

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

Mentors Are at the Root of What We Do

CultureLink depends heavily on the contributions of mentors to deliver a wide range of programming. This year over 30 mentors came to the March 28th Mentor's Summit to be honoured and recognized. The theme of the night was "Volunteers are the roots of strong communities and the key to our success." [More...](#)



Youth March Break Activity - Indoor Rock Climbing with MEC



On Wednesday March 15th CultureLink Youth programs took 22 youth to Joe Rockhead's for indoor rock climbing. For many of them, it was their first time and here is what some of them had to say.

"This was my first time ever coming rock climbing. I didn't even know there was such a thing as indoor rock climbing. [More](#)

"The Spark that Leads to Something Wonderful"

CultureLink invited newcomer engineers to its popular Hit Restart for Engineers workshops. The aim of the program is to help our newcomer engineers become ready for job searches to showcase their talents and successfully navigate the hiring process.

This program was run by our staff person, Eman El Atawy, and an amazing group of volunteers. Helen Latimer, who led the workshop, has been

volunteering with CultureLink for many years. She makes a huge difference by motivating and supporting our newcomers, and puts much time and effort into our Hit Restart for Engineers program. As she says, "Sometimes a different way of looking at a situation can be the spark that leads to something wonderful." [More...](#)



Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

Let's Talk in English program - Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m. from April 13 - June 29 at Lillian H. Smith Library.

Small Business Workshop - April 11, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Lillian H. Smith Library.

Buying your First Home workshop - April 29, 2-4 p.m. at the Lillian H. Smith Library.

Citizenship Education Mentoring Circle Mondays, 6-8:30 p.m., May 1 - July 17, at Northern District Library.

Luminato Orientation - April 22, 9-5 at CultureLink.

Recap of Recent Events



A Trip to Maple Magic
A trip to Maple Magic at Mississauga Bradley Museum was organized by CultureLink's NEATwalks program on March 15, 2017. [More...](#)

Mentoring is a "Gift and a Privilege"

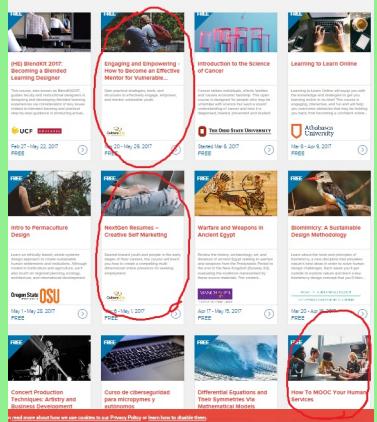
We have a wide range of excellent mentors at CultureLink. Paul Thorne is a great example (the tall man at the back). [More...](#)

Theatre Centre Project Thriving

The Syrian Men's Mentorship Circle attended the Peggy Baker dance show, Split Screen. Many of the men had never been to a dance show before and found the experience to be interesting. [More...](#)

CultureLink Becomes a Powerhouse for Social Service MOOCs

MOOCs - Massive Open Online Courses have been around for nine years and already become a common practice with respected universities and research institutions. But producing MOOCs to deliver social services and to help



build non-profit sectors' capacity is still a new concept.

For CultureLink, however, this is no longer just an idea, but has been a proven successful service delivery model since the beginning of 2015.[More...](#)

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