

Greetings!

Hope you had a lovely Thanksgiving weekend. We hope to see you at our AGM in a few days. Take a moment with your afternoon coffee or tea and learn about what's happening at CultureLink. And please, forward this newsletter to your contacts as you feel appropriate.

## CultureLink Strategies and Areas of Strength

As the fall heralds in the changing of the seasons, CultureLink staff have been very busy planning for the future of programs to support newcomers of all ages. We are having our own changing of the seasons, with renewed vision, responding to changing community needs and aspiring to develop new and vibrant programming that supports CultureLink's revitalized strategic plan. [Learn More](#)

## Bike Host: Unwinding the Great Canadian Dream - 12345



The great Canadian dream of immigrants upon their arrival in Canada is "12345". This is not to exaggerate but to give you the perception of many new immigrant to Canada. Any idea what 12345 stands for? One spouse, two kids, three-bedroom apartment, four-wheel drive and five-figure salary. This is the

general dream of a new immigrants coming to Canada in their first couple of years. [Learn More](#)



## Digital Story and Manulife Activity Update



### About Me, Being New in Canada & CultureLink

Watch this moving story about Barbora Gomezova, CultureLink and Settlement Workers in Schools staff.



### Manulife Talent Acquisition Volunteer Mentors Shed Light on Job Search

All job seekers know how helpful it is to have a face-to-face meeting with seasoned recruiters. On September 29, 10 volunteer mentors from Manulife Talent Acquisition team sat down for two hours with our newcomer talents to discuss how they can succeed in their job search.

## CultureLink's Annual General Meeting 2015

CultureLink continues to remain relevant and responsive to the needs of the community and

we have remained closely aligned with its mission and mandate to facilitate the independence and full participation of newcomers in their efforts to become fully productive and integrated members of Toronto's diverse community. To this end, during the past year, we took a closer look at our current status, projected it beyond the horizon and embarked on an ambitious goal for the future of the organization. [Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

Saturday, October 24 at 11 am - History of Spadina Ave.

Saturday, October 31 at 2:30 pm - Hallow-eeen at High Park [More on NEAT Walks](#)

Community Living Toronto Information Session, November 5, 2015 [Learn more](#)

## Recap of Recent Events



### Deloitte Impact Day

Every year CultureLink works with Deloitte to invite newcomers to be a part of the Deloitte Impact Day.



### Global Roots Garden

is an opportunity for newcomer youth to learn gardening, cooking and environmental sustainability.

[Read all the recaps](#)



Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Multicultural Club at St. Mary's Secondary supported by the Principal Mr. Chen, is a tremendous success in 2015.

## New Initiative - Student Education Attainment Program

On Monday September the 28th, Yvan Baker-MPP Etobicoke Centre and Peter Milczyn-MPP Etobicoke Lakeshore made a very exciting announcement here at CultureLink. Through the Local Poverty Reduction Fund, Ontario is investing \$752,800, over three years to help CultureLink implement and evaluate the Student Education Attainment Program (SEAP). SEAP will be delivered to 90 youth in grades 8-10 bridging middle and high school ages. This project is an optimistic first step in reducing the staggering high school dropout rate of students of Somali decent. [Learn More](#)



## Major Story - Partnership Leads to Great Hiring Results



"It's 4!!!" The email subject line announced. Ilaneet, my usually calm and soft-spoken service partner at Community Living Toronto broke this news using three exclamation marks. Later, when I relayed the message to my colleagues, some had tears in their eyes - tears of joy and relief. For staff at CultureLink, the hiring of these four clients was the happy outcome of months of hard work and years of relationship

building. [Learn More](#)



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