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## **Central Okanagan Local Immigration Partnership**

Events & News August 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 <u>LIP Coordinator</u> to be included in the next newsletter!



Kelowna, British Columbia: Richer with Colour

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** 

## **Local Events & Programs**



#### 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 <u>website</u>.



#### 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



## Build It: Marker Party at the Library

WHEN: August 15, 2015, 11AM-3PM WHERE: Okanagan Regional Library, 1380 Ellis St., Kelowna

Explore your inner artist and engineer!
Join library staff and our community partners for a day of playful learning and experimentation. Try your hand at everything from fibrearts to electronics, woodworking to webdesign. Free drop-in program. Fun for all ages! See here for more information!



# 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.



#### Parks Alive!

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



# Become a Host Family!

This summer, the College's International Education Department Homestay Program is looking for Kelowna-area families to spend a part of the summer

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.

happenings of interest to you.

For more information and the calendar of events, visit <u>Parks</u> Alive!

or early fall hosting some international students.

More information about hosting and application form can be found here.

## Local Research

 $Race, Food, and \ Boarders: \ Situating \ Migrant \ Struggle \ in the \ Okanagan \ Valley, \ British \ Columbia.$ 

Gahman, L., Hjalmarson, E., Bunn, R., Cohen, A., & Terbasket, E.

This commentary explores migrants' struggle by looking at the intersections of colonialism, race, borders, and the local food economy. For the full article published in the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development (July 2015), see <a href="here.">here.</a>

### **Events to Watch for!**

#### **Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair**

WHEN: September 19, 2015 10AM-3PM

WHERE: Parkinson Rec Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna

This annual event draws local non-profit organizations who need volunteers to support the programs and services that make our community a better place to live. More information <a href="here">here</a>.





#### West Kelowna & Kelowna Culture Days

September 26-28, 2015 is Culture Days! This event encourages creatives of all types and the public to interact in various ways around culture. Each mall on the West side, whether WFN or DWK, as well as Kelowna will host artists for Culture Days. For more information, visit the <a href="Suk'wtəmsqilxw">Suk'wtəmsqilxw</a> West Kelowna Arts <a href="Council (SWAC)">Council (SWAC)</a> and <a href="City of Kelowna">City of Kelowna</a> websites.

### **English Class Opportunity**

Okanagan College's TESL Certificate program provides its students with micro-teaching opportunities to help them practice their face-to-face teaching in a supervised environment. If you are a non-native speaker of English, would like an opportunity to learn English and meet new friends, please join us in one or all of the Okanagan College's TESL micro-teaching classes to learn from trainee teachers at the KLO Campus. Following are the dates and times if you wish to participate: December 5,





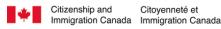






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