

## *The Cultures within your Neighbourhood*

Canada is a multicultural country built up of various ethnicities and cultures which have originated from various foreign countries. Primarily, Aboriginals had embedded their values and cultures in Canada. After the Aboriginals, the Europeans were the first immigrants to bring their cultures and civilization to Canada. More recently, many immigrants have come from the Middle East and Asia. Thus over time, Canada's ethnicities and cultural compositions have been continuously increasing and changing. Most of these immigrants settle in the largest urban areas such as Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver. Due to this, many major cities are filled with cultures from Germany, Italy, China, East India, Netherlands, Somalia and Lebanon. As a result, it is very important for a multicultural country such as Canada that get to know our cultures and understand one another. Thus, accepting and acknowledging our neighbors is essential to build a proper, peaceful community. This can be done through small actions such as lending a hand or even talking to your neighbors.

Through helping your neighbor, you show honorable qualities and this creates a high opinion of you within your neighbor's mind. An excellent neighborhood is one where everyone understands and respects one another. By helping each other, you create a bond between you and your neighbor who is vital to a good community as it allows you to be aware of each other. So by getting to know you neighbor, you learn about his/her culture which is important because it allows us to trust one another and live with each other. For example, if you were to accidentally let your dog lose from his leash and the dog went barking to your neighbor, the problem would not be between you and some random person; it would be with someone you know. That's why; resolving a conflict with someone you know is easier than with someone you don't. Finally, by assisting your neighbor, you are opening yourself to the world and many other opportunities. A survey from an article shows that 45% of neighbors would help each other look for jobs, and 32% would assist babysitting for a neighbor. So by helping your neighbor, you open yourself and others to valuable aid which builds serene society.

Communicating with your neighbors is one the best ways to live in a peaceful and secure community. It opens your eyes to the diverse cultures that we have in Canada. By understanding these cultures, we can coexist peacefully without any criticism and stereotypes of one's race.

This can happen by talking and getting to know your community or your neighborhood. Also by learning about your neighbor, it allows you to be comfortable about living where you live, because you know who is nearby. Furthermore, if you were to do some planning about a party or a barbeque, it would be necessary to let your neighbor know as it would affect them. This communication between you and your neighbor would be much easier if you knew each other in advance. Hence it's easier to talk to your neighbor about important matters if you already knew one another. Finally participating in festivals, joining groups, or joining a city commission are great ways to learn about your neighborhood. Doing all these things and being active in your society creates a welcoming community. Therefore, communicating with your neighbor is essential for coexisting with each other and building a wonderful neighborhood.

So learning about your neighborhood is important as it allows you to understand one another. Nowadays, we live in fear of intrusion by people, but not knowing them is just as fearful. Also for a multicultural country like Canada, it is essential that we understand each other's cultures and values as this creates a welcoming society. In order to build communities that are successful at improving lifestyles and resolving problems, we need to understand and appreciate each other's cultures, and establish relationships with different cultures other than our own. Only then can we evolve into a better diverse country. Hence it is important that we acknowledge each other and build up a kind sociable community for ourselves and the next generations.

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