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.

September 2018

Our unique and interactive conference encourages people with an interest in diversity and inclusion as much as diversity professionals to break away from the boredom of traditional conferences with a high degree of participation – perfect for those who value networking, interactive workshops and experiential learning. In 2018, we will be hosting UnConference in nine cities across Canada.

This year's theme - Thawing the frozen middle

Why is middle management so resistant to change – especially when it comes to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility? It’s perfect storm really. The pressure to get the job done meets upstream/downstream currents, lack of motivational empathy and understanding of organizational impacts of exclusion, and lack of focused support for well-being as it relates to change.

Upcoming events

- CCDI Webinar: Armchair vs. active - Being an active ally
  Sep. 13: English | Sep. 25: French

- COPE Fredericton: Emotional Culture
  Sep 19: English

- CCDI Webinar: The road to wellness - The intersections of wellness and diversity
  Sep 20: English | Sep. 27: French

- COPE Mississauga: Emotional culture
  Sep 25: English

- COPE Montreal: Emotional culture
  Sep 26: French

- COPE Kitchener: Emotional culture
  Sep. 27: English

The Great General Counsel Auction
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The Great General Counsel Auction is just as the name implies – a silent auction featuring some of the “greatest” General Counsels in Canada! Each General Counsel has graciously volunteered to auction off their valuable time so the winner can gain a better understanding of what it’s like inside the fast paced office of a General Counsel. Read more...

Run, walk, or volunteer in support of diversity and inclusion in Canada

Join our team for the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon on October 21, and challenge yourself to a 5 km, half marathon (21.1 km), or full marathon (42.2 km) in support of diversity and inclusion, human rights, and equity in Canada.

Fundraise & win! Connect with old friends and make new ones through monthly team socials and compete for prizes, including a trip for two to EuroPride in Vienna 2019! Every $100 raised earns a ballot to win! All funds raised will support our work to generate awareness, provide education, and inspire action that results in positive social change in Canadian communities, schools, and workplaces. Read more...

Why diversity is our strength

On August 12, former Conservative leadership hopeful Maxime Bernier took to Twitter to push out a message that could only be described as intentionally controversial. Read more...

Welcome to our new Employer Partners

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:

- ArcelorMittal Dofasco
- BC Automobile Association (BCAA)
- BCF Avocats D’Affaires
- CGI Group Inc.
- Coaching Association of Canada
- Horton Ventures
- Lutherwood
- Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment
- The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA)
- Toronto International Film Festival

Upcoming observances

**Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month**

Sep. 2: Krishna Janmashtami
Sep. 3: Labour Day
Sep. 9-11: Rosh Hashanah
Sep. 11 – Oct. 9: 1st Muharram
Sep. 13: Ganesh Chaturthi
Sep. 18-19: Yom Kippur
Sep. 23: International Day of Sign Languages
Sep. 24: Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Cake Festival)
Sep. 24-30: Sukkot
Sep. 24-28: International Week of the Deaf
Sep. 30: Orange Shirt Day
Sep. 30 – Oct. 2: Shmini Atzeret

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