Our vision is a Canada without prejudice and discrimination – a country that celebrates diversity, difference and inclusion. CCDI is proud to share with you its latest initiatives, events and resources dedicated to driving the diversity conversation here in Canada.

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CCDI creates song for Canada Day

A new song from Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion called *Free AF* celebrates Canadian freedoms in a fun, quirky and not suitable for work way.

"This is a fun way to talk about a serious subject," says Michael Bach, Founder and CEO at Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion. "We enjoyed doing this video because it reflects us. We took the opportunity to celebrate our peoples’ differences, their beauty and contributions. Together we help make our country a great nation." [Check it out](#).

Upcoming webinar

July 18 (English)
*Generational inclusion*
presented by Giselle Kovary

Aug. 15 (English) | Aug. 24 (Français)
*How to handle harassment and discrimination in the workplace*
presented by Renée Bazile-Jones and Anne-Marie Marcotte

Success stories - Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington

At the CMHA in Waterloo, one of four staff speak English as a second language. In the Wellington area, one of five staff speak a first language other than English. "Becoming aware of the diversity of the staff at the CMHA WW helps create a greater understanding among the employees about the
various countries and cultural backgrounds of the people they encounter daily," says Christine Gilles, multicultural and French language services coordinator. Click here to find out how CMHA deals with the language challenge.

We need to become more comfortable with the uncomfortable, says CEO about new accessibility campaign

As Canada considers new legislation to help make the country more accessible, CCDI’s campaign entitled DON’T LET A BARRIER BE A BULLY brings greater awareness to physical barriers that exist across the country and in many workplaces and buildings.

"We want to start a dialogue about accessibility - specifically about accessibility for people with physical disabilities who use wheelchairs and mobility aids," says Bach. "Our goal with this campaign is to get Canadians thinking about the things that many of us take for granted. Things like doors, steps and curbs."

Read more. Watch videos. Photo gallery.

Welcome to our new Employer Partner

We mainly work with employers, because we know that when the workplace is inclusive, positive effects are felt by the broader community. Join us in welcoming the latest addition to our unparalleled Employer Partner roster:

- CUPS Calgary

Upcoming observances

July 1: Canada Day
July 9: Nunavut Day
July 18: Nelson Mandela Day
July 28: Commemoration of the Great Upheaval

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