

2014 WOW Calendar of Events

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Mon. 23 June 2014	7:30 am – 9:30 am <i>Jean Pigott Place at Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave W.</i>	Welcoming Ottawa Week Launch <i>2014 WOW Launch Breakfast Reception:</i> Hosted by OLIP and the City of Ottawa, and with Louisa Taylor and Sarah Onyango acting as the honorary co-Chairs, the Reception will offer a preview WOW activities planned at different venues and unveil a photo/stories exhibit of WOW Ambassadors. The Reception will be an opportunity for hear the stories of WOW Ambassadors, selected Ottawans who have demonstrated the spirit of genuine welcome and respect to new immigrants. Media representatives will be offered the opportunity to report on local happenings during WOW. Contact: Hindia Mohamoud hindia@olip-plio.ca
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Week- long June 23 to June 28	Week-long exhibit <i>Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave W.</i>	WOW Ambassadors Photo/Stories Exhibit <i>Stories & Faces of a Welcoming City:</i> During Welcoming Ottawa Week, OLIP will be promoting and celebrating the spirit of genuine hospitality and respect extended by Ottawans of all backgrounds towards newcomers in everyday life. OLIP, in collaboration with Louisa Taylor and Photographer Dwayne Brown, founder of loveOttawa , will present an exhibition of the photos and stories of WOW Ambassadors. WOW Ambassadors are Ottawans of all backgrounds, who have demonstrated the human qualities of openness, curiosity, and friendly connection across difference that can be so enriching, but is not always there or easy to achieve or demonstrate in our busy lives. Contact: Louisa Taylor louisataylor@rogers.com
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Mon. 23 June 2014	Week-long program <i>Carleton University</i>	<p>Metropolis Professional Development Programme Launch</p> <p><i>International Migration and Integration:</i> Carleton University will launch a week-long Professional Development program on migration and integration as a <i>Metropolis</i> pilot project, bringing together top Canadian and international for a training program for Canadian and international senior policy makers and practitioners from the immigration and settlement sector. The sessions are funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.</p> <p><i>The Program features a Public Lecture by world renowned migration scholar Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide, on June 27th.</i></p> <p>Registration to the Lecture is required through this link: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-public-lecture-with-graeme-hugo-tickets-11875581183</p> <p>Contact: Daniel.CervanGil@Carleton.ca</p>
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Mon. 23 June 2014	10:30 am- 11:30 am <i>Councillor's Lounge, Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave W.</i>	<p>Book Launch: "Promoting Health in An Era of Information Overload"</p> <p><i>Health Literacy:</i> Rukhsana Ahmed, Associate Professor at the University of Ottawa will offer an interactive presentation on health literacy, followed by the launch of her co-authored book. Co-sponsored by the University of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health (OPH), this learning event will seek to promote health literacy and equity. An information booth and resources from various OPH programs and services will also be displayed.</p> <p>Contact: rahmed@uottawa.ca</p>
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Mon. 23 June 2014	12:00 pm- 2:00 pm <i>Faculty of Social Sciences Room 4004, 120 University Private, University of Ottawa Campus</i>	<p>Seminar: "Immigration and Seniors in Ottawa: needs, services, issues"</p> <p><i>Focus on Immigrant Seniors:</i> The Diversity and Equity Research Group (DERG) of the University of Ottawa will present an interactive seminar on immigrant seniors' needs, services and gaps. Panelists represent organizations with experience in immigrant seniors' services: <i>Jessica Lin and Miranda Chan</i> from the Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre; <i>Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama</i> from the Club Casa de los Abuelos in Ottawa, <i>Jacqueline Nyiramukwende</i> from the City for All Women Initiative; and <i>Karen-Anne Blakely</i> from the Jewish Family Services. The event is open to the public. The primary language of presentations will be in English, followed by a bilingual Q&A.</p> <p>Contact: lveronis@uottawa.ca or 613-562-5800 x1046</p>
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Mon. 23 June 2014	WOW week: June 23-28 ONLINE www.cominfo-ottawa.org	WOW Social Media Campaign: 'Make the Connection through 211' <i>Raising Connectivity Through 211:</i> This targeted week-long social media campaign aims to increase connectivity among social service organizations and to increase their awareness about the needs and opportunities for addressing immigrant integration issues. Immigrants in Ottawa will be encouraged to access services through 211 channels. Visit the Facebook & Twitter pages. Contact: MA.Carriere@cominfo-ottawa.org
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Mon. 23 June 2014	6:30 pm – 8:30pm <i>Ottawa Public Library St. Laurent Branch, 515 Côte</i>	Documentary Screening : "Cricket and the Meaning of Life" <i>Discussing Identity:</i> The Ottawa Public Library (OPL) will screen <i>Cricket and the Meaning of Life</i> by Canadian filmmaker Sanjay Talreja as part of its annual " Celebrating Cultures in our Community ". This will be followed by a facilitated discussion on issues of identity, race and history. Contact: Diversity@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca
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Mon. 23 June 2014	7:00pm – 10:00 pm <i>Hintonburg Public House, 1020 Wellington St West.</i>	MASC Monday <i>Musical Collaboration:</i> MASC (Multicultural Arts for Schools and Communities) Monday Cabaret is an informal coffee house and open mic, developed as an opportunity for artists to get together to share their talents and socialize. Artists perform for 15 minutes each and depending on the number of artists wishing to perform in any one evening. Collaboration may erupt with sounds and sights across disciplines and styles, played together, creating new and unpredictable experiences for the audience and artist alike! Contact audreychurgin@masconline.ca
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Tues. 24 June 2014	9:00am – 1:00 pm <i>219 Argyle Avenue, Suite 113/114</i>	Town Hall Workshop: Planning for Collaboration in the Arts <i>Collaborative Partnerships:</i> The Town Hall on Collaborations and Resource Sharing will provide a forum for artists and arts organizations to develop strategies for enhancing collaborative partnerships. This event is hosted by the Cultural Pluralism in the Arts Movement of Ottawa (CPAMO). Click for registration https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/town-hall-on-collaborations-and-resource-sharing-tickets-11815427261 Contact charlescsmith@rogers.com
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Tues. 24 June 2014	10am – 1pm <i>Catholic Centre for Immigrants, 219 Argyle, 4th Floor, Rooms 414 & 418</i>	Immigrant Women’s Art Exhibition <i>Storytelling Through Art:</i> Hosted by the Immigrant Women Services Organization (IWSO), paintings and quilts produced by immigrant and refugee women displayed at the exhibition tell powerful stories of their immigration and integration journey. Contact mercy@immigrantwomenservices.com
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Tues. 24 June 2014	1:00 – 4:00pm <i>RBC Room, 2nd floor Taggart Family Y, 180 Argyle</i>	NIC Multicultural Celebration An afternoon of interactive demonstrations and activities, including henna painting, calligraphy, tea ceremony, arts and crafts, music, a performance by a Middle Eastern Dance Troupe, a “Parade of Nations” to present national dresses and booths for community partners. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Contact 613-788-5001 or nic@ymcaywca.ca
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Tues. 24 June 2014	2:00-4:00 p.m. <i>Tour begins at Human Rights Monument in front of Ottawa City Hall (on Elgin side)</i>	Indigenous Walking Tour <i>Guided Walk:</i> The Indigenous community of Ottawa welcomes immigrants and is keen to introduce to them Ottawa’s history and culture from the perspective of Aboriginal People. Indigenous Walks is a fun yet educational way to learn about Indigenous Peoples experiences in Ottawa. This guided walk and talk will provide a layer of knowledge of the national capital through the eyes of an Indigenous person. On the land of the Algonquin called Turtle Island, this tour will guide participants through indigenous social, political, cultural and artistic spaces. From the totem pole in Confederation Park to the Three Watchmen sculpture near Major’s Hill Park , participants will get to know Ottawa like they have never known it before! Contact jaime@indigenouswalks.com
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Tues. 24 June 2014	5:30-8:00 pm <i>LASI World Skills, 219 Argyle Ave,</i>	“It Worked for Me!” Job Search Success Stories and Networking Event An evening of inspiring newcomer success stories which showcases various strategies which newcomers have engaged in to secure
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	<i>1st floor, Rooms 113/114</i>	<p>employment in Canada. The audience for this event: newcomers, employers and other stakeholders who are interested in the economic integration of newcomers.</p> <p>The purpose for this event is to highlight promising job search strategies and to inspire job seekers to keep on pursuing their goals. The event will also provide a networking opportunity for everyone who participates.</p> <p>Contact: danielle@ottawa-worldskills.org</p>
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Tues. 24 June 2014	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <i>Nepean Creative Arts Centre, 35 Stafford Road</i>	<p>Dance Workshop by Saba Persian Dance</p> <p><i>Integration Through Arts:</i> This entertaining, interactive workshop will engage participants in learning basic movements in Persian dance to create and perform a short piece in a group. Participants will learn about the importance of the arts in Ottawa and how immigrants can contribute to and benefit from Ottawa's rich artistic landscape. The dance style integrates Iranian, East Indian, Arabic, and African influences to create a beautiful, dynamic piece, which is appealing to people of different backgrounds.</p> <p>Contact msabaye@yahoo.ca</p>
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Tues. 24 June 2014	7:00pm – 8:30pm <i>Jim Durrell Recreation Complex, 1265 Walkley Road, Ellwood Hall</i>	<p>Ottawa's Municipal Sport Strategy: "Sport Open to Everyone"</p> <p><i>Ottawa's Municipal Sport Strategy:</i> The City of Ottawa is working in partnership with the Ottawa Sport Council to develop a municipal sport strategy. Participate in this engagement event with other individuals from Ottawa's diverse immigrant community to discuss your sport preferences as well as the barriers you face to access sport in Ottawa.</p> <p>Contact Lindsay.Vining@ottawa.ca 613-580-2424, ext. 23756</p>
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Wed. 25 June 2014	9am – 1pm <i>YMCA-YWCA 180 Argyle, 4th Floor</i>	<p>Interactive Workshop: "Canadian Workplace Culture"</p> <p><i>Workplace Acculturation:</i> Designed to help new immigrants navigate and integrate into the culture of Canadian workplaces, this four-hour interactive and fun workshop is sponsored by YMCA – YWCA Employment Access Centre.</p> <p>Contact melanie.haldane@ymcaywca.ca</p>
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Wed. 25 June 2014	9:15am – 9:45 am <i>Honeywell Room at Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave. West</i>	Book Launch: “Workplace Diversity: How to Get It Right” <i>Managing Diversity at Workplace:</i> The book by Sylvio A. Gravel, Staff Sergeant (ret’d.) of the Ottawa Police Service provides a management advice to organizations and business on the skills and resources required to successfully create a more diverse workplace. The book is based on the learning from the diversity change project, which received the 2007 International Association of Chiefs of Police Civil Rights Award. Contact sagravel@sympatico.ca
Wed. 25 June 2014	10:00am-11:30am <i>Honeywell Room at Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave. West</i>	Workshop: History of Ottawa’s Progress on Equity <i>Researching Equity:</i> Yumi Kotani will share the findings and insights from her recent master’s research at Carleton University on the history of Ottawa’s progress on equity through a local case study called, “Equity and Inclusion Lens.” This study is an important local initiative that has contributed to making Ottawa more welcoming for everyone, including newcomers and racialized communities. The workshop will consist of a presentation of the findings, followed by questions and answers with the presenter, and an interactive community discussion involving all participants. To RSVP, please contact yumi@olip-plio.ca by June 18, 2014.

Wed. 25 June 2014	10:00am – 2:00 pm <i>Departure from 801 Aviation Promenade, La Cité</i>	Guided Tour of Parliament Hill and Rideau Hall for immigrant students <i>Understanding Politics:</i> This guided tour organized by La Cité Collégiale will facilitate better understanding of the political structures in Canada among immigrant students. The tour is provided in French. Contact dclout@lacitec.on.ca
Wed. 25 June 2014	11:15am – 12:45pm <i>The tour will start at 653 Somerset Oriental Charm Gift Store.</i>	Chinatown Food Tour <i>Tickling the Tastebuds:</i> Discover the best foods Ottawa's Chinatown has to offer! On this 1.5 hour walking tour Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA) members will take you to visit several restaurants, stores and food artisans to introduce you to the foodie paradise that is Chinatown. You will be able to taste food samples at each place. The tour is designed to showcase the contribution of immigrants to economic development of Ottawa. Contact info@ottawachinatown.ca

Wed. 25 June 2014	1:30 pm to 3:30pm <i>Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization, 945 Wellington Street west, Ground level, Community Room</i>	Interactive Workshop for Internationally Trained Professionals: 'Mentoring towards Employment' <p>This interactive workshop will assist you in preparing to be comfortable and confident in how you present yourself to employers in Ottawa. Meet and mingle with mentors and learn new techniques and best practices to enhance your networking skills and elevator speech.</p> <p>The OCISO Career Mentoring Program is celebrating its tenth anniversary working with internationally trained professionals.</p> <p>Contact and Registration: Ofaris@ociso.org</p>
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Wed. 25 June 2014	3:00pm – 6:00 pm <i>Algonquin College</i> <i>Robert C. Gillett Student Commons, Building E</i>	College Kickoff: Algonquin Welcomes the World! <p><i>Post-secondary Education:</i> Algonquin College is organizing this event to engage the immigrant population and International Students population of the National Capital Region.</p> <p>You will enjoy an interactive afternoon of fun, with BQ and refreshments, as well as live coverage of the World Cup. Organizers will offer conducted tours of the campus and answer questions regarding programs and services offered by the college. There will be activities and treats for children.</p> <p>Register by clicking here.</p> <p>Contact koneval@algonquincollege.com</p>
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Wed. 25 June 2014	5pm – 8:30pm <i>L'école Éducation Permanente, Gymnasium, 181 Donald St.</i>	J'arrive, Je m'implique – engagement communautaire <p>The Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone de l'Est de l'Ontario and its members are pleased to participate in Welcoming Ottawa Week, an event sponsored by the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership (OLIP), by organizing the activity: <i>J'arrive, Je m'implique – engagement communautaire.</i> Community members and Francophone newcomers are welcome: the more the better!</p> <p>Click here to register and view program agenda.</p> <p>Contact Mayra.Gutierrez@cesoc.ca</p>
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Thurs. 26 June 2014	9:30am – 11:30am <i>University of Ottawa, Alta Vista Campus, RGN Building- 451 Smyth RD, Room 2029</i>	<p>CIHR funded Study of Immigrant Women’s Food Choices in Ottawa and Edmonton</p> <p><i>Immigrant Women’s Health:</i> Learning event will share the process of a photovoice project that engaged African and Caribbean immigrant women in Ottawa. We will discuss the research process and issues surrounding food choices and immigrant health and well-being with a focus on food choices during the pregnancy and early postpartum. The process of developing educational tools for health care providers, researchers and community members will also be presented.</p> <p>The event is sponsored by the University of Ottawa’s Dr Josephine Etowa, the Loyer-DaSilva Research Chair in Public Health Nursing and the School of Nursing.</p> <p>Contact Janet Giguere jgiguere@uottawa.ca.</p>
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Thurs. 26 June 2014	3:00pm – 5:00 p.m. <i>Jean Pigott Place at Ottawa City Hall 110 Laurier Ave. W.</i>	<p>Portal Launch: “Ottawa XYZ” - Mapping and Valuing Ottawa’s Cultural Assets</p> <p><i>Removing Barriers:</i> This new dynamic online service that showcases Ottawa’s cultural and creative venues, sites, events, businesses, and organizations has been built by City of Ottawa’s Cultural Services Branch and the Arts and Heritage Plan Renewal Process. The “Ottawa XYZ” portal will map Ottawa’s diverse cultural assets, connect cultural entities, and reduce barriers for engagement.</p> <p>Contact ben.dick@ottawa.ca</p>
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Thurs. 26 June 2014	6:30pm – 8:30pm <i>Ottawa Public Library, Carlingwood Branch at 281 Woodroffe</i>	<p>Documentary Screening : “Twelve”</p> <p><i>Settlement and Integration of Immigrants:</i> Watch the documentary “Twelve” by Philippine-born filmmaker Lester Alfonso that interviews twelve youth who had moved to Canada at age 12. Join a discussion afterwards.</p> <p>The documentary screening is part of the “Celebrating Cultures in Our Community” by the Ottawa Public Library (OPL).</p> <p>Contact Diversity@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca</p>
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Fri. 27 June 2014	11:30am- 12:30pm <i>Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre 206-381 Kent St.</i>	"The Pioneer Chinese in Ottawa" <i>Spotlight on Chinese Immigration:</i> A slide-show presentation on Chinese immigration in the capital, with the promotion of Denise Chong's book "Lives of the Family." Contact snezana.minic@occsc.org
Fri. 27 June 2014	12pm – 2pm <i>Invest Ottawa, 80 Aberdeen, Suite 100</i>	Information Session: "Getting your Business Started in Canada" <i>Being Entrepreneurial:</i> Two-hour information session targeted at immigrants to explain the basic rules and regulations that govern start-up businesses in Canada. The information will include types of business organizations, acquiring a business number with Revenue Canada and municipal licensing. This WOW learning event is sponsored by Invest Ottawa & the City of Ottawa. Participants are encouraged to register online by choosing this event from Invest Ottawa's calendar at the following link: http://investottawa.ca/event/getting-your-business-started-in-canada/ Contact proles@investottawa.ca
Sat., 28 June 2014	12pm – 2pm <i>Hazeldean Branch, Ottawa Public Library, 50 Castlefrank</i>	Celebrating Cultures "Multicultural Family Event": In honour of our rich cultural diversity, the Hazeldean Branch of the Ottawa Public Library will be hosting a free cultural event for the whole family on Saturday June 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. The event will start with a multicultural storytime at 11:00 a.m. For more information about the Celebrating Cultures programming series, check the Library's Programs and events page or contact their InfoService line at 613-580-2940. Contact: Diversity@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca

Fri. 27 June 2014	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm <i>Shenkman Arts Centre, 245 Centrum Boulevard</i>	Suren Barry in Concert <i>Spotlight on Ottawa Armenian Community:</i> Suren Barry, a classical pianist of Armenian descent will play the works of Ravel, Beethoven, and Brahms, as well as pieces from Armenian composers. This event is hosted by the Armenian Cultural Association of Ottawa . Contact Hasmik@olip-plio.ca
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Sat. 28 June 2014	9:00 am – 5:00 pm <i>Brewer Park at Bronson and Sunnyside</i>	10th Annual Community Cup and WOW Closing <i>Citizenship Ceremony:</i> The ceremony will be part of the annual soccer tournament organized annually by the Catholic Centre for Immigrants. The soccer teams exemplify the diversity of life in Ottawa. Contact Dan@cic.ca
	11:00 am – 12:00 pm <i>Brewer Park at Bronson & Sunnyside</i>	Immigrant Health Information Fair <i>Equity in Health Outcomes:</i> Featuring a range of innovative programs, the Immigrant Health Information Fair seeks to ensure equity in health outcomes, including preventive measures and creative community solutions to connect immigrants to the health care system. The Fair will include interactive presentations, handouts and on-the-spot screening and training activities. The Multicultural Health Navigators Program – (Somerset West CHC), SCREEN Diabetes Program – (Centretown CHC), Mental Health Counselling Program - (OCISO) and the Ottawa Public Health (OPH) Programs are among the featured initiatives. Contact Hasmik@olip-plio.ca
	<i>Brewer Park at Bronson & Sunnyside</i>	City of Ottawa's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services City of Ottawa's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department's info booth is geared to Ottawa's diverse immigrant community. Participants can learn about programs/services of interest to them and/or tell organizers about their parks, recreation and cultural services needs. Contact Lindsay.Vining@ottawa.ca 613-580-2424, ext. 23756
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm <i>Brewer Park at Bronson & Sunnyside</i>	World Folk Music Ottawa at Community Cup 2014 <i>Multicultural Music:</i> An interactive musical workshop by World Folk Music Ottawa (WFMO) will introduce pieces of world folk music to Ottawa residents gathered for family fun at Ottawa's Community Cup . Featured artists are African drummer Zvondai Mucheneje and Alicia Borisonik, who will hold a workshop on multicultural musical instruments. WFMO is a non-profit organization founded by newcomers that aims to provide musical programs to underserved communities. Contact borisoni@magma.ca
	3:00 p.m.	WOW Closing ceremony