

CultureLink News

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A life that touches the lives of others, goes on forever.

Many don't realize the legacy they leave behind. Every interaction catalyzes a chain of events that changes the trajectory of our lives and the lives of those around us. Each act of kindness, every time we use our voice, our strength, the way we fight for our dreams and stand up for what we believe to be fair – our actions will define and remind those of who we were, what we did and what we meant to others.

In Memoriam

He was bigger than life. A vibrant, generous, warm soul. Assad cared deeply and brought his big heart to everything he did. He was more than a colleague, a true friend.

He always had a smile in his face and great pieces of advice. And he would tell us that we need not to mourn but to celebrate his life.

We will honour his memory by continuing the work that brought us together: helping our clients.

Brother Assad, you will be missed and never forgotten.

Assad Mahmoud joined CultureLink on October 3, 2005. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on November 30, 2022. Rest in peace, brother. We will carry on your passion and commitment to help and advocate for newcomer families.

Women of Courage on Film



Earlier this summer, CultureLink initiated the Women of Courage program; a community-building program for racialized immigrant women over the age of 40. We have met three groups of strong, artistic, courageous and visionary women.

In weekly sessions they have reflected on their identity, immigration and their experiences as newcomers in Canada, some having escaped war-torn and crisis areas. They also had expert facilitators guide them through writing, art, social media and other storytelling techniques.

Within the first few months, these women were faced with unfamiliar spaces, being separated from loved ones while also being subject to systematic racism, all the while still trying to find jobs and an adequate living space for their family.

Amid all their struggles, however, they stood strong and resilient. And through their stories they teach us just what courage looks like.

We are proud to host a program that allows these women to take up space and use their voices. In 2023 their stories will be showcased in many museums in Toronto. In the meanwhile, look for small samples across our platforms.

The fourth and last group in our 'Women of Courage' program will start in January 2023. To register, please contact mhui@culturelink.ca

CultureLink's Anti-Racism Action Program is an initiative that aims to promote Canada's cultural diversity through a storytelling workshop for racialized immigrant women. These women are trained, supported and encouraged to share their stories. The project will culminate participants' narratives with the launch of a Project Book online and story exhibitions at Toronto museums.

We are Open

Call us at 416-588-6288 Monday through Friday between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm to make an appointment with a member of our staff at our offices, partner locations, or via (video) call.

Our offices will be closed the following days:

- Monday, December 26, 2022
- Tuesday, December 27, 2022
- Monday, January 2, 2023



Visit our **Events Calendar** and our social media platforms for information on upcoming virtual and in-person events for Youth, Adults, Seniors and Families.



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