

Greetings!

CultureLink proudly showcases many program successes that welcome newcomers into the Canadian community and culture. We celebrate the diverse skills and customs that enrich our shared Canada and encourage everyone to get involved. Please enjoy the latest edition of our newsletter and share it with your friends.

Warmly, The CultureLink Settlement and Community Services Staff Team

## Christmas at Mimico - Making New Community Memories in Canada

### Unwavering Volunteer Support

The annual Christmas celebration at Mimico Library, organised by the Library Settlement Partnership program, has become one of the yearly events that people look forward to attending the most. Claudia Montoya, Settlement Worker from CultureLink placed at Mimico Library, sees this event as a good opportunity to build shared memories. Such memories turn into a resource that strengthens the sense of belonging in the community as well as tools that aligns newcomers' efforts to integrate in their new life in Canada. [Learn More](#)



## The First Step to Success



Maged Mohammed is a Grade 12 student who attends Central Technical School (CTS). He was born in Saudi Arabia of Yemeni background and came to Canada in June 2014. When he arrived in Canada he could not speak a word of English. He said it was really tough for him as he was placed in Grade 10 and started learning English as a Second Language (ESL) at Level A, the lowest level for ESL students. After two years of persistent studies and working hard to improve his English, Maged was encouraged by one of his teachers to enter the Toronto District school board ESL speech competition.

[Read more of Maged's Success.](#)

## Helping Students Create a Professional Digital Footprints

### Helping Students Prepare for Today's Competitive Job Market

The Youth Online Employment Strategy (YOES) is an innovative pre-employment program designed by CultureLink to teach youth ages 15-29 how to market themselves in today's digital world. Starting in October 2016, YOES has been offering school-based pre-employment training workshops to help students



prepare for today's competitive job market. Through step-by-step instruction, students in this program learn how to build a professional digital profile by creating new-media based resumes and, how to leverage social media tools in their job search. [Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

NEAT Waterfront Winter Hike, February 5, 2017 [see the flyer](#)

Hit Restart for Engineers, February 6-10, 2017 [find out more](#)

Create your own radio program - For intake and more info -[newcanadianlife@cjru.ca](mailto:newcanadianlife@cjru.ca)

HOW to MOOC your Human Services - Innovative online training starting Feb. 17th [find out more](#)

Roncesvalles Refugee Relief- this amazing community group has organised many initiatives to support Syrian and other refugees. [Go to RRR's website.](#)

## Recap of Recent Events



### Successful CIBC Hiring Interview and Speed Mentoring Event 21

newcomers supported by CIBC Human Resources Leaders, Hiring Personnel, Branch Managers and a District Vice President.



### Student Education Attainment Program

A mentorship program designed to help students of Somali descent attain credit and educational.

[To volunteer.](#)



### Youth Holiday Party 33 Youth

braved cold and stormy conditions to take part at CultureLink on December 15th. Evening activities included delicious food, games, prizes and a goody bags for attendees. A laughter-filled game of Family Feud led by staff created an atmosphere of teamwork.

## Honorable Senator Tobias Enverga ESL Week St. Joseph's College



### One World Living Together

St. Joseph's College School organised an English as a second language (ESL) Week Luncheon at the school. The week, named "One World Living Together" included activities from November 21-25, 2016. Special guest Senator Tobias Enverga, was in attendance at the ESL Week Luncheon which included a fantastic multicultural show celebration gathering for ESL students. [Learn More](#)

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