

Multicultural Organizations in Peterborough Project



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Abraham Festival

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The Abraham Festival aims to bring together people of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, as well as those of other faiths and those of no particular faith, to promote peace, nonviolence, and justice through talking together and coming to understand other points of view. Every year there is a different theme with different events, but it always includes three worship services (Jewish, Muslim, Christian) that are open to all.

Afghan community (informal organization)

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The Afghan Community gets together in Peterborough informally. For big religious occasions, they go to a mosque in Toronto where there is a large Afghan community. Otherwise, they often go to the mosque in Peterborough. They often get together for annual celebrations.

Africville Dandaro Centre

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Chaka runs a week-long summer camp for youth from Toronto and Peterborough, including ESL students from PCVS, to create music and stone sculptures together. Chaka also leads a marimba group at Armour Heights, and he would be interested in expanding this program to other schools. He leads African dance workshops and the Revolutionaries band, which formed from one of the summer workshops. The band plays about every 2 months.

Afrocentric Awareness Network of the Kawarthas

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Charmaine is working on re-establishing the AANK. In the past, the AANK has held social events for families with youth of African descent (Kwanzaa, picnics) as well as educational events for the broader community. Goals are to have a soccer day with a potluck this summer, and a Kwanzaa event. The goal of the group is to provide empowerment through education.

Baha'i Community of Peterborough

Maddie Wingett

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This Spiritual Assembly meets in the homes of the members, informally.

Baha'i Community of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield

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www.bahaisofsel.org

This is a Spiritual Assembly in Bridgenorth. All of their activities and celebrations are open to the public. Some are held in homes and some in community centres.

Beth Israel Synagogue

775 Weller Street, P.O. Box 144 K9J 6Y7

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www.bethisraelsynagogue.ca

This organization holds prayer services 2 or 3 times a month, with a visiting rabbi leading the services or a member of the local community. They also have about 4 events a month, sharing food, fun, etc., (less in the summer).

Buddhist – Korean Organization

Master Kwang-Suk Choi

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This organization hosts Buddhist meditations in Korean and English.

Buddhist Place

St. John's Anglican Church, 99 Brock St., Lounge Room (meditations)

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www.buddhistplace.org

The Buddhist Place has a Wednesday evening (6-12 people) and a Saturday morning (10-20 people) meditation, as well as weekend retreats. They sometimes have Trent University students who were raised Buddhist participate.

Canadian International Mediterranean Association (Trent)

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www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8910852459&v=wall

The Canadian International Mediterranean Association at Trent (CIMA at Trent) is an organization responsible for promotion of European Mediterranean Countries and their cultures. CIMA at Trent focuses on Political, Economical and Cultural issues and promotes awareness, creating safe grounds for discussions.

Club connexion française

397 Stewart Street, Apt. 2 (mailing address)

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Club connexion française is a social club for francophones and francophiles. They have a variety of events (end of June, July 1, Christmas, New Years). They also offer French courses.

Cuban community (no formal organization)

Mayelin Lovet Semmler

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Mayelin teaches ballroom, Latin and Afro-Cuban dance classes (through the Learning Source) several times a year, and gives performances and salsa demonstrations. She has a party several times a year with the Cuban community and her Canadian friends. She is interested in working with others to create an organization for the Afro-Cuban and Latin American community.

Filipino community (no formal organization)

Carmela Valles

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The Filipino Community holds an annual Potluck at Christmas with, donation at the door to recoup expenses for the Hall rental and music. At this event, people who are celebrating their first Christmas in Canada are given special welcome. Kids perform, everyone dances, and the small kids get a visit from Santa. The Baybayon Fund is an initiative started by the Valles family to raise funds for tuition money for kids in the fishing village of Baybayon, Mabini, Bohol Philippines. This group also produces a newsletter called "Shoreline" (which is the English translation of baybayon). The group also assists with emergencies –e.g., sickness, death, floods and other calamities experienced by family members in the Philippines. Overall, the group provides support to newly arrived members; to integrate them to the community by providing opportunities to network (usually through the parties); pick up or drop off of people who don't have cars or transportation; advocate for those who are experiencing abuse from partners or employers.

Hadassah-Wizo Peterborough

www.chw.ca

Hadassah-Wizo is a social organization for Jewish women. In Peterborough, it is mainly older women who have social gatherings 6-7 times a year. They raise funds for projects locally and in Israel for women, children and health.

Hispanic Organization for Latin Awareness (Trent)

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A student run organization that seeks to create awareness of Latin American culture. It is a democratically run organization that functions in accordance with its constitution and represents students' wishes to participate in this initiative. HOLA is dedicated to creating a space for students of Latin American background to demonstrate their culture; it also encourages the participation of students of other backgrounds who are interested in learning from and experiencing Latin American cultures.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Peterborough

406 Parkhill Road East K9L 1C2

Fr. Tom Paligiannis

705-740-2724

Orthodox services, part in English and part in Greek. The church holds dinners once a month, open to everyone, as well as get-togethers after the service on Sunday. The community usually has a Greek festival once a year and a table at Canada Day.

Hungarian community (no formal organization)

Mr. Sandor and Mrs. Marta Pap

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Or

Hajni Hos

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There is a very active Hungarian elderly couple who host get-togethers for the Hungarian community.

Immaculate Conception Parish (Polish services)

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schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/immac06/parish.html

The Polish community in Peterborough and surrounding area come for mass and for get-togethers. Mass in Polish – Sunday at 12:00. English masses as well. The church also has an annual Polish dinner.

Indo-Canadian Association of the Kawarthas

www.icak.ca

The Indo-Canadian Association of the Kawarthas hosts two major functions a year, Diwali (where the children perform), which is celebrated by everyone in India, and a Spring Festival, where the adults perform. There are also smaller functions such as picnics and Valentines, and some activities with a religious component, where they get together to sing hymns (bhajans).

Islamic Education and Information Exchange

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Mohamed speaks at schools, churches, etc. on the basics of Islam with Elizabeth Rahman. He is also a lay pastor at the hospital.

Kawartha Muslim Religious Association/Masjid Alsalaam (Peace Mosque)

784 Parkhill Road West, K9J 6N9

www.kmra.ca

The mosque was established in 1994 and the community is growing. Friday prayers 12:00 – 2:00 are the main event of the week. There are prayers 5 times a day every day at the mosque. There is usually a talk on Friday evenings, and a potluck once a month as a social gathering. The mosque has a school for children to learn the Koran (dates and times on website).

Korean Martial Arts School (Hap-Ki-Do Moo Gong Kwan)

733 Park St. South, K9J 3T3

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The Korean Martial Arts school (Hap-Ki-Do Moo Gong Kwan) has classes in both Korean and English.

Korean Paul's Mission Church

2673 Maplegrove Road, R.R. #3, K9J 6X4

The church has services in Korean on Sundays, and programs for children and youth. There is a Wednesday service where they welcome people who are new to the community. The church also holds several events during the year.

Latin American community

Latinfuror.com

Carlos Jaramillo

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Carlos holds monthly parties with Latin music. Everyone is welcome, and it is a meeting place for the Latin community. Carlos sends emails to people who are interested in attending and the parties are listed on his website (latinfuror.com). An informal group gets together to play soccer on Tuesday evenings at Nicholls Oval. There are many Latin Americans and everyone is welcome.

Middle Eastern Students' Association (Trent)

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www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=31100776278&ref=ts

The Middle Eastern Students' Association (MESA) was created to promote an end to the conflicts in the region and to celebrate the different cultures and traditions within. It also serves as a gateway to spread the beautiful middle eastern culture and the variety it offers the rest of the world. Raising awareness about our region and the rich cultures that have grown in it over centuries. They aim on celebrating our diverse and unique, yet connected together with our great & interconnected history, traditions and ambitions. They will unite all middle eastern students at Trent and officially put us on the Trent World Map as one region.

Newcomers Club of Peterborough

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www.peterboroughnewcomers.org

The Newcomers Club holds social activities, and is non-denominational.

Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; Sept., Oct, Nov., March, April, May at 7:30 p.m.; Jan, Feb. at 2:00 pm, at Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke Street (enter at double door, canopied entrance). The annual dues for the club are \$20, and new people may attend 2 meetings before joining. The club holds a wide variety of activities, with a walking group, potlucks, crafts, gardening, bowling, book club, euchre, men's activities, bridge, crafts, field trips, luncheons, movies.

Peterborough and District Italian Club

Gaspar Andrioli

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The Italian club has many activities, including dinners, dances, get-togethers, bus trips (shopping to Toronto, wine tours), bingo, cards, bocce, picnics. They have an event at least every 6 weeks.

There are Italian classes for elementary and secondary students through the Heritage Language classes.

Peterborough Canadian Irish Club

P.O. Box 1325, Peterborough K9J 7H5

Colleen Allen

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The club hosts an annual dinner on St. Patrick's Day as well as picnics, horseshoe tournaments, pub crawls, bowling, concerts, and a flag-raising at City Hall close to St. Patrick's Day. They sometimes have events connected with the history of Peter Robinson bringing 2000 settlers to Peterborough 185 years ago.

Peterborough Cricket Association

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The cricket association members play games on Sundays at Morrow Park and at Lakefield College School, with practices at Keith Wightman public school (2 evenings per week). They don't have a facility to practice in the winter, but start in late May or early June. They have equipment to lend to players, and their membership fees (\$100/\$50 for students) go to purchasing equipment and fees for land rental. They joined the Toronto league last year and play games in Toronto. They would like to invite Toronto teams here.

Polish Canadian Heritage Association

Marek Wawrzyczek

705 755-2291

The association was very active up to 3-4 years ago, with performances at Showplace and Market Hall, dinner and dances, etc. Now there are about 300-400 families in the area. Most have been in Canada for a long time.

Polish Scouts

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www.zhr-kanada.org

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The Peterborough Scouts group is a chapter of a larger Polish scouts organization in Canada. The youth have Polish language class first and then Scouts activities in Polish after the language class. The Scouts also have camps and trips as part of the larger organization. There's a larger group of 7-11 year olds and a smaller group of older youth.

Sikh community

Harsharan Singh

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The Sikh community has a prayer meeting with a social afterwards on the first Sunday of the month, in the homes of the members.

South Asians Association at Trent

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They have a welcome BBQ, movie nights, Diwali celebration, a formal, and other celebrations. Most of their events are for Trent students but some are open to everyone. Most of their members are international and transfer students, but there are also Canadian students in the association. It's a very diverse group, with most members living off campus.

Trent African Caribbean Student Union

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TACSU (Trent African and Caribbean Student Union) is a student group under the Trent International Students' Association (TISA). The group's main focus is in providing students within Trent (Canadian and International Students alike) with exposure to the cultures of Africa and the Caribbean and also providing a safe, familiar community within Trent, into which students from the TACSU member countries can easily feel at home. The group hosts and participates in various events throughout the year from taking part in the PARNS AIDS Walk to hosting Open Mic Nights and parties. TACSU is open to ALL students and anyone is encouraged to join.

Trent Hong Kong International Association

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www.facebook.com/pages/Trent-Hong-Kong-International-Association/102987903097773

THKIA is a democratically elected student association and was established for the purpose of providing a fun, educational, and engaging experience. They strive to promote the Hong Kong culture as well as to enhance the cultural diversity at Trent. Membership is open to all Trent University students, faculty and staff. No membership fee is required. Regular and special events include: fort-weekly Cantonese lessons throughout the school year, Movie Nights show casing classic Hong Kong cinema, Hot Pot, Hong Kong style BBQ, and basic culinary lessons.

Trent International Students Association

Tisatrentu.org

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TISA has a BBQ on the first weekend of classes (attendance over 500 this year), the TISA Olympics on Thanksgiving weekend, with teams based on regions (Asian, South Asian, African, etc.), an International Dinner at the end of Colleges Connect Culture week in January, and the Cultural Outreach Show in March.

Trent Japanese Association

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Trent Japanese Association is a non-profit student organization that supports all of the Japanese students that are present at Trent University, including all of the exchange students and students that are interested in Japan. They are at Trent to make other students, and communities to be aware of their culture. Otherwise they look forward to having fun, successful, and an interactive society among the people who are interested in our culture.

Trent South East Asia Association

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www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2203821479&ref=ts

Email this organization for more information about what they do!

Trent University Chinese Student Association

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www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=118331088183508&ref=ts

Email this organization for more information about what they do!

Trent University Korean Association

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www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=94511084197&ref=ts

They have Korean movie nights, bus trips to Niagara and Wonderland, Korean potlucks, and traditional Korean game demonstrations during Cultures Week. They also give a Korean language class for anyone who is interested.

Service Provider Organizations

Active Minds

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Trentactiveminds.org (will become active in late spring)

Mehran Monsef

Active Minds at Trent is a chapter of the larger organization across the US and Canada. They provide health advocacy through peer outreach, offering support with mental health, fitness, spirituality, etc. They host activities such as “stress-free day” in early April, talks, and guest lectures. The organization also has annual conferences, with training and workshops. They have presentations on achieving academic success, sharing tips on effective techniques.

Cross-Cultural Sharing and Learning Centre/One World ESL School

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www.tesltrainer.ca/oneworld

Wendy McConkey 705 755-0378

She has some international students from Lakefield College School, as well as some newcomer professionals, mostly upgrading their conversational English, and some Trent students for one-on-one assistance. Most students find her through Kijiji.

The Cross-Cultural Sharing and Learning Centre also has an art gallery and shop, and if any newcomer artists would like to display their work (including jewelry, etc.) they can bring it in to show Randy Knott or Wendy and see if there is space available. They normally take 20% of the sale price or, for longer-term displays, \$25 a month. They also have three classrooms (one for 8-12 and two smaller rooms for up to 4 students) that can be rented for classes

Learning Source

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Louise Racine

The Learning Source offers a variety of leisure programs (including Tai Chi, yoga, dance) as well as computer training (Word, Excel, etc.) and some time management and presentation skills.

Currently, they don't have many newcomers attending their classes. They are considering offering a community choir led by a newcomer to have more culturally diverse songs presented. They have a home improvement series for women, and will examine the potential for an exercise program for women.