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Building Multiculturalism in Kingston

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Our parameters

When I say “Building Multiculturalism”, I mean:

- Cooperation amongst ethno-cultural communities (internal)
- Broader community recognition of the ***presence*** and ***value*** of cultural diversity (external)
- Self-reinforcing process, i.e. virtuous circle



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Kingston Context

- Kingston CHC: offers Immigrant Services (ISKA) and lead for Local Immigration Partnership
- Demographics: comparable to Peterborough
 - 120K city, 150K CMA
 - 14% immigrants, 7% visible minority (2006 Census)
- Lack of Multicultural (joint ethno-cultural) activities or groups



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Role of Local Immigration Partnership

- LIP acts as “legitimate convenor”
 - Neutral and purposeful
- Ethno-cultural associations participate in planning process
 - Focus group for “community leaders”
 - Thematic planning participation
- Role of “building multiculturalism” in immigrant attraction and settlement success



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Key Activities

- Multicultural Roundtable
- Kingston Multicultural Arts Festival
- Multicultural Library at Calvin Park
- Diverse City local TV program



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Multicultural Roundtable

- In Theory: umbrella body, associated to the Local Immigration Partnership
- In Practice: project committees, reinforced by Roundtable sessions for networking and visioning

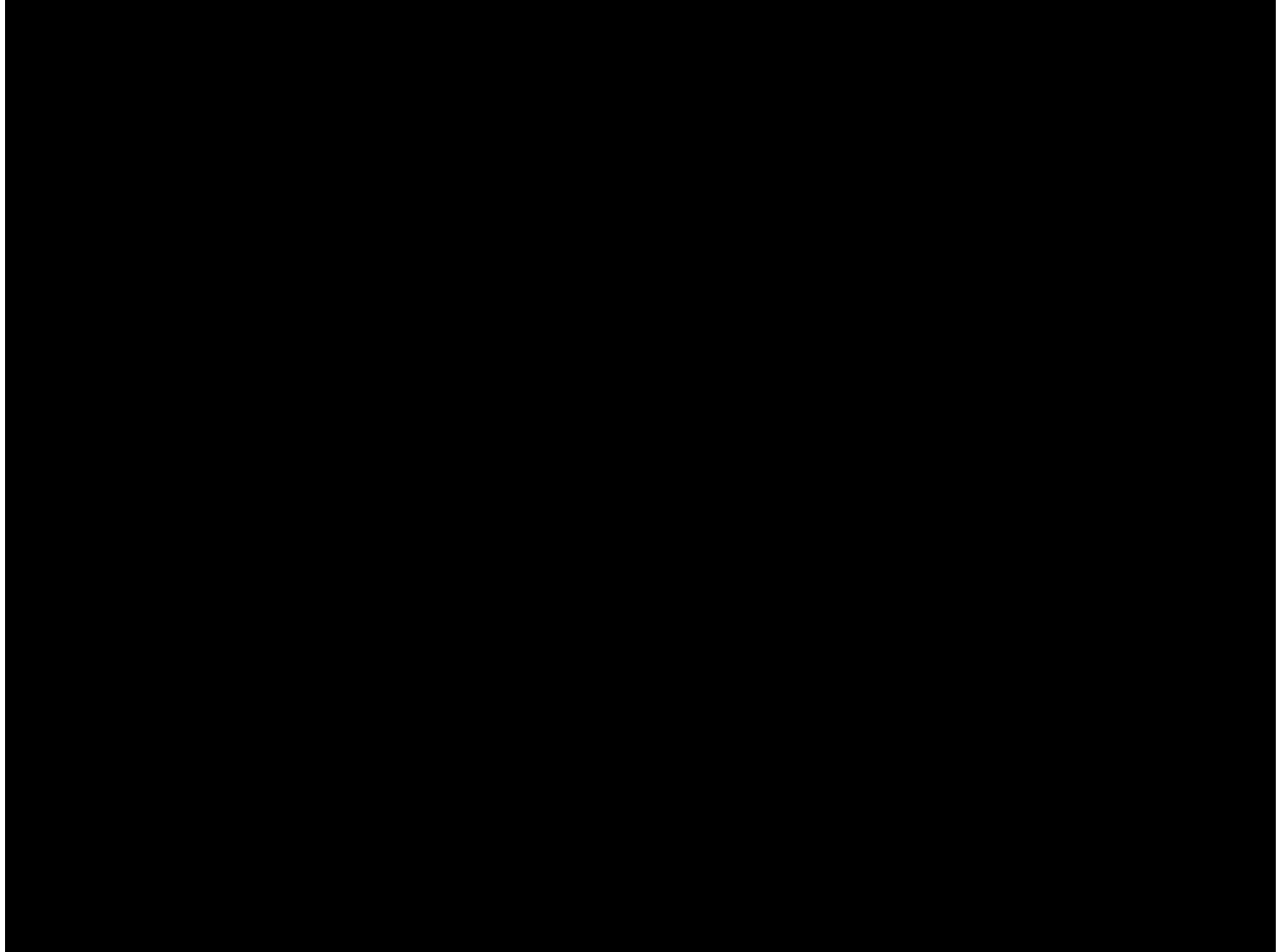
The following groups are member associations of the Roundtable:

- Afro-Caribe Foundation
- Centre Culturel Frontenac
- Chinese Canadian Association of Kingston and District
- Filipino-Canadian Association of Kingston
- India Canada Association of Kingston
- Islamic Society of Kingston
- Kingston African Caribbean Collective
- Kingston Latino
- Pakistan Canada Association of Kingston

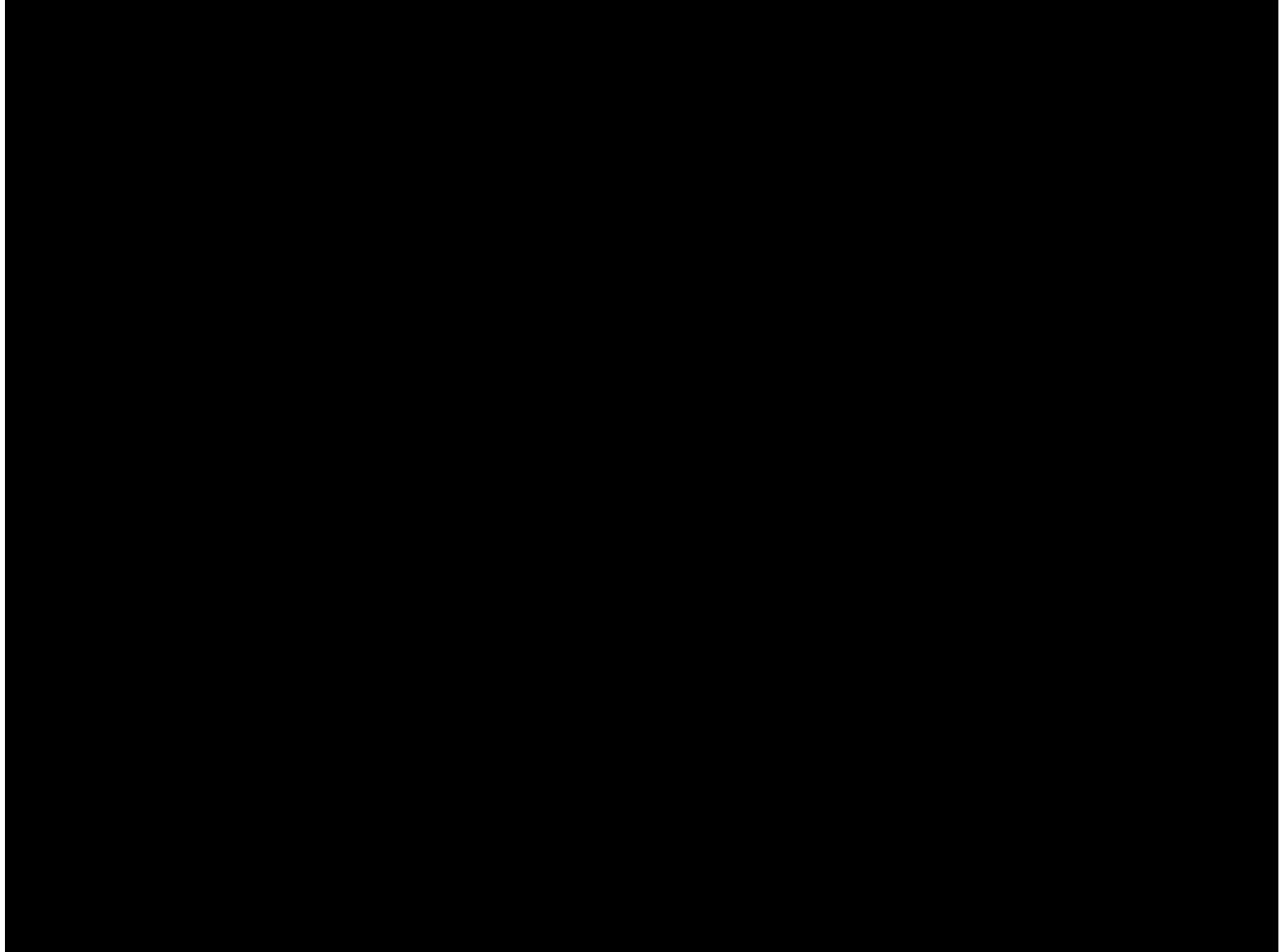


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Kingston Multicultural Arts Festival



Multicultural Library



Diverse City TV Program



- Partnership of LIP with TV Cogeco
- Features stories on immigration and diversity



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