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CultureDays.ca is live!

We invite you to [visit our website](#), have a look around, and let us know what you think. Show your support for Culture Days by using the "Forward to a Friend" link below to invite 5 friends or colleagues to sign up for our newsletter. Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and retweet our updates!



CBC has joined the Culture Days movement!

We are delighted that CBC has joined the Culture Days movement as National Broadcast Partner. A great Canadian cultural institution in its own right, CBC has animated many Canadian events and initiatives over the years, connecting Canadians from coast to coast to coast. CBC will support Culture Days through its television, radio and online networks, and explore special broadcast programming opportunities before and during the first edition of the event this September 2010.

A Glimpse of the Volunteer Movement in Action...



PHOTO BY SUSAN MOSS

Culture Days Manitoba

Culture Days Manitoba will take place September 24 – 26, 2010. A project manager is in place to support the many groups that have joined the provincial movement. Already activities are being announced in the Flin Flon-Creighton (MB-SK) area, including: theatre and visual arts showcases, music concerts, Busking Bonanza, Museum Musts, Panning for Gold, seniors' and youth activities, Metal Madness, Pottery Classes, Aboriginal Art and Customs, Amazing Race-Heritage, Hip Hop Dancing, and Multicultural Flavours. To mark Culture Days, Winnipeg Canadian Cultural Capital (WCCC) 2010 will launch "City Stories," a mobile story exchange centre that travels across the city, encouraging citizens to interact with performance artists in the creative process of storytelling. The first edition of Nuit Blanche Winnipeg will also be launched on the Saturday of Culture Days 2010. [READ MORE](#)

Culture Days Saskatchewan

Culture Days Saskatchewan will also take place September 24 – 26, 2010. The Saskatchewan Provincial Task Force has made a request to the provincial government to proclaim the entire third week of September as "Culture Week in Saskatchewan," and will continue to promote the suggestion that similar proclamations be made at the municipal level. It is hoped that proclamations at the provincial and municipal levels will help government and businesses rally around the Culture Days Saskatchewan dates in their planning moving forward. Most arts, heritage and creative industries groups have been alerted about Culture Days by SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Arts Board. Recently, SaskCulture presented Culture Days Saskatchewan to over 1,000 municipal councillors and recreation directors attending the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association conference in Regina. Good news travels fast! Some municipal councillors had apparently already heard about the initiative

More Quick Updates

New additions to the national Steering Committee: Boris Atamenenko from the Government of Northwest Territories, Amy House from the Association of Cultural Industries of Newfoundland & Labrador, Kirstine Stewart from CBC, and Janet Yale from Telus. Welcome!

Media Profile has joined Culture Days to lead media relations strategies. Welcome!

Provincial Task Forces continue to grow and develop. Please visit our website to see who's joined.

Tools, Tips & Stories

Calls for participation

Visit our website to download the provincial calls for participation for [Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario](#), and others as they are issued. Please circulate these calls widely, with a few words from you emphasizing why you're encouraging your colleagues to participate in Culture Days.

"We need those cultural images," emphasizes a new Canadian

See what these new Canadians have to say about why cultural access is important. A video about the Cultural Access Pass created by the Institute of Canadian Citizenship which helps museums welcome new citizens into their institutions with a year of free admission.



Culture pour tous Reports on A Community Project

Saint-Venant-de-Paquette is one of the tiniest villages in Quebec, and sadly one of Quebec's 150 or so municipalities officially listed as "economically decayed." But Saint-Venant's residents are resisting the statistical decline of their village by organizing a multitude of cultural activities that breathe new life into the region.

through their local arts councils. [READ MORE](#) »

Culture Days British Columbia

In B.C., Task Force efforts will be primarily focused on developing Culture Days B.C. for 2011 while local artists and cultural organizations deal with the fallout from a difficult 2009/2010 funding situation. Meanwhile, all B.C. artists or organizations interested in organizing an activity during September 24 – 26 for Culture Days 2010 are highly encouraged to join the national movement by signing up for this newsletter and registering their activity online – registration begins Spring 2010.

To find out about Culture Days in your province, [visit our website](#).



Want to offer an activity to the public during Culture Days?

Keep reading our newsletters! We'll be sending out more information about organizing activities and how to register online in a few weeks.



Meanwhile, start planning!

You'll need those details like date(s), time(s), location, etc. Just remember that your activity should be free and interactive (e.g. offer a workshop, present guided tour, or invite visitors to talk to the artists).



Have an activity planned already?

[Send us an email](#) with a brief description, and relevant photos and videos if you've got them. We want to highlight your diverse and compelling initiatives on our website, in our newsletters, and in our communications with the media.



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