

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 [LIP Coordinator](#) 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 [website](#).



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 fibre-arts to electronics, woodworking to web-design. 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.



FestivalsKelowna

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.

happenings of interest to you.

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

or early fall hosting some international students.

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

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

Local Research

Race, Food, and Borders: 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 [here](#).

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 [here](#).



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 [Suk'w̓təmsqilx̓w West Kelowna Arts Council \(SWAC\)](#) and [City of Kelowna](#) 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,



2015, January 23, February 20, March 19, 2016 at 9AM.
For more details and to register, please contact [Jill Panton](#).



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