

Celebration of Cultural Diversity with Seniors (CCDS)

Bridging Cultures, Connecting Generations

Background & Objectives

The Celebration of Diversity with Seniors (CDS) initiative is a vibrant platform bringing together seniors from diverse racialized communities. This event fosters intercultural and intergenerational learning, strengthens mutual respect, and promotes unity amid diversity. Through a blend of cultural sharing, performances, and interactive sessions, the initiative also includes Indigenous culture as a key component, focusing on truth, reconciliation, and lived experiences.

◆ Key Activities:

- ✅ Multicultural Performances – Dance, singing, cultural role-play, and Indigenous showcases.
- ✅ Cultural Roundtables – Seniors from different communities share experiences and traditions.
- ✅ Keynote Speech on Diversity & Unity – Insights from thought leaders.
- ✅ Documentary Screening – Showcasing inspiring stories of diversity and cultural resilience.
- ✅ Seniors Week Celebration: Lunch & Learn – Enriching discussions over a shared meal.
- ✅ Indigenous Drumming & Storytelling – An immersive experience into Indigenous traditions.

Key Achievements & Impact

The event **successfully united** seniors and community members through cultural exchange and shared experiences.

- 📌 **Attendance:** 350+ seniors and adults from racialized communities.
- 🎭 **Cultural Artists:** 35 performers representing diverse traditions.
- 🤝 **Community Partners:** 13 organizations collaborated to make this event a success.
- 👏 **Volunteers Engaged:** 11 individuals contributed their time and skills.
- ⌚ **Volunteer Hours (Event Day):** 61 hours of dedicated service.
- 📅 **Volunteer Hours (Planning & Execution):** 123 hours invested in making this event remarkable.

The fusion of **cultural showcases with Seniors Week celebrations** created a powerful impact:

- ✦ **Seniors felt valued & respected**
- ✦ **Cultural diversity was celebrated & promoted**
- ✦ **Intercultural and intergenerational learning flourished**
- ✦ **Knowledge and appreciation of Indigenous culture grew**
- ✦ **Stronger community bonds & networks were formed**

🗣️ What Participants Said

💬 *"Celebration of cultural diversity in a space where seniors feel comfortable is something unique. I made friends from India, Nepal, Pakistan, Ghana, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, and Canada, including Indigenous people. I hope to see such interactions regularly!"* – Senior from Afghanistan

💬 *"Blending Seniors Week with cultural diversity celebration was an amazing idea! It fostered intergenerational learning and cultural sharing in a way I had never seen before."* – Senior from Ethiopia

💬 *"Learning about Indigenous traditions firsthand was eye-opening. I wish we had more time to interact with Indigenous elders and hear more stories."* – Senior from Nepal

💬 *"Our collaboration was time-intensive, but seeing the impact today made it all worthwhile. As a small ethnic community, we appreciate the support in securing funds and look forward to future partnerships."* – Collaborative Partner

Some Snapshots

Seniors' Week Celebration


Let's Celebrate the Contribution of Seniors in Fostering
MULTICULTURALISM in Calgary and Beyond

Open to Public
Food Provided


Highlights of the Event

- Multicultural Seniors Round Tables
- Multicultural Performances
- Interactions with the Indigenous Community
- Sharing Lived Experience on Discrimination and Racism
- Keynote on Cultural Humility
- Intercultural and Intergenerational Learning

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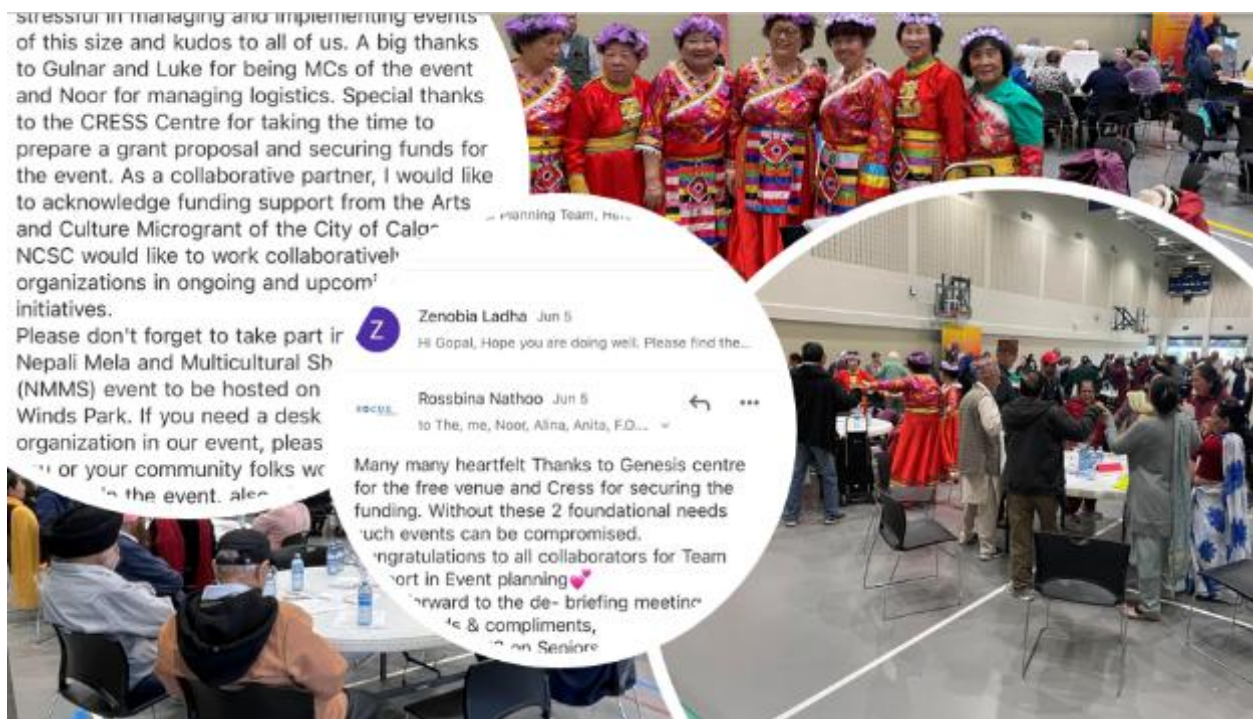
Location:
Genesis Centre

Date: June 4, 2024
10:00 AM-5:00 PM

In Collaboration with





🔧 Acknowledgments

This initiative was made possible through the dedicated efforts of our collaborative partners:

- ✦ Trellis Society
- ✦ FOCUS on Seniors
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- ✦ Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS)
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👥 *Together, we celebrate diversity, embrace cultural learning, and build stronger communities!*