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## INTERVIEW



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### Q. Place of birth?

I was born in Campbellton, NB, however I lived the first 14 years of my life in Lebanon (I am Lebanese).

### Q. Did you choose New Brunswick or did it choose you?

I would say it's a mix of the two.

My parents moved to Canada permanently in 2006. We stayed in Montreal first and then moved to Nova Scotia.

I moved to NB for my university studies. I completed my master's degree at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

During those years I was able to familiarize myself with the city and I really liked it. I started working at the New Brunswick Multicultural Council right after my master's degree and this has allowed me to travel all over the province.

Having lived elsewhere (outside the country and in other Canadian provinces) I have seen the potential of this region and have developed a very strong appreciation for what NB has to offer.

I've lived in NB for about eight years. The first years were out of necessity and the later years were / are by choice.

I can say that I have a very strong sense of belonging to NB and I want to contribute to its continuing development.

### Q. Your passion?

To contribute to whatever the goal, in a meaningful way both professionally and personally.



### Q. Favorite Pastime?

Cycling or boxing.

### Q. Do you have a preference for one of our seasons?

**Yes. Autumn!**

The temperature is perfect for me and the colors of the leaves are amazing! I think this is the time when nature is at its best.

### Q. What advice did you appreciate the most?

**" Happiness is a choice "**

And that's true.

It's a choice we have to make every day.

### Q. Best travel experience / voyage?

I may not have done it yet. But so far two are tied for first place for me: the Cabot Trail in *Cape Breton, NS*, and



my trip to *Banff, Alberta*.

### Q. Destination yet to be discovered and why?

It's so hard for me to choose a destination! I would like to go everywhere!

### Q. You have the opportunity to dine with any personality from history, you choose?

**Maya Angelou**

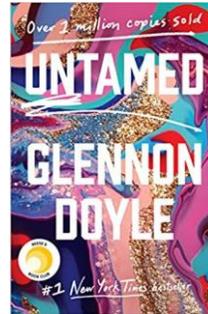
So much to learn from this woman. She is an inspiration to me.



### Q. Favorite quote (and author)?

***I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.***

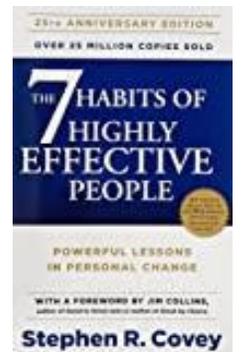
– Maya Angelou



### Q. Last book read?

*Untamed* by Glennon Doyle.

### Q. A book you recommend?



*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons In Personal Change*

– Stephen R. Covey

This book really takes self-reflection to a different level.

For all those who wish to identify their blind spots when it comes to managing their time, relationships, organizations etc., it asks the right questions and provides the necessary tools to fill in those blind spots, effectively manage any situation and to lead an authentic life.

### Q. What are you most proud of?

***To always manage to be true to myself and my values, no matter the situation.***

### Q. You win the lottery jackpot, what would you do with your new fortune?

I would ensure that my family is taken care of and then I would invest in real estate and in affordable housing to meet the needs of New Brunswick.

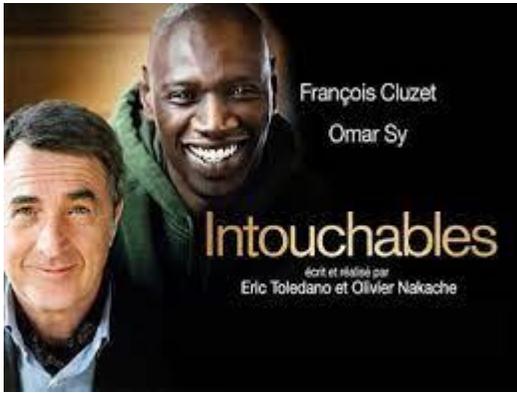
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**Q. Favorite movie? Favorite music?**

Film :



*Intouchables.*

Music : Reggae.



**Q. Any advice for newcomers who want to settle in your area or elsewhere in New Brunswick and who want to begin a job search?**

*Networking is extremely important. Get out of your house, volunteer, participate in community activities, get involved in your local multicultural association.*

**Q. Which word best describes you?**

*Doer*

**Q. You are offered three wishes, what would they be?**

That is a difficult question ... I would like to see a world where people are not afraid of their differences.

**Q. Your childhood hero / mentor? Today?**



Throughout my life:

**Dr. Nabil Nader**  
**(My Father)**

He has been through a lot in his life and has managed to always protect his family and to overcome all the challenges along his way.

Today: **Alex LeBlanc**

Former Executive Director of the CMNB and current President & CEO of the New Brunswick Business Council  
For his compassion, his vision, his entrepreneurial spirit.



**Q. Based on your experience, what should newcomers to New Brunswick do to facilitate their job search, overcome obstacles / challenges and to find suitable employment in your town or in the region?**

**Networking.**

***We don't talk about it enough.***

In my opinion, we need to provide better networking opportunities for newcomers.

**Q. The question you hate to answer?**

I have two of those questions:

- Do you prefer Lebanon or Canada?
- What do you do?

**Q. What would you like to see written on your tombstone?**

Phew ...

***"She took life (like the bull) by the horns"***

**Note:** "To take the bull by the horns" (which appeared in the 17th century) means that one faces difficulties rather than running away from them, just as the ancients would have chosen to face the horns of the bull instead of avoiding them.

**Q. Share something people don't know about you!**

***I am an introvert.***

**Q. The question you would have liked to have been asked?**

***As a newcomer, what attitude did you have to adopt or unlearn in order to begin to flourish in Canada?***

My response: I had to learn to be open. Open to new ideas, new ways of thinking and new ways of doing things.

When we (newcomers) arrive in a new country, we tend to remain too attached to the way things were done back home. We gravitate towards the familiar, the most comfortable.

My greatest strength has been my ability to go with the flow, adapt, pivot, observe and to recognize what I should take on and make mine, and what I should not change or give up, and not to fear the differences.

