

## **SSTA Welcomes New French Civic Service Employee; Fourth Out of Last Five to Seek Canadian Immigration**

**SUMMERSIDE (P.E.I.) – Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016** – La Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin (SSTA) welcomes Chloé Feinte to its team for a one-year contract as communications assistant. Ms. Feinte is the fifth French citizen to accept the position, and the fourth out of the last five to seek permanent residence and possibly Canadian immigration as a result of the contract.

The contract is part of a collaborative program offered through the Franco-Québécois Office of the French Government, with the goal of increasing international employment opportunities for people aged 18-35.

The SSTA first embraced the opportunity to take part in the program in 2012. There have been a steady stream of French workers come through its doors ever since, the majority of whom have sought to stay for good. After their contracts were up, one worker, for example, secured a position teaching at Université Sainte-Anne, while another got a job at the Fédération des Parents de l'Î.-P.-É.

Director of the SSTA, Aubrey Cormier, is overwhelmed with the success of the program, as well as the strengthening of ties between France and the Acadians: "It's a win-win situation. The program falls directly within the context of our population growth strategy; and the French are very pleased to come here," he said.

Ms. Feinte, who holds a master's in project management and a bachelor degree in international commerce, looks forward to integrating into Canadian society: "Canada has a very good reputation in France," she said, "many people who go for a visit end up moving there. I would like, if the opportunity presented itself, to do the same."

*La Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin is the official spokesperson of Acadians and Francophones on Prince Edward Island. It is their mandate to assure that all Acadians and Francophones can live and thrive individually and collectively in French on Prince Edward Island.*



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