



**Inter-Cultural
Association**
of Greater Victoria

Stories of Belonging & Canadian Identity



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Agenda:

ICA Mission

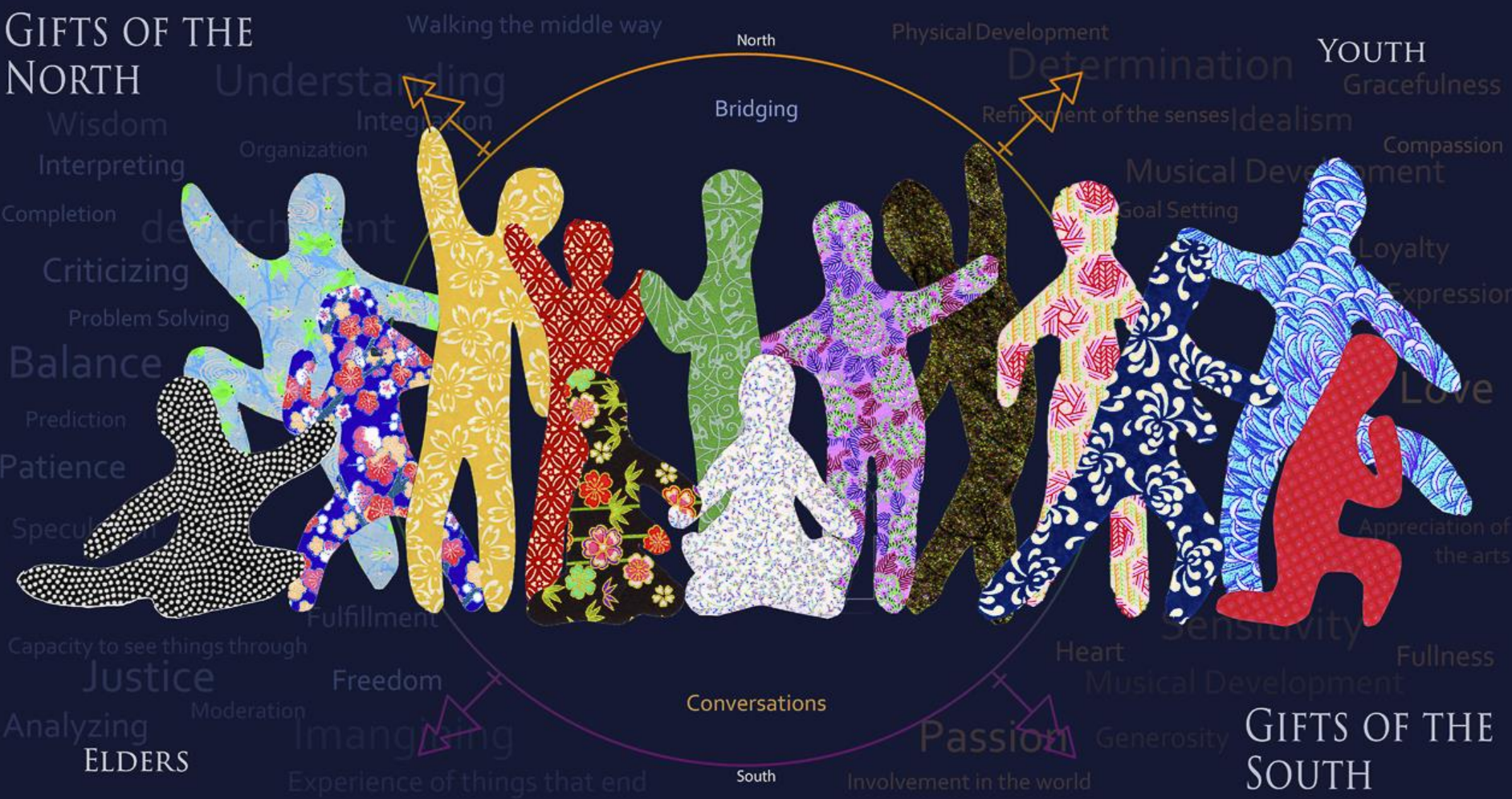
Arts Program

Project - I've Not Always Been Canadian

Story Circles & World Café Discussions

Reporting Out

GIFTS OF THE NORTH





Mission Statement

The Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) helps individuals and organizations to connect across cultures. ICA provides information, support and tools to help immigrants reach their goals. By engaging people through networks, education and arts programming ICA creates a welcoming community.

ICA Programs





The Arts & Outreach Program

Provides a non-threatening and democratic space through which to tell the immigrant and refugee story. It is a space ICA uses to explore social issues, to share ideas, to engage the community, and to create new and innovative art.

The ARTS can play a crucial role!

PROJECT MEDIUMS:

- ✓ Theatre
- ✓ Film & Video
- ✓ Photo-Documentary
- ✓ Dance & Movement
- ✓ Mask & Puppetry
- ✓ Art Camps
- ✓ Painting & Journaling

Provocative Projects that:

- Change the discourse around refugees & immigrants
- Shift attitudes
- Create better pathways to inclusion
- Value the contributions of newcomers
- Heal, Reconcile & help Integrate marginalized communities



I've Not Always Been Canadian



- How do you define a Canadian?
- What influences your sense of belonging?
- Do you feel Canadian?



William Goldiet (Born in Sudan)

"I mostly feel Canadian, but I don't think I'm always accepted as Canadian. My *Canadianism* is always being questioned. I do know, however, that being Canadian is not about one thing, but two things: Rights and Responsibilities."

QUESTIONS

1. How do you define a Canadian?
2. What influences your sense of belonging?
3. Do you feel Canadian?

GROUP REPORTING



Community Feedback

- "Beautiful and thought-provoking exhibit! Thank you for putting faces & names to stories to help us understand our shared community & shared humanity"
- "I am feeling so many emotions...mostly awe and gratitude for seeing stories similar to mine being highlighted"

Stories Matter



“Stories matter. Stories have been used to dispossess and malign, but stories can also be used to empower and to humanize. Stories can break the dignity of a people, but stories can also repair that broken dignity.” – Chimamanda N. Adichie

Happy to take Questions 😊



