

What's new at CultureLink?



CultureLink Newsletter - April

Spring forward into a new fiscal year



In this auspicious season, we send best wishes to our multicultural communities for
Nowruz
Easter Holidays
& Passover
Happy Holidays!

Join us at our 30th Anniversary Gala on November 22 - Order your tickets now!



In My Mother Tongue

This unique and interesting multilingual poetry project is a partnership program between the Koffler Centre of the Arts and Culturelink SWIS (Settlement Workers in Schools) program. The project aims to foster passion for learning in ones own language through the arts, while acknowledging cultural significance and oral story telling traditions of the indigenous, newcomer and refugee communities. [Read More](#)

If the mountain won't come to Muhammad, then Muhammad must go to the mountain - Nai is

bringing its choir closer to the communities it serves Thanks to CultureLink's long standing partnership with the Toronto Public Library, Nai's second choir is hosted at the library's Victoria Village Branch (184 Sloane Avenue, Toronto). All refugee children aged 6 -14 are welcome to join us. The first rehearsal already took place on Mar 27. [Read More](#)



Celebrating the Year of the Dog at Lillian H. Smith Library

Saturday, February 24 was all about celebrating the Year of the Dog at Lillian H. Smith Library. The community - young



and old - turned out to enjoy the festivities which included an exciting Lion Dance and martial arts demonstration, traditional Chinese dance and musical performances. A few seniors had also volunteered their time to write the Chinese calligraphy new year scrolls for distribution to the audience.

Newcomer Seniors Centre helps seniors break isolation

CultureLink, through its Newcomer Seniors Centre (NSC), has created and maintained a space where seniors of the Spanish speaking community of Toronto have found a home away from home. Every Wednesday, rain, shine or snow, an average of 40 seniors from different nationalities meet to spend the afternoon together and to participate in a number of activities designed to promote their physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, social, and intellectual wellness. [Read More](#)



Bikes bring a smile to student faces

The final week of March, our team had the privilege of being involved with a wonderful event. A local bike shop called Fix Coffee and Bikes approached us in the fall with a proposal: that they pick up 20 bicycles from the City's abandoned bicycle program, and spend their down time in the winter refurbishing them. And

then – we give them away in spring!

Chantelle worked with the students and teacher advisor of the Kipling CI bike club to identify students who would both appreciate the bikes, and who would receive permission of their families to accept this gift and be photographed and showcased. Several happy students received their bike on Tuesday. [Check out some pictures here.](#)

Damian's "Hit-Restart" story

Damian is a highly skilled newcomer from El Salvador. He always knew that he has the required skills for landing a good job in Canada but didn't know where to start until he bumped into the "Hit-Restart for Engineers Program" at Culturelink.

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CultureLink Youth - Skiing & Snowboarding at Horseshoe Valley Resort

CultureLink Youth kicked off March Break at Horseshoe Valley Resort skiing and snowboarding. For many of the young people present it was their first exposure to winter sports. The day was filled with lots of learning, laughter and tumbling. [Read More](#)





39 Newcomer children had a blast with Nai Choir's March Break camp

Nai March Break Camp (March 12-16) attracted total 39 newcomer children to the high energy and fun-filled one-week music camp. The camp children are from Syria, Yemen, Libya, Sudan, Ethiopia and Pakistan. For the first time, we see such great diversity in our Nai group. Despite the challenges with a wide range in age and abilities in speaking English or Arabic, the camp went smoothly and the children enjoyed it through and through. [Read More](#) and for more pictures and video....

Winter hike at the Rouge National Urban Park

On Sunday, February 11th, representatives from ParkBus, Parks Canada and MEC welcomed a group of newcomer families from Ryerson Community School and Orde St Public School to usher in the Chinese New Year with a winter hike in Rouge National Urban Park. [Read More](#)



Nai Choir participated in RPSM's Black History Month recital

Regent Park School of Music (RPSM), Nai's music education partner, organized a Black History Month recital, which took place at the RPSM in Feb 27, 2018. Nai was thrilled to participate in the concert by performing two songs by black artists. [Read More](#)

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