided
- For more info, please contact Caitlin at 780-860-2722 / Emma at 780-221-0800 / Kyla at 780-863-1184

## **Plaza Bowl**

Join us for 5 pin bowling. Please ensure you bring a pair of socks. Please note this facility is located in the basement and there is not access to an elevator.

- Wednesday: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Plaza Bowling Alley (10418 118 AVE)
- Drop-in; \$6.00- includes game and shoe rental
- For more info, please contact Jennifer at 780-203-5420

## **Commonwealth Group**

Meet new people while improving your fitness level! This program involves a variety of physical activities including gym games, swimming, and using resistance and cardio machines. Please bring a water bottle, clean indoor shoes and comfortable clothing as well as swim wear. Please meet in the main foyer of CRC.

- Thursday: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Commonwealth Recreation Centre (11000 Stadium Road)
- Drop-in; Free with Leisure Access Pass
- For more info, please contact Maria at 780-292-1813 or Kendra at 780-719-6584

## **Fun with Fitness**

Meet new people while improving your fitness level! This program is a fun, instructor-led fitness class that incorporates different exercise equipment. Please bring a water bottle, comfortable clothing to exercise in, and clean, indoor footwear

- Friday: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- Commonwealth Recreation Centre (11000 Stadium Road)
- Drop-in; Free- please let front desk know you're there for FWF
- For more info, please contact Nikki at 780-884-2631

## **Rainbow Connections**

Are you looking for an accepting and open group to connect and engage with? Come and have a coffee or tea with us and give Rainbow Connections a try. This group provides an opportunity for connection and support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

- First + Third Friday of the Month: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Dirtbag Café (10505-107 Street)
- Drop In; Participants are required to purchase one item from the café (tea, coffee, food, etc.)
- For more info, please contact Larissa (780) 903-7045

## **South Edmonton Programs**

### **Meadows Mingle and Move - *Starting January 13, 2025***

Improve your fitness level, learn about the equipment at the facility and meet new people. This group supports you with improving your overall fitness level and provides an opportunity to meet new people. The facilitator is at the program the entire time, and participants are welcome to exercise independently and ask questions as needed. Please bring a water bottle, comfortable clothing to exercise in, and clean, indoor footwear. The first 15 minutes of the group is dedicated to socializing in the lobby and meeting fellow group members, followed by 60 minutes of self-directed fitness in the gym

- Mondays: 2:15pm – 3:30pm
- Meadows Recreation Center (2704 17 St)
- Drop In; Free with Leisure Access Pass
- For more info, please contact Bridget at 780-918-5308

## **Terwillegar Fitness**

Improve your fitness level, learn about the equipment at the facility and meet new people. This group supports you with improving your overall fitness level and provides an opportunity to meet new people. The facilitator is at the program the entire time, and participants are welcome to exercise independently and ask questions as needed. Please bring a water bottle, comfortable clothing to exercise in, and clean, indoor footwear.

- Wednesday: 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Terwillegar Recreation Centre (2051 Leger Road)
- Drop-in; Free with Leisure Access Pass
- For more info, please contact Vanya at 780-918-5308

## **North Edmonton Programs**

### **Social Scene**

Join us for a coffee and a chat! Opportunity to connect in the community with others while building social skills.

- Tuesday: 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Drop In; No cost unless you wish to make a purchase
- The Carrot Community Arts Coffeeshouse (9351 118 AVE)
- For more info, please contact Nikki at 780-884-2631

### **Clareview Swim**

Meet new people while experiencing the benefits of swimming. This program provides you with the opportunity to take part in relaxing, leisure swimming and socializing. All swim abilities are welcome! Please bring a towel, and suitable swimwear (may be made of different fabrics and styles as long as it does not interfere with safety or water quality). All swimwear must be clean and brought to the facility for the purpose of swimming.

- Tuesday: 2:00pm – 3:15pm
- Clareview Recreation Centre (3804 139 AVE)
- Drop-in; Free with Leisure Access Pass
- For more info, please contact Lisa at 780-405-1264

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- Friday: 10:00am – 11:00am
- Clareview Recreation Centre (3804 139 AVE)
- Drop-in; Free with Leisure Access Pass
- For more info, please contact Lisa at 780-405-1264

## **West Edmonton Programs**

### **Prosper Place Social Games**

Make friends and enjoy a variety of fun activities! Every Wednesday afternoon you can join us for some classic card/board games, hands on art projects, and more. Our monthly schedule is available at:

[www.prosperplace.org](http://www.prosperplace.org)

- Wednesday: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Prosper Place (10455 172 ST NW)
- Drop-in; please contact for cost
- For more info, please contact 780-426-7861

### **Prosper Place Yoga**

The practice of yoga improves mental and physical health. The class will be adapted according to everyone's fitness level. Yoga is for everyone! Please dress in comfortable clothing designed for movement.

- Thursday: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Prosper Place (10455 172 ST NW)
- Drop-In; Free- yoga mats provided
- For more info, please contact 780-426-7861

# AMSA Art Programs

AMSA Art Classes are now available online at:

- Facebook (Art Mentorship Society of Alberta)
- YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2Cfn2kLYPzGqzEf9DtUBTQ>
- Sign up @ [CLASS INFO - ARTMENTORSHIP SOCIETY OF ALBERTA \(artmentorshipab.com\)](https://www.artmentorshipab.com)

## AMSA at the Nina

Join AMSA in creating beautiful works of art at the Nina!

- Friday: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Nina Haggerty (9225 118 AVE NW)
- Drop-in; \$2 cost
- For more info, please contact 780-909-7760 or [artmentorshipab@gmail.com](mailto:artmentorshipab@gmail.com)



## Community Linking Members

**Community Linking is made possible by the following organizations:**

- AHS – Edmonton Zone
- Art Mentorship Society of Alberta (AMSA)
- City of Edmonton Community Services
- CMHA
- E4C
- Edmonton Mental Health Clinic
- Forensic Assessment and Community Services
- Prosper Place
- Recovery Alberta
- Wellness Network Edmonton

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- The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse
- City of Edmonton, Community Rec & Leisure Centers
- The Dirtbag Café
- Nina Haggerty
- Plaza Bowl



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