



# 2015 WOW Calendar of Events

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| <p><b>Monday,</b><br/>June 22,<br/>2015</p>                 | <p><b>8:00 AM-<br/>12:30 PM</b></p> <p>Marriott Hotel,<br/>Victoria Ballroom,<br/>100 Kent, Ottawa</p> | <p><b>The 3rd Biannual Ottawa Immigration Forum</b></p> <p>OLIP and the City of Ottawa are pleased to co-host the 3<sup>rd</sup> (now biannual) Ottawa Immigration Forum. This year's Ottawa Immigration Forum will address the theme: <i>Moving Forward on Our Vision   Building on our Accomplishments</i>. Forum attendees will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about OLIP partners' cumulative progress towards our shared vision, since the launch of the Ottawa Immigration Strategy in June 2011.</li> <li>• Reflect with experts on our current environment.</li> <li>• Contribute ideas on the way forward on selected areas of planned action by OLIP partners.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">On-line registration</a> for the Forum is now upon and will be closed on June 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the Ottawa Immigration Forum, please contact Nyamulola Kambanji, OLIP Knowledge &amp; Partner Relations Officer by email, at <a href="mailto:Nyamulola@olip-plio.ca">Nyamulola@olip-plio.ca</a></p> <p><b>*Please Note:</b> The City of Ottawa will conduct a bilingual brainstorming activity during the networking period of the Forum (8:15 am- 8:50 am), to gather innovative ideas on what would make Ottawa a more welcoming city for immigrants.</p> |
| <p><b>Week-long exhibit</b></p> <p>June 22-28,<br/>2015</p> | <p>TBA</p>   | <p><b>Faces and Stories of a Welcoming City- A Photo Exhibition throughout WOW</b></p> <p>Stories &amp; Faces of a Welcoming City</p> <p>Showcasing the spirit of genuine hospitality and respect extended by Ottawans of all backgrounds towards newcomers, in everyday life.</p>   |

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|   |   | <p>WOW Ambassadors are nominated by members of the community for having demonstrated qualities of openness, curiosity and friendliness that transcend differences.</p> <p>WOW 2015 will present an exhibition of the photos and stories of WOW Ambassadors, organized by Louisa Taylor.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Louisa Taylor : <a href="mailto:louisataylor@rogers.com">louisataylor@rogers.com</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Monday,</b><br/>June 22,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>1:30 PM-<br/>3:30 PM</b></p> <p>Marriott Hotel,<br/>Victoria Ballroom,<br/>100 Kent, Ottawa</p>               | <p><b>Coaching for Success Launch</b></p> <p>This event is the launch of Coaching for Success, an initiative that will allow local employers and other stakeholders to take a lead on coaching as a strategy to advance the integration of newcomers into the Ottawa labour market. There will be a panel of employers / stakeholders who will talk about the success of various coaching activities with World Skills such as Professional Development, Mentoring, and Targeted Recruitment Events, followed by a networking session.</p> <p>The goal is for new employers to sign up for the Coaching for Success program. This event is open to newcomers and employers of Ottawa.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Dragana Mrdjenovic, <a href="mailto:Dragana@ottawa-worldskills.org">Dragana@ottawa-worldskills.org</a> or 613-233-0453, Ext: 330</p> |
| <p><b>Monday,</b><br/>June 22,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>5:00 PM-<br/>7:00 PM</b></p> <p>Raw Sugar Cafe,<br/>692 Somerset St W,<br/>Ottawa</p>                         | <p><b>Coming Out and Coming in: LGBTQ Migration to Canada</b></p> <p>The event is a discussion, Cafe Scientifique style, to discuss the merits and challenges of LGBTQ migration programs in Canada. Spokespersons with different experiences/views on LGBTQ migration to Canada will introduce a larger discussion among participants with an interest in migration. This event is hosted by the Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Patti Lenard, <a href="mailto:patti.lenard@uottawa.ca">patti.lenard@uottawa.ca</a> or 613 796-6647</p>  |
| <p><b>Monday</b><br/>June 22,<br/>2015</p>  | <p><b>5:30 PM-<br/>8:00 PM</b></p> <p>City Hall,<br/>Richmond Room,<br/>110 Laurier<br/>Avenue West,<br/>Ottawa</p> | <p><b>Credit and Loans in Canada</b></p> <p>In collaboration with Councillor Catherine McKenney, Ottawa Community Loan Fund (OCLF) will organize a workshop on credit and loans in Canada. The workshop is targeted at newcomers, especially immigrant women and how they can build their credit history. Participants will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what credit history is, and why it is important;</li> </ul>   |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to establish an A+ credit score, and how to access your credit history;</li> <li>• Loan structures in Canada;</li> <li>• OCLF services and other support services in the City.</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact:</b> Laura Koivisto-Khazaal, <a href="mailto:laura@oclf.org">laura@oclf.org</a> or 613-252-6013</p>  |
| <b>Monday,</b><br>June 22,<br>2015                         | <b>6:30 PM-<br/>8:00 PM</b><br><br>Ottawa Public<br>Library, Vanier<br>Branch,<br>310 Pères Blancs<br>Ottawa     | <p><b>Documentary Screening: “Children of light”</b></p> <p>This feature documentary tells the life story of 1984 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the crucial role he played in bringing about an end to apartheid in South Africa. The film takes us around the globe to see the work of 5 young activists and leaders who were inspired by the example of Tutu, and who are now creating social change in their own communities - in Peru, in Burma, in East Timor, in India, and in South Africa. Narrated by Desmond Tutu's daughter, Naomi Tutu.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Sara Beaudry, <a href="mailto:Sara.Beaudry@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca">Sara.Beaudry@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca</a> or 613 580-2424, Ext. 12578</p>            |
| <b>Monday,</b><br>June 22,<br>2015                         | <b>6:30 PM-<br/>8:00 PM</b><br><br>Ottawa Public<br>Library, Vanier<br>Branch<br><br>310 Pères Blancs,<br>Ottawa | <p><b>Celebrating Diverse Cultures in our Community</b></p> <p>Our 4th annual cultural celebration series is being held at multiple Ottawa Public Library branches in June 2015. Celebrate Ottawa's variety of cultures at your branch and meet new people! Discover traditions, music and dance; listen to stories or documentaries; or create crafts. These events are offered in partnership with local Library Settlement Program partners as well as community volunteers.</p> <p>Contact your branch for more information or call 613 580-2940</p>  |
| <b>Week-long<br/>engagement</b><br><br>June 22-28,<br>2015 | N/A  | <p><b>School Boards Social Media Engagement</b></p> <p>The joint School Boards Social Media Engagement is a collaborative initiative by all four boards (Ottawa Carleton District School Board, <a href="#">Ottawa Catholic School Board</a>, <a href="#">Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario</a> and <a href="#">Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est</a>, to conduct a targeted week-long social media campaign aimed at increasing connectivity among their school communities and to increase their awareness about the needs and opportunities for addressing immigrant integration issues. The boards will not only promote the spirit of welcome among their communities, but also promote the Welcoming Ottawa Week.</p> |

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| <p><b>Week-long engagement</b></p> <p>June 22-28, 2015</p> | <p>N/A</p>  | <p><b>WOW Social Media Campaign: Make the Connection through 211</b></p> <p><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 <a href="#">Facebook</a> &amp; <a href="#">Twitter</a> pages.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:Philippe.Martel@cominfo-ottawa.org">Philippe.Martel@cominfo-ottawa.org</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Week-long</b></p> <p>June 22- 28, 2015</p>           | <p>N/A</p>  | <p><b>Immigrants of Ottawa (Photography Project)</b></p> <p>A photography project showcasing the different faces of immigrants who call Ottawa home. Ottawa photographer Nyamulola Kambanji will be shooting portraits of immigrants during the month of June and profiling their integration stories through pictures. The profiles will be featured on <a href="#">Immigrants of Ottawa</a> during WOW.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Nyamulola Kambanji, <a href="mailto:kambanjin@hotmail.com">kambanjin@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="http://www.facebook.com/immigrantsofottawa">www.facebook.com/immigrantsofottawa</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Week-long</b></p> <p>June 22- 28, 2015</p>           | <p>Lowertown Community Resource Center</p> <p>40 Cobourg St, Ottawa</p> | <p><b>Lowertown Pride in Pictures</b></p> <p>Youth volunteers will take pictures and testimonials from other youth and adults living in Lowertown, focussing on immigrant families, to celebrate community spirit and diversity. These pictures will be displayed in the Lowertown Community Resource Center and program sites.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Nancy Darisse, <a href="mailto:ndarisse@crcbv.ca">ndarisse@crcbv.ca</a> or 613 789- 3930</p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesday,</b><br/>June 23, 2015</p>                   | <p><b>10:00 AM-12:00 PM</b></p>   | <p><b>Indigenous Walking Tour</b></p> <p><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.</p> <p>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</p> |

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|  |   | <p>the Three Watchmen sculpture near Major's Hill Park, participants will get to know Ottawa like they have never known it before!</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:jaime@indigenouwalks.com">jaime@indigenouwalks.com</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Tuesday,</b><br/>June 23,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>11:00 AM-<br/>1:00 PM</b></p> <p>219 Argyle Avenue,<br/>Suite 400</p>   | <p><b>Immigrant Women's Art Exhibition and Open House</b></p> <p>Stories of immigrant and refugee women portrayed through art. Paintings and quilts tell powerful stories of resilience, hope and strength, as well as the immigration and integration journey. The public is invited to learn more about the services offered by the Immigrant Women's Services Organization (IWSO) and celebrate the unique talents of immigrant women.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Mercy Lawluvi, <a href="mailto:mercy@immigrantwomenservices.com">mercy@immigrantwomenservices.com</a></p> |
| <p><b>Tuesday,</b><br/>June 23,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>1:00 PM-<br/>3:00 PM</b></p> <p>219 Argyle Avenue,<br/>Room 113</p>   | <p><b>Making Every Vote Count</b></p> <p>Organized by the City for All Women Initiative (CAWI), participants in this interactive workshop will consider why the upcoming federal election matters to immigrant communities.</p> <p>What are the issues? Who can vote and how? What steps can be taken to increase voter turnout in various communities? What impact can non-citizens have in this election? Come and learn more.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Suzanne Doerge: <a href="mailto:sdoerge@cawi-ivtf.org">sdoerge@cawi-ivtf.org</a> or 613 526-5240</p>               |
| <p><b>Tuesday,</b><br/>June 23,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>3:30 PM-<br/>6:00 PM</b></p> <p>945 Wellington<br/>Street, 959<br/>Wellington Street<br/>(adjacent buildings)</p> | <p><b>OCISO Community Open House</b></p> <p>Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) will open its doors to give a backstage pass to the people, programs and passion for newcomer integration that make up its mission. There will be refreshments, giveaways, music, and more!</p> <p>Contact: Lorrie DeGaut, <a href="mailto:ldegaut@ociso.org">ldegaut@ociso.org</a> or 613 725-0202, Ext. 335.</p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesday,</b><br/>June 23,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>6:00 PM-<br/>7:00 PM</b></p> <p>Nepean Creative<br/>Arts Centre,<br/>35 Stafford Road,<br/>Ottawa</p>             | <p><b>Saba Persian Dance - Workshop</b></p> <p>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.</p>  |

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|  |  | <p>The dance style integrates Iranian, East Indian, Arabic, and African influences to create a beautiful, dynamic piece, which will have cross-cultural appeal.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Maria Sabaye Moghaddam, <a href="mailto:msabaye@yahoo.ca">msabaye@yahoo.ca</a> or 613 271-3036</p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesday,</b><br/>June 23,<br/>2015</p>   | <p><b>6:30 PM-<br/>9:00 PM</b></p> <p>West End Well<br/>Co-operative,<br/>969 Wellington<br/>Street West<br/>Ottawa</p>                | <p><b>Celebration of Somali Food &amp; Culture</b></p> <p>The West End Well will be hosting an evening to celebrate the food and culture of the Somali community. A traditional Somali meal will be served followed by stories, poetry and music. A wonderful opportunity for cross-cultural exchange, learning and celebration of the rich traditions the Somali community has brought to Ottawa over the past few decades.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Bill Shields, <a href="mailto:bill@westendwell.ca">bill@westendwell.ca</a> or 613 697-8819</p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday,</b><br/>June 24, 015</p>      | <p><b>10:30 AM-<br/>1:00 PM</b></p> <p>Algonquin College,<br/>Algonquin<br/>Commons Theatre,<br/>1385 Woodroffe<br/>Avenue, Ottawa</p> | <p><b>Succeeding in the Canadian Workplace: Presentation &amp; Reception</b></p> <p>Algonquin College is delighted to welcome Lionel Laroche to the Algonquin Commons Theatre! Over the past 18 years, Lionel has provided cross-cultural training, coaching and consulting services to over 75,000 people in 15 countries.</p> <p>Designed for new Canadians, international students, and immigrant service providers, this presentation will examine the common stumbling blocks that many new Canadians and international students face during the first six months of their first job and analyzes these challenges in detail to provide concrete solutions.</p> <p>Join us to hear from Lionel, stay to enjoy a reception with light lunch, and learn more about the wide range of services Algonquin offers to support new Canadians and international students.</p> <p>Registration is free and available at:<br/><a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/succeeding-in-the-canadian-workplace-presentation-reception-tickets-17009355440">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/succeeding-in-the-canadian-workplace-presentation-reception-tickets-17009355440</a></p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Carey Carty, <a href="mailto:cartyc@algonquincollege.com">cartyc@algonquincollege.com</a> or 613 727-4723, Ext. 5254</p> |
| <p><b>Wednesday,</b><br/>June 24,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>12:00 PM-<br/>1:00 PM</b></p>  | <p><b>Homelessness and Immigration</b></p> <p>An end to homelessness means quickly helping individuals and</p>   |

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|                                       | West End Well Co-operative,<br>969 Wellington Street West<br>Ottawa  | family members with emergency shelter when they first become homeless, then assisting them in finding appropriate housing. It also means assisting those who do have housing but are living “at risk” of losing it. The Alliance to End Homelessness in Ottawa will host an event that will explore issues related to newcomers’ access to affordable housing in Ottawa. There is limited space at this event, so please register early!<br><br><b>Contact:</b> Mike Bulthuis, <a href="mailto:mike@endhomelessnessottawa.ca">mike@endhomelessnessottawa.ca</a>   |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>June 24,<br>2015 | <b>12:00 PM-<br/>1:00 PM</b><br><br>Somerset West Community Health Centre (Rosemount Branch, 2nd Floor)<br>30 Rosemount Avenue<br>Ottawa | <b>Winning Hearts and Minds</b><br><br>Community members and clients of Somerset West Community Health Centre will recount their immigrant stories.<br><br>The event seeks to build awareness and understanding of the challenges newcomers face and the richness they could potentially bring to communities when they are welcomed and supported. By being open, curious, friendly and supportive, newcomers enrich and strengthen host communities.<br><br>The event is open to the public. Presentations will be in English, followed by Qs & As. Lunch will be provided.<br><br><b>Contact:</b> Tess Frémont-Côté: <a href="mailto:tfcode@swchc.on.ca">tfcode@swchc.on.ca</a> or 613 238-8210, Ext. 2267   |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>June 24,<br>2015 | <b>12:00 PM-<br/>2:00 PM</b><br><br>School of Nursing, University of Ottawa<br>451 Smyth RD,<br>Ottawa                                   | <b>Living with HIV/AIDS and Infant feeding: An Interactive Community Health Dialogue</b><br><br>A woman’s choice of infant feeding method is a social, cultural, and emotional issue that must be understood in relationship to their social and cultural milieu and HIV status. Given that women of childbearing years are the fastest growing group of persons who are infected with HIV, with over-representation from HIV endemic countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean, raising awareness on this issue in the immigrant communities is important.<br><br>Dr. Josephine Etowa, Loyer-DaSilva, Research Chair in Public Health Nursing at the University of Ottawa, will host an interactive Immigrant Community Health Dialogue.<br><br><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:ldschairadmin@health.uottawa.ca">ldschairadmin@health.uottawa.ca</a> |

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| <p><b>Wednesday,</b><br/>June 24,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>12:30 PM-<br/>1:30 PM, and</b></p> <p><b>2:30 PM-<br/>3:30 PM</b></p> <p>1500 Alta Vista<br/>Drive,<br/>Ottawa</p>          | <p><b>Qigong with the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation</b></p> <p>Qigong, means "Life Energy Cultivation" (Qi - energy, gong-cultivation or work). Qigong is a mindfulness practice of aligning breath and movement with awareness. It has roots in ancient Chinese medicine, with main focus on cultivating body, mind and spiritual health.</p> <p>These sessions are open to the public. There will be guided tours of the Maplesoft Centre available before and after each session of Qigong. Qigong sessions will be offered in English and volunteers will be available to translate into Arabic, Amharic, Dari, French, Hindi, and Punjabi. There is limited space in each session, so please register early!</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Samantha Blair at 613 247-3527</p> |
| <p><b>Wednesday,</b><br/>June 24,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>1:00 PM-<br/>3:00 PM</b></p>  | <p><b>Immigrant Entrepreneur Drop-In- Invest Ottawa</b></p> <p>Do you have some initial questions about starting a business; not sure of our services or how we help? Then please feel free to drop by and speak to a business advisor who will be on hand to answer questions in a group setting.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Peter Stewart, <a href="mailto:PStewart@investottawa.ca">PStewart@investottawa.ca</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday,</b><br/>June 24,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>1:00 PM-<br/>4:00 PM</b></p> <p>Taggart Family Y<br/>180 Argyle Avenue<br/>RBC Community<br/>Room, 2nd Floor<br/>Ottawa</p> | <p><b>Building Community Through Employment; Celebrating Multiculturalism in Skilled Trades</b></p> <p>Join us for a free information and networking fair hosted by the Y Newcomer Information Centre and Power of Trades program. Come and network with Settlement Agencies, Skilled Trades Employers and Training Providers. Learn about the potential of Skilled Trades and more. Enjoy some cultural entertainment and food.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> David Majok, <a href="mailto:nic@ymcaywca.ca">nic@ymcaywca.ca</a> or 613-788-5001 Ext. 5112</p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday,</b><br/>June 24,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>2:00 PM-<br/>4:00 PM</b></p> <p>Ottawa Public<br/>Library, Elmvale<br/>Acres, 1910 St-<br/>Laurent, Ottawa</p>              | <p><b>Celebrating Diverse Cultures in our Community</b></p> <p>Our 4th annual cultural celebration series is being held at multiple Ottawa Public Library branches in June 2015. Celebrate Ottawa's variety of cultures at your branch and meet new people! Discover traditions, music and dance; listen to stories or documentaries; or create crafts. These events are offered in partnership with local Library Settlement Program partners as well as community volunteers.</p>   |

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| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>June 24,<br>2015 | <b>4:00 PM-<br/>6:00 PM</b><br><br>Ottawa Public<br>Library,<br>Beaverbrook<br>Branch, 2500<br>Campeau, Ottawa   | <b>Celebrating Diverse Cultures in our Community</b><br><br>Our 4th annual cultural celebration series is being held at multiple Ottawa Public Library branches in June 2015. Celebrate Ottawa's variety of cultures at your branch and meet new people! Discover traditions, music and dance; listen to stories or documentaries; or create crafts. These events are offered in partnership with local Library Settlement Program partners as well as community volunteers.<br><br>Contact your branch for more information or call 613-580-2940  |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>June 24,<br>2015 | <b>5:30 PM-<br/>8:00 PM</b><br><br>Albion-<br>Heatherington<br>Recreation Centre,<br>1560 Heatherington<br>Road. | <b>Credit and Loans in Canada</b><br><br>In collaboration with Councillor Diane Deans, the Ottawa Community Loan Fund (OCLF) will organize a workshop on Credit and Loans in Canada. The workshop is aimed at newcomers, but all Ottawa residents are welcome. Participants will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what credit history is, and why it is important;</li> <li>• how to establish an A+ credit score, and how to access your credit history;</li> <li>• Loan structures in Canada;</li> <li>• OCLF services and other support services in the City</li> </ul> <b>Contact:</b> Laura Koivisto-Khazaal, <a href="mailto:laura@oclf.org">laura@oclf.org</a> or 613 252-6013   |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>June 25,<br>2015  | <b>10:00 AM-<br/>2:00 PM</b>   | <b>Guided Tour of Parliament Hill and Rideau Hall</b><br><br>This guided tour organized by La Cité Collégiale will facilitate better understanding of the political structures in Canada among immigrant students.<br>This tour will discover : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• actors, procedures and practices that ensure the proper functioning of the Canadian parliamentary system.</li> <li>• The essential role of senators and deputies</li> <li>• Parliamentary procedure</li> <li>• The legislative adoption process bills</li> <li>• The various other important aspects of the functioning of Parliament</li> <li>• the role and responsibilities of the governor general in our parliamentary system and our society</li> <li>• The lessons of history and citizenship make sense in this place where governors general have lived and worked since Confederation.</li> </ul> |

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|   |   | <p>*Departure from College is at 9:15 a.m. (by bus )</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Denis Cloutier, <a href="mailto:dclout@lacitec.on.ca">dclout@lacitec.on.ca</a> or 613 742-2483, poste 2774</p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday,</b><br/>June 25,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>1:00 PM-<br/>4:00 PM</b></p> <p>Ottawa Police Services, 2nd floor, Pat Hayes Community Boardroom, 474 Elgin St., Ottawa</p>       | <p><b>Equity Project</b></p> <p>An opportunity to share the learning/best practices that emerged from our dialogues with a broad group of community leaders. The event will feature 3-4 partners who will share a concrete local practice from their organization. This will be followed by an open forum/discussion with all presenters and participants.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:yumi@olip-plio.ca">yumi@olip-plio.ca</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday,</b><br/>June 25,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>4:30 PM-<br/>5:30 PM and<br/>6:45 PM-<br/>7:45 PM</b></p> <p>Ottawa Public Library, Carlingwood Branch, 281 Woodroffe, Ottawa</p> | <p><b>Celebrating Diverse Cultures in our Community</b></p> <p>Our 4th annual cultural celebration series is being held at multiple Ottawa Public Library branches in June 2015. Celebrate Ottawa's variety of cultures at your branch and meet new people! Discover traditions, music and dance; listen to stories or documentaries; or create crafts. These events are offered in partnership with local Library Settlement Program partners as well as community volunteers.</p> <p>Contact your branch for more information or call 613-580-2940</p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday,</b><br/>June 25,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>6:00 PM-<br/>8:00 PM</b></p> <p>Ottawa University, 75 Laurier Ave E, Ottawa, Room #: FSS 4004</p>                                 | <p><b>Youth Futures - Panel discussion on importance of Immigration, Settlement &amp; Integration</b></p> <p>This event will highlight the importance of immigrants to the Youth Futures program, and the importance of getting young people (immigrants and otherwise) involved in their communities. The discussions will showcase that newcomers to Canada need valuable leadership training, to become further involved and connected with their communities. The event will also emphasize that Immigrant youths are the key to breaking an intergenerational cycle of stunted growth upon entering Canada.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Naima Shegow, <a href="mailto:Naima.Shegow@ottawa.ca">Naima.Shegow@ottawa.ca</a></p> |
| <p><b>Thursday,</b><br/>June 25,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>6:30 PM-<br/>8:00 PM</b></p> <p>Ottawa Public Library, Carlingwood</p>  | <p><b>Documentary Screening : "My Macondo"</b></p> <p>Inspired by the people and landscape of Colombia's Banana Zone, Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez created the Buendia family and the village of Macondo, placing them at the center of his acclaimed novel, One Hundred Years of Solitude.</p>   |

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|                                      | Branch,<br>281 Woodroffe<br>Ottawa  | <p>Among the events described in Marquez' novel is the 1928 Banana Strike and the subsequent murder of 3, 000 banana workers by the Colombian Army.</p> <p>My Macondo sets out in search of Marquez' legendary village and the truth behind that incident. Is the fictional village of Macondo a real place with a real history? Did the slaughter of the strikers actually take place? In trying to answer these questions, My Macondo explores the nature of history and myth, and poses questions about fiction and truth.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Sara Beaudry, <a href="mailto:Sara.Beaudry@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca">Sara.Beaudry@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca</a> or 613 580-2424, Ext. 12578</p> |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>June 25,<br>2015 | <b>7:00 PM-<br/>8:30 PM</b><br><br>Ottawa Public<br>Library, Main<br>Branch, 120<br>Metcalfe, Ottawa                              | <p><b>Documentary Screening: "Invisible City"</b></p> <p>Invisible City is a moving story of two boys from Regent Park crossing into adulthood – their mothers and mentors rooting for them to succeed; their environment and social pressures tempting them to make poor choices. Turning his camera on the often ignored inner city, Academy-award nominated director Hubert Davis sensitively depicts the disconnection of urban poverty and race from the mainstream.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Sara Beaudry, <a href="mailto:Sara.Beaudry@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca">Sara.Beaudry@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca</a> or 613 580-2424, Ext. 12578</p>   |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>June 26,<br>2015   | <b>10:30 AM-<br/>11:30 PM</b><br><br>Ottawa Public<br>Library, Nepean<br>Centrepoin<br>te Branch, 101<br>Centrepoin<br>te, Ottawa | <p><b>Celebrating Diverse Cultures in our Community</b></p> <p>Our 4th annual cultural celebration series is being held at multiple Ottawa Public Library branches in June 2015. Celebrate Ottawa's variety of cultures at your branch and meet new people! Discover traditions, music and dance; listen to stories or documentaries; or create crafts. These events are offered in partnership with local Library Settlement Program partners as well as community volunteers.</p> <p>Contact your branch for more information or call 613-580-2940</p>  |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>June 26,<br>2015   | <b>10:30 AM-<br/>1:30 PM</b><br><br>Mooney's Bay<br>Beach   | <p><b>OCISO Community Picnic</b></p> <p>The Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) will organize a picnic to celebrate the end of school year for ESL / LINC students and their families. Bring your own lunch. Play soccer, tug of war and other games, children's parachute games, etc.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Laurie Fraser, <a href="mailto:lfraser@ociso.ca">lfraser@ociso.ca</a>, or 613 249-9634</p>   |

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| <b>Friday,</b><br>June 26,<br>2015   | <b>1:00 PM-<br/>5:00 PM</b><br><br>219 Argyle Avenue,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor                                 | <b>Catholic Centre for Immigration (CCI)- Open House</b><br><br>An Open House with settlement workers will give the public the opportunity to discuss with settlement workers the nature of their work with Canadian newcomers. Visitors will get to understand the needs of CCI's clients, the information they are seeking, and the process to deliver this to the immigrant community.<br><br><b>Contact:</b> Maria Teresa Garcia, <a href="mailto:maria@cic.ca">maria@cic.ca</a> or 613 232-9634, Ext. 337                                    |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>June 26,<br>2015   | <b>6:00 PM-<br/>9:00 PM</b><br><br>Richelieu-Vanier<br>Community Centre<br>300 Des Pères-<br>Blancs<br>Ottawa  | <b>2nd Forum "Cultural Diversity Franco in Ottawa : Growth, development and involvement" / Intersection de croissance multiculturelle Franco</b><br><br>RPNFE/AFBTP will host its 2 <sup>nd</sup> Forum to recognize not only the contribution of foreign-trained professionals to multiculturalism in Canada, but also to showcase and honor Francophones who contributed to the plural Francophonie in the Ottawa region.<br><br><b>Contact:</b> Philippe Dieudonné, <a href="mailto:dg@rpnfe-afbtp.org">dg@rpnfe-afbtp.org</a> or 613 413-9379 |
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>June 27,<br>2015 | <b>10:00 AM-<br/>12:00 PM</b>  | <b>Circuit Vanier : : A guided walking tour of Richelieu Park and Museopark</b><br><br>Circuit Vanier: Museoparc will offer a bilingual guided tour of Richelieu Park and Museoparc.<br><br><b>Contact:</b> Hélène Boulay, <a href="mailto:info@museoparc.ca">info@museoparc.ca</a> or 613 580 2424 Ext. 32001  |
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>June 27,<br>2015 | <b>2:00 PM-<br/>4:00 PM</b><br><br>Ottawa Public<br>Library, Greenboro<br>Branch, 363 Lorry<br>Greenberg Drive | <b>Celebrating Diverse Cultures in our Community</b><br><br>Our 4th annual cultural celebration series is being held at multiple Ottawa Public Library branches in June 2015. Celebrate Ottawa's variety of cultures at your branch and meet new people! Discover traditions, music and dance; listen to stories or documentaries; or create crafts. These events are offered in partnership with local Library Settlement Program partners as well as community volunteers.<br><br>Contact your branch for more information or call 613 580-2940 |
| <b>Saturday,</b>                     | <b>5:30 PM-</b>  | <b>Qigong with the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation</b>  |

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| <p>June 27,<br/>2015</p>                    | <p><b>6:30 PM</b><br/>and<br/><b>7:30 PM-</b><br/><b>8:30 PM</b></p> <p>1500 Alta Vista<br/>Drive,<br/>Ottawa</p>                  | <p>Qigong, means "Life Energy Cultivation" (Qi - energy, gong-cultivation or work). Qigong is a mindfulness practice of aligning breath and movement with awareness. It has roots in ancient Chinese medicine, with main focus on cultivating body, mind and spiritual health.</p> <p>These sessions are open to the public. There will be guided tours of the Maplesoft Centre available before and after each session of Qigong. Qigong sessions will be offered in English and volunteers will be available to translate into Arabic, Amharic, Dari, French, Hindi, and Punjabi. There is limited space in each session, so please register early!</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Samantha Blair at 613 247-3527</p>                     |
| <p><b>Sunday,</b><br/>June 28,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>9:00 AM-</b><br/><b>5:00 PM</b></p> <p>Brewer Park<br/>100 Brewer Way,<br/>Ottawa</p>  | <p><b>Community Cup</b></p> <p>An annual volunteer-driven community event that attracts over 2,000 guests. It is a fun-filled family event that includes a soccer tournament, demonstrations of sports such as cricket and Tai Chi which are popular among immigrants and minority residents, children's games, an international food bazaar, and a citizenship reaffirmation ceremony during which hundreds of Ottawans renew their vows to Canada and to each other.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Laurie Hinsperger <a href="mailto:laurie@communtiyocup.ca">laurie@communtiyocup.ca</a> or 613 232-9634, Ext. 345</p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday,</b><br/>June 28,<br/>2015</p> | <p><b>11:00 AM-</b><br/><b>4:00 PM</b></p> <p>Dalhousie<br/>Community Centre<br/>Parking Lot<br/>755 Somerset St W,<br/>Ottawa</p> | <p><b>Chinatown Multicultural Corner II - GLCC Community Gala</b></p> <p>GLCC Community Gala is a free admission outdoor celebration to commemorate GLCC 10 years' contribution to the Ottawa community, helping immigrants to integrate into Canadian living. GLCC will showcase its various settlement programs.</p> <p>Participants will obtain information of all programs from various booths, sign-up on the spot and meet the instructors.</p> <p>Performance of multicultural music, dance and skits will be presented by community groups from 11am to 4pm.</p> <p>Food will also be on sale.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Shirley Fang <a href="mailto:info@ottawachinatown.ca">info@ottawachinatown.ca</a> or 613 230-4707</p> |