



ABOUT THE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF SASKATCHEWAN (MCoS)

MCoS has been raising awareness of the benefits of cultural diversity and the dangers of racism since 1975. It represents over 60 members, which include thousands of volunteers committed to promoting the benefits of multiculturalism. MCoS is a provincial not-for-profit, charitable organization that works to ensure strong ethnocultural continuity and contributions and fosters opportunities for cross-cultural interaction while working to achieve an equal, prosperous and harmonious future for all.

VISION

Multiculturalism is central to the cultural, economic, social and political life of Saskatchewan.

MISSION

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan is committed to promoting, fostering, improving and developing multiculturalism in the cultural, economic, social and political life of Saskatchewan while working to achieve equality of all residents.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- a. To promote recognition of the benefits of cultural diversity in Saskatchewan and assist in the development and acceptance of multiculturalism.
- b. To recognize and promote the Saskatchewan motto: *From Many Peoples Strength* and the Saskatchewan Multicultural Act.
- c. To foster an environment in which organizations and individuals can contribute to the multicultural development of Saskatchewan.
- d. To promote positive cross-cultural relations through cross-cultural communication, contact and understanding.
- e. To recognize the special contribution which refugees and immigrants bring into our province and assist in the integration process through education.
- f. To recognize the special contributions which First Nations and Métis people provide to our province and encourage cultural competency and intercultural connections.

MULTICULTURAL VALUES

Our values are rooted in the provincial motto: *From Many Peoples Strength* and the treaty relationships that define our province and expressed as:

1. Respect for diversity
2. Recognition and rejection of racism
3. Intercultural connections
4. Integration

STREAMS OF MULTICULTURAL WORK

The multicultural streams flow from the multicultural values. These streams represent the main areas of work in multiculturalism and are the focus of MCoS programs and support.

1. Cultural Continuity
2. Celebration of Diversity
3. Anti-Racism
4. Intercultural Connections
5. Integration

PROGRAMMING

All programming supports the vision, mission, aims & objectives, strategic plan, values and streams.

MCoS provides funding for members

1. Strategic Initiatives
2. Intercultural Connections
3. Multicultural Education Initiatives (MEI)
4. Regional Multicultural Councils
5. Sponsorships

MCoS Programming Initiatives

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan:

- Takes leadership to coordinate provincial activities and campaigns.
- Is committed to taking the lead in public education and advocacy strategies.
- Offers workshops designed to educate people on a wide variety of multicultural issues, including anti-racism, cross-cultural engagement, intercultural communications and diversity in the workplace.
- Regularly engages in partnerships and other types of collaborations to carry out its work.



ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS

- November 22, 1975 - MCoS founded in Regina.
- We are proud to help create the provincial motto: From Many Peoples Strength (Multis e Gentibus Vires), a powerful statement about who we are - past, present and future.
- Helping establish the Multicultural Initiative Fund at SaskCulture.
- Member of the Saskatchewan Committee for the Elimination of Racism in Sport and Recreation.
- Development, management and distribution of Multicultural Education Initiatives (MEIs) to schools to encourage understanding and interest in multiculturalism.
- Working with CBC television on creating the “New Immigrant Series” (1989) and “Dream Seekers” (1990) programs, and working on the Harmony I and II series in 1982.
- Partnering with UCC-SPC to develop YAN (Youth Action Now) with funding from Canadian Heritage.
- Serving as Secretariat for the national EMCY awards celebrating diversity.
- Promoting our cultural heritages across the country during Saskatchewan’s Centennial year.
- Annual Multicultural Honours event hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan that recognizes significant contributions to the multicultural community. Betty Szuchewycz and Youth Leadership Awards are presented.
- We Are SK PSA project is a partnership between seven organizations - AFCS, CCF, MCoS, SFP, SGC, SOHL, and UCC-SPC. This project features six PSAs. The PSAs aired on Global, CTV and City Saskatchewan channels in 2014-15. All partners are grateful to the support from the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport (www.WeAreSK.ca).
- Hosting a Multicultural Forum in honour of the 40th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act in partnership with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.
- BRIDGES (Building Relationships Interculturally through Dialogue and Growing Engagement Saskatchewan): Connecting Aboriginal and Newcomer Communities is a provincial partnership with Aboriginal Friendship Centres of Saskatchewan (AFCS) and Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA). Research was conducted in 2014-15, followed by Common Ground, a demonstration project in Prince Albert in 2015-16. 2016-17 will see articulation of criteria and local projects, including Youth BRIDGES in Regina.
- INVOLVE (Integrating Newcomers with Volunteer Opportunities to add Leadership Value through Education) is a volunteer leadership program delivered in partnership with Regina Open Door Society, SAISIA and SaskCulture.
- Welcoming and Inclusive Communities is a Canada 150 project for 2016-18. MCoS will engage organizations, municipalities, businesses, schools and individuals make their communities more respectful and engaging for all.

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