

Greetings!

We hope you enjoyed our Annual General Meeting held on October 22, 2015. Here is our November update on happening at CultureLink. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to those who might enjoy it and find it useful.

2015 Annual General Meeting

CultureLink held its 2015 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 22nd. In attendance were members, staff, Board members, funders, community partners, special guests, and more. CultureLink presented its new name "CultureLink Settlement & Community Services", and new strategic directions Vision 2020 (V2020) to our stakeholders.

[Learn more...](#)

An "Old" Host Pair at AGM 2015



11 years ago, Sita came to CultureLink to volunteer. She was attracted by the Host Program's idea of befriending a newcomer and became a volunteer host. The program matched Sita with Anna, a newcomer from Columbia who had virtually no English.

Anna was discouraged and wanted to go back home. Sita encouraged her and diligently worked with her to help her develop her language skills and her self-confidence. Sita and Anna have been friends ever since. With Sita's help, Anna, who used to be a physical education teacher and a school principal in her native country, was soon able to master enough English to become a swimming instructor with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

[Learn more...](#)

CultureLink's New Name and Strategic Directions V2020



Watch this video launching our new name "[CultureLink Settlement & Community Services](#)", and strategic directions.

Our New Strategic Directions

This past year has been one filled with renewed energy, engagement and enthusiasm at all levels of the organization. It has been marked as the year of our turning point, the year of visioning, and the year of mapping the future directions of CultureLink. [Learn more...](#)

Vision Statement

We envision a healthy, equitable, inclusive and welcoming society that works together to engage and integrate newcomers and other community members into Canadian life.

Mission Statement

CultureLink is dedicated to facilitating the active participation and integration of newcomers and the broader community, recognizing the interdependence of these groups in our society.

Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

Recap of Recent Events



Web WeChat: Engaging Parents Online

In order to involve more parents in school activities and assist parents in staying in touch with school updates an online parent community group was created for the newcomer parents at Ryerson Community [Learn more...](#)



SWIS Hosts OCASI Group

On Tuesday October 27th, CultureLink's Somali-speaking School Settlement Worker assisted the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI) in running two focus groups for the Somali community as part of OCASI's Horn of Africa project. [Learn more...](#)



Newcomer Youth Centre (NYC)

The end of fall is usually a bittersweet time for the Newcomer Youth Centre; this month for example, concluded our Global Roots program for the season (that's the bitter part). In partnership with The Stop, Culturelink facilitates a weekly multicultural, intergenerational community foods garden known as Global Roots. [Learn more...](#)

New Initiative - Research Partnership to Prevent Violence: Resilient Relationships among Newcomer Youth

Healthy relationships, based on respect and gender equity are fundamental to healthy, resilient communities. Promoting Resilient Relationships among Newcomer Youth is a partnership research project that will explore how newcomer youth invent, explore and negotiate gender roles and relations in Canada.

This type of information is crucial to inform the development of newcomer specific policies and programs to prevent intimate partner violence (IPV) and promote healthy relationships. [Learn more...](#)

For Newcomer Youth
Join us for a 90-minute chat on healthy relationships!
Are you between the ages of 14-24?
Email: re-
Everyone involved will get a \$20 Gift Card to the movies!
This research is conducted in collaboration between MASC, MASC, CultureLink, and The University of Toronto. Funding is provided by the Ontario Health and Community Development Fund through Toronto Public Health, the Ontario Centre for the Study of Gender Equity Issues.





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