



Multicultural
Council of
Saskatchewan

From Many Peoples Strength

Saskatchewan Multicultural Week

November 21-29, 2020

Building Equitable and Inclusive Schools

Why Celebrate Saskatchewan Multicultural Week?

In 1974, Saskatchewan was the first province to enact multiculturalism legislation, recognizing the right of every community to retain its identity, language and traditional arts and sciences for the mutual benefit of citizens. The Act, revised in 1997 states the policy should preserve, strengthen and promote Aboriginal cultures and acknowledge their historic and current contribution to development of Saskatchewan. More information is available on [The Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act](#). Responsibility for the Act resides with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

The Act states broadly the provincial multiculturalism policy and provides the Minister power to carry out the purposes of the Act. The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) founded on November 22, 1975 has been instrumental in the development and promotion of these multicultural values, including the Saskatchewan motto *From Many Peoples Strength*. Saskatchewan Multicultural Week celebrated each November during the week that includes November 22.

MCoS has outlined four [multicultural values](#). They are rooted in the provincial motto and the treaty relationships that define our province. The Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act (1997) and the Canadian Multiculturalism Act (1985) support these values. They inform our [five streams of multicultural work](#).

Saskatchewan Multicultural Week Campaign



Who is your #MulticulturalSuperhero and how do they help to create welcoming and inclusive communities? Tell us on social media. Get creative!

<https://mcos.ca/events/sask-multicultural-week/superhero/>

Multicultural Superheroes Promote Multicultural Values

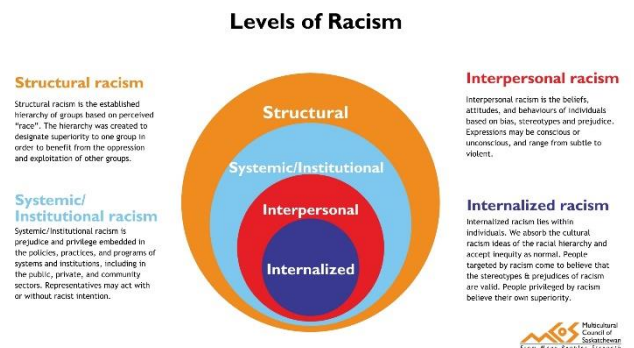
Multicultural Superheroes can include any person or group of people, real or fictitious, who inspires you with their super powers for respect and inclusion. A **#MulticulturalSuperhero** is someone who creates welcoming and inclusive communities by:

- ↗ Protecting and celebrating all cultures
- ↗ Embracing and sharing traditions proudly
- ↗ Battling “villains” such as racism, discrimination, disrespectful ideologies, oppressive social systems and institutions, etc.
- ↗ Leaping tall barriers to build bridges for intercultural connections
- ↗ Bringing diverse people together for creativity and innovation
- ↗ Demonstrating super vision and strength to achieve equality and equity for all

Examples of Multicultural Superheroes could be leaders of all types: Organizations, Movements, Individuals (Family Members; Friends; Politicians; Activists; Famous People; Comic book, TV, Movie and Book Characters; Authors; Artists; Athletes; etc.), Amnesty International, Idle No More, Black Lives Matter, your Mom, your boss, a teacher, Louis Riel, Nelson Mandela, Viola Desmond, Maria Linklater, Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Tristen Durocher, Peggy McIntosh, Harriet Tubman, Elijah Harper, Justice Murray Sinclair, Rosalie Abella, Kamala Khan, Black Panther, Maya Angelou, Jackie Robinson, Zarqa Nawaz, Arundhati Roy, David Suzuki, Buffy Sainte-Marie...

Anti-Racism Education Activities

Anti-Racism work looks at issues of power and privilege and how they impact individual and systemic discrimination; it usually includes active dialogue to build equity and justice in our institutions and communities.



Create-a-Culture provides a non-threatening opportunity to experience the feelings of being involved with people who are different. It develops anti-racist, cross-cultural education skills to foster positive relationships across differences. Grades 5+

Sticky Labels addresses stereotypes and the way they create boxes. Debriefing fosters discussion on the harm they cause and what we can do. Click here for full facilitation instructions, elementary labels for grades 5-8; high school labels for grades 9- adult.

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