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Impactful Gifts Sharing Our Cultures Social Enterprise



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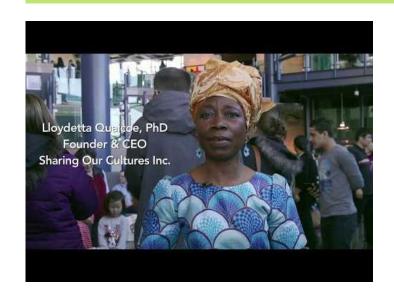




We provide a platform and create spaces for the voices, cultures, histories, and experiences of all school children and youth – newcomer, indigenous, francophone, local – to be heard, seen, and valued.



INTRODUCTION



- Established in 1999
- Study: Psychosocial needs of newcomer school children
- Release of the study's findings on March 21
- Department of Education, school administrators, teachers
- Workshop with study participants and local youth
- Drama production on integration at a local theatre
- Evaluation: Teachers' responses, new format

PROGRAMS



- > Free structured programs from September to May
- Weekly meetings to prepare displays
- Skills-development workshops
- Develop sense of place & belonging, friendships
- Eliminate unwanted social isolation
- Volunteer experience & community engagement

EVENTS





- March 21 Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- High school youth share their cultures
- Public event and school visits
- Bilingual "Tour Guides" and "Passports"
- Intercultural and experiential learning
- Complements grade 6 curriculum outcomes: Social Studies, Language, Religious Education





EVENTS

2018 Expansion to all regions of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- Corner Brook
- > Gander
- Grand Falls-Windsor
- > St. John's



PROJECTS

- > Cultural Con'txt' Publication:
 - A collection of stories, poems, and drawings, by and for grade 6 students
 - Enhance literacy, literary, and artistic skills
 - Stimulate conversations about cultural diversity in classrooms and homes
- Multicultural Classroom Program:
 - Intensive and interactive learning about cultural diversity













PROJECTS

Intercultural and experiential learning: Exchange Program between school youth in Kugluktuk, Nunavut, and St. John's, NL. Build positive relationships between indigenous and newcomer school youth



- Legacy hooked rug: Newfoundland Art
- Newcomer school youth unemployed
- > Barriers to gaining employment
- > Rug created by 46 culturally diverse youth
- > Developed friendships by the end of the project Red dots indicate 90 cultures/countries 1999-2019.

Social Enterprise: Impactful Gifts Program

- Employability skills
- Canadian work experience
- Give back to the community





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