

What's new at CultureLink?



CultureLink Newsletter - June 2018



*For most people, it's their favourite time of the year. Warm temperatures, long, sunny days. Nature comes alive with colour and bird song. It's that time of year when we shed off our winter clothing and start enjoying the city and outdoors. Long walks, jogging, biking, camping and sports. It's also one of CultureLink's busiest times of the year as participants join our summer programs. **Enjoy your summer with CultureLink!***

[Join us at our 30th Anniversary Gala event on November 22, 2018 at Old Mill Toronto. Order your tickets now!](#)



Pop Up Learning Lab at the Lillian Smith Library by Stanley Teo

It has been a very happening month here at the Lillian Smith Library with a slew of information sessions such as Buying Your First Home, Understanding Your Credit Score & Report, OSAP and assorted computer classes. Of particular interest is the Pop Up Learning Labs (PULL) where the mobile lab of tech gadgets travel to different Toronto Public Libraries to bring new and emerging technology to the community through staff-led programs and ...MORE

Leadership Session for Syrian Women by Mania Elendari

A group of Syrian Refugee women attended a workshop on Leadership on May 23rd at CultureLink.

One of the many leadership activities they enjoyed was to talk about the people that had an impact on their lives. All the stories were about people they knew and had personal relationships with. Through this exercise they found out that the leaders don't have to be famous. ...MORE



CultureLink Celebrates Toronto Newcomers Day

This was the fourth annual Toronto Newcomer Day, showcasing Toronto's diverse communities. There were over 100 vendors providing information about settlement and immigration services. Mayor John Tory attended this free event

that included activities for children, tours of City Hall, musical performances and even an citizenship ceremony. The day was very well attended with thousands coming out to join the festivities.



Tree for Me

On May 27, 2018, Youth in Action hosted the Tree for Me event at CultureLink Children & Youth Centre. Tree for Me is a community-powered backyard tree planting program where Toronto residents and non-profit organizations were able to receive free native trees in order to improve the tree canopy in Toronto for future generations. [...MORE](#)



The Magic of Three by Hanaa Al Sadi

One of the truisms in the non-profit world is that when you help women, the entire family benefits. After a successful year with the Syrian Online Support (SOS) English Conversation Circle pilot via WhatsApp, I started to think about what I could do to make it better. I wanted to expand the program beyond Syrian women and to provide them with both educational opportunities and recreational activities to facilitate their smooth integration into their community, and by extension their families. [...MORE](#)



Celebrating Bike to School/Work Week

Celebrate summer with Bike Host, CultureLink's award-winning program. Check out these inspiring short [videos](#) of newcomer participants in Bike Host, a cycling mentorship program. [Registration](#) is now open for newcomer participants. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Claudia Montoya Receives Award of Merit

LAMP Community Health Centre presented Claudia Montoya an Award of Merit for "having a profound impact on the vitality and health of the Lakeshore Community" at their 19th Annual Awards of Merit celebration.

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