

Greetings!

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

Success at School

Culturelink recognizes that for newcomers, navigating through the Canadian education system can be a challenge. This is why along with our Federal partners, Culturelink has partnered with Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board to provide settlement services to students and parents through The Settlement Workers in Schools Program (SWIS). The SWIS workers facilitate access to services and resources where there are barriers due to language, gender, age, culture, race, and immigration status. This is done through one-on-one settlement counseling, group activities, communication facilitation, and advocacy. Overall, the SWIS team supports students and families through their integration process in schools and the community. [Learn More](#)

Culturelink, Nai Choir, their families the celebration of Eid



During the month of September, Muslims around the world celebrated the second and the biggest Islamic festival called Eid Al-Adha. Culturelink was able to organize an Eid celebration trip for all Nai Choir members and their families. The trip took place at the YMCA Geneva Park.

The families had a great get-away experience, they got the chance to celebrate Eid with their friends, in a very nice and relaxing place. Everyone was happily involved in starting the camp fire. [Learn More](#)

Scavenger Hunt at Dufferin Grove Farmers Market

Farmers Markets are scattered all over Toronto all seven days of the week during the summer months, and some even run all year round. Farmers markets are a great way to buy our groceries because they tend to sell local, seasonal produce. That means food that has been produced not too far away from Toronto, and also harvested not long ago. [Learn More](#)



CultureLink's Annual General Meeting 2016

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. Our AGM will highlight all the success in 2015 - 2016. [Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

Saturday, October 29 at 2 pm - Mortgage 101 At Lillian Smith Library

Sunday, October 30 at 2:30 pm - Halloween Wak at Youge and Bloor in front of CIBC Bank

Create your own radio program - For intake and more info - newcanadianlife@cjr.ca

Recap of Recent Events



Meditation Walk

A High Park outing: Everyone got to come out, and join the growing trend towards quietly and mindful appreciation.



Global Roots Garden

It's pizzas galore, on this beautiful mid-September Monday afternoon! The seniors from the Italian Garden of CultureLink's



Celebration of Bike Host

Held at the Children's Peace Theatre on Dawes Road (near Victoria Park Station), the event featured a performance by Esmael and Rahaf. Meals prepared by the Afghan Women's Catering

Youth Summer Theatre

The youth summer theatre tradition continues at CultureLink and 11 talented youth joined forces to explore issues of settlement. Hailing from eight different countries, the youth explored through theatre, the many challenges and joys of coming to live in Canada. With guest artists Paula Wing facilitating improvisation and Adrian Bernard leading hip hop, the youth were exposed to different art forms to enhance their performance repertoire. Through learning and creating together under the leadership of Michael Miller, a Chalmers Award winning playwright, the youth created a piece called "Settling In". Performances were held at CultureLink and at the Centre for Spanish Speaking People.


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