

Central Okanagan Local Immigration Partnership

Events & News
July 2015

COLIP Newsletter

Committed to the further development of an inclusive, welcoming, and vibrant community where immigrants can realize their full potential, racism is eliminated, and cultural diversity is valued and celebrated

This newsletter is to keep all LIP members in the loop about the events, programs, and happenings in our community in regards to the integration of newcomers.

Have an event, workshop, or news item that you would like the community to know about? Email the details to the [LIP Coordinator](#) to be included in the next newsletter!

The COLIP has revamped their webpage! Also available online is the new Community Asset Map for newcomers. Take a peek!

[COLIP Webpage](#)

[Community Asset Map](#)

Immigration & Settlement News



[PNP redesign matches workers with labour market needs](#)

July 2, 2015 -- The redesigned Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) is accepting applications again effective July 2, 2015...The PNP will continue to process applications already in the Skills Immigration inventory...the PNP will limit the number of new Skills Immigration applicants to 200 for the rest of 2015. See [here](#) for the full story.

Temporary Foreign Worker Program: "Stiff" new penalties coming Dec. 1

July 15, 2015 -- Hefty penalties for abusers of the federal program come into effect December 1, 2015. The strictest penalties include a lifetime and from the program and fines of up to \$100,000 for each violation and up to one million dollars a year. See [here](#) for the full story.

Long-term Canadian expats denied right to vote, court rules

July 20, 2015 -- Ontario's Court of Appeal overturned a ruling that had restored expat Canadians, who had been living abroad longer than five years, the right to vote in federal elections. See [here](#) for the full story.

Local Events & Programs



Dancing in the Park

WHEN: Wednesday Nights,
7-8:30PM
WHERE: Stuart Park,
Kelowna

Get your groove on for free at Dancing in the Park, Wednesday nights at Stuart Park! Families, couples, singles, and all dance levels are invited! Each week participants will learn a new style of dance. Check the [schedule](#) to see all the fun dance classes being offered this season.

For more information, call the Parkinson Recreation Centre at (250) 469-8800 or visit the [City of Kelowna Website](#).



Parks Alive!



Music in the Park

WHEN: Every Friday night
July and August 2015,
6:45PM
WHERE: Memorial Park,
3737 Old Okanagan
Highway, West Kelowna

Take in free concerts every Friday night at Memorial Park and enjoy the exceptional talent of Okanagan artists at Music in the Park. Bring your own blanket or lawn chairs and leave a bit of extra time to find parking. Snack and beverage vendors onsite.

For more information, visit West Kelowna's [website](#).



Local Magician Kicks-Off Summer Reading Club

WHEN: July & August, 2015
WHERE: Okanagan



Park and Play!

WHEN: Weeknights in July
and August 2015, 5-8PM
WHERE: Various parks
in Kelowna

Park & Play encourages families with children to be active during the summer months. With a focus on connecting neighbours to each other and their surroundings, this program helps turn neighbours into communities. A FREE family event! For more information, visit the [City of Kelowna website](#).



Become a Host Family!

WHEN: July & August 2015
WHERE: Various Locations,
Kelowna

Parks Alive hosts a variety of events throughout the summer. From lakeside events to art shows to major concerts and exciting activities. Visit our calendar of events for local happenings of interest to you.

For more information and the calendar of events, visit [Parks Alive!](#)



French Day Camp

WHEN: June 29-August 21, 2015, 8:30AM-3:30PM
WHERE: Centre Culturel Francophone de l'Okanagan/French Cultural Centre, 702 Bernard Ave, Kelowna


The day camp will offer youth activities of any kind in french for kids of 6-12 years old. Our goal is to provide a good environment in which anyone will be encouraged to develop French language skills while discovering their strengths and their interests, meeting new friends, and having fun.

For more information, check out their [webpage!](#)

WHERE: Okanagan Regional Library, Various Branches

The Okanagan Regional Library is excited to welcome local magician Leif David (aka Ali K. Zam) to all 29 ORL branches as the annual Summer Reading Club's touring performer. His 45 minute show includes magic, storytelling, comedy, music, and tons of audience participation.

For more information and tour dates, visit the ORL [website](#).



Camp OC

WHEN: June, July, August 2015
WHERE: Okanagan College, 1000 KLO Rd, Kelowna

Okanagan College offers educational day camps to engage kids and teens in their interests and passions such as engineering, arts, music, science, culinary arts, trades, and computers.

For more information, visit Camp OC's [website](#) and [brochure](#).

This summer, the College's International Education Department Homestay Program is looking for Kelowna-area families to spend a part of the summer or early fall hosting some international students.

More information about hosting and application form can be found [here](#).



West Kelowna World Music Festival

WHEN: August 23, 2015, 5-10PM
WHERE: Memorial Park, West Kelowna

West Kelowna World Music Festival is an artistic showcase, flavoured with many cultures of the Okanagan Valley. The festival is family focused, offering a kids' zone, multicultural food fair and an all-ages entertainment lineup. Admission to all performances is free.

For more information, contact the [Recreation and Culture Department](#) at 778-797-8800 or info@districtofwestkelowna.ca.

English Classes

English Conversation Circle

When: Tuesday and Thursday mornings
 July 9th – August 20th
 Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am
 Cost: Free
 Where: Kelowna Community Resources
 #120 – 1735 Dolphin Avenue



To register please contact Doreen at: 250 763 8008, ext 129 or doreen@kcr.ca
Childminding is available upon request

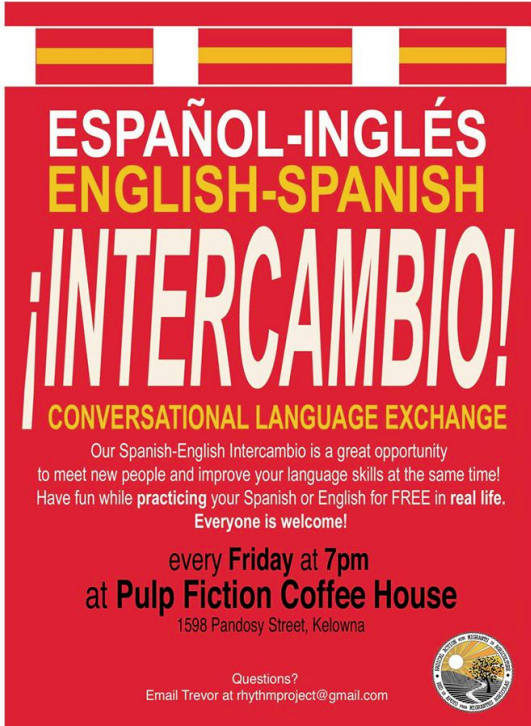
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**ESPAÑOL-INGLÉS
 ENGLISH-SPANISH
 ¡INTERCAMBIO!
 CONVERSATIONAL LANGUAGE EXCHANGE**

Our Spanish-English Intercambio is a great opportunity to meet new people and improve your language skills at the same time! Have fun while practicing your Spanish or English for FREE in real life. Everyone is welcome!

**every Friday at 7pm
 at Pulp Fiction Coffee House**
 1598 Pandosy Street, Kelowna

Questions?
 Email Trevor at rhythmproject@gmail.com



ENGLISH CORNER
We Learn, We Share, We Discover

English Corner is a conversational English group for people with beginner to intermediate English skills. We meet regularly to discuss topics that unite and inspire us, to have fun and form a community of friends and to grow in our ability to contribute to the wider community.

Every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Meeting Room, Kelowna Branch, of the Okanagan Regional Library
 1380 Ellis Street - 250-762-2800



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