

A free song writing camp addressing issues of immigration at Rock Barra Artist Retreat July 11-17th.

Never written a song but music moves you? Interested in learning how to make art with your own hands? Come and join in this inclusive, free, week-long, professionally facilitated songwriting / art camp focussing on the themes of immigration, place, and home at Rock Barra Artist Retreat.

The songwriting camp will run Monday to Friday, July 11-15, from 10:00am till 4:00pm. Transportation / carpooling to this camp can be organized for participants. Rock Barra Retreat is on the north east corner of the island, a one-hour drive from Charlottetown. It is a beautiful twenty acre beach front site with one main structure. The camp has few amenities and no wifi. Participants will be asked to bring their own lunches.

The camp will wrap up with a public event—an interactive presentation and discussion—on Sunday, July 17th, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the afternoon.

Please cut and paste the following into and email and respond to the questions:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Age:

Gender:

Cultural background and languages spoken:

Will you be free to attend all sessions, Monday-Friday July 11-17, and Sunday July 18, 2-4 pm?

Will you need transportation?

Will you be comfortable in a rural camp environment (only an outhouse and a fair share of mosquitos and black flies)?

This camp is sponsored by the Canada Council of the Arts Community Cultural Partnership Program. The aim of the program is to be inclusive and to facilitate the participation of those who would not normally have the means or opportunity to work with professional artists. We will be looking for a mix of those with no prior experience, and those with some experience in songwriting and visual art. We are also looking for a good mix of newcomers to Canada, Mi'kmaq, and the settler communities of PEI. All ages are welcome but youth will have priority as space will be limited.

This songwriting art camp is a one of a kind opportunity for a week of free professional development – especially for those with no former training at all! All you need is a great attitude and the commitment to participate to the fullest of your ability. The camp will particularly suit independent, curious, creative individuals.

Please take a paragraph or two to tell us why you want to attend this camp. We will respond to you as quickly as we can. Cut and paste this information into an email and then email your responses to this application to Teresa Doyle at teresa@teresadoyle.com.