

CultureLink's International Student Connect Program at Humber

International students arrive in Canadian to study in the many diverse post-secondary institutions available. They come full of hope and inspiration to learn and take the next steps in their personal development. Up until very recently however, there has been no official settlement supports for these students.... [Learn More](#)

46 Refugee Families Served in the First Week of Donation Centre



Donation Centre Orientation in Arabic

The #RefugeeWelcome Donation Centre started its distribution on Monday Jan 18

We are very happy that the word is being spread out and we have already received scores of refugee clients. Most of them are Government Assisted Refugees just arrived one or two weeks ago and still stay in hotels waiting for housing. Many clients do not speak English and we have been trying our best to staff the shifts with Arabic-speaking staff and volunteers. [More](#) for hours and protocols of the Donation Centre

CultureLink is grateful to the donors and volunteers



In the very last month of 2015, CultureLink witnessed the overwhelming generosity of Canadians (and some Americans, too). In November, the #RefugeeWelcome Donation Centre was only an idea, we had nothing tangible but the passion to help. Within a month, we have had a 900 square foot warehouse filled with clothing, toys and household items, so abundant that.... [Learn More](#)

Soulpepper's Winter Waves Festival - a hit for New Canadian Welcome Program

Newcomer families were thrilled to be a part of the 2nd Soulpepper-CultureLink Welcome Event. It took place on January 2, 2016 at Soulpepper's Young Centre for the Performing Arts Theatre in the heart of the Distillery District. The Soulpepper artists and technicians put on a fabulous day of entertainment and mingling, just for CultureLink. Fifteen newcomer families joined the festivities for the first time and eight families were welcomed back from the first Event held in May 2015. [Learn more](#)



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Newcomers Speak Up for Success

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Public Speaking and Beyond

Hands-on workshops for Newcomers*

2nd Monday of each month starting from February 8

Location: ACCESSPOINT ON DANFORTH

Registration and interview is required.

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*Immigrants and convention refugees with valid PR card and CLB 5 & up

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Operation SockMonkeys sent toys handmade by teenagers from US and Canada to refugees kids

Operation Sock Monkey is a volunteer-run initiative in support of humanitarian organizations that provide laughter, hope and healing to communities around the world affected by disease, disaster and social/political turmoil. To learn how they are supporting CultureLink's Syrian Refugee project, [read on](#)

A Success Story of the CultureLink-CIBC Mentoring Partnership



The day we landed in Toronto, it was minus 20 Celsius. I have lived my whole life in a country which is 30 C all year round! Despite the cold, it was refreshing to be breathing in constant fresh air. Being totally foreign to this place, I learn to see things brand new, like a baby, and adapt to a whole new world.... [Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

Wintegration Event - Winter Fusion @ St Lawrence Market, Saturday, January 30 at 2 pm [More](#)

Learn to make Sock Monkeys Workshop - Thurs. Feb 4, 4-6:30 [Learn more](#)

Luminato Festival 2016 is calling for Newcomer Volunteers [Learn more](#)

Syrian translator helps fellow refugees new to Toronto

(A Metro Article about an Volunteer at the Donation Centre. Written by Gilbert Ngabo; photo by Liz Reddall)

The 33-year-old former teacher in Aleppo is using her knowledge of English to help other Syrian refugees. While volunteering at Culture Link Toronto has been fulfilling for Sevan Hallajian, she worries about the future and is anxious to find a stable job in Toronto. [Read More](#)





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