Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation

Our History

2017

We started planning the very first Multicultural event.

2018

We held the first Multicultural event in Shelburne with community partners such as Shelburne Library, MPP Sylvia Jones, Councillor Steve Anderson, our local elementary schools, Shelburne Police Department, Shelburne Fire Department and our community.

2019

The event doubled in size. The event showcased arts, poetry, food and various entertainment from not only Shelburne but Dufferin County. We had amazing sponsors to help support our growth.

2020

We held our first virtual event. Thanks to the amazing support from our sponsor, political leaders, community partners and Dufferin County and beyond it was a great success!





Our History

2021

June 27th was proclaimed Multicultural Day for the first time here in Dufferin by Warden White.

- The Unity in Diversity flag representing Multicultural Day was created by the multicultural committee. The flag was raised throughout the Townships of Dufferin and Caledon.
- We thought we would give back to the community highlighting the achievements of our great leaders who work behind the scenes. With the partnership of MP Kyle Seeback, MPP Sylvia Jones, Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, Caledon Councillor Johanna Downey, Museum of Dufferin and our committee were able to recognize these community leaders.







2022 Year in review

2022 was a very special year for us.

- It marked our 5 years and we also became a registered non-profit to better serve communities in promoting diversity, inclusion and equity.
- The 2022 Multicultural Event was one of the largest events we have hosted. It showcased cultural education sessions, arts, crafts, performances, sports & food from Dufferin County and beyond. The event featured artists from across Ontario, history and showcase of the Sikh and Muslim community, performances from the Scottish and Irish, Caribbean, South Asian and African cultures, Indigenous Community teaching of the medicine wheel, education session on the game of cricket, and an exhibit of BIPOC inventors.
- The event was held in partnership with the Museum of Dufferin (MoD), where the art and culture of the community was left on display for a short period after the event.
- Dufferin County Townships and Caledon proclaimed June 27th Multicultural Day in Dufferin County raising the Unity in Diversity flag.
- 2022 Art and Culture Award Recipient







2022 year in review

Creating a culture of learning

Last year we held the following workshop and activities:

- Recognition of various cultural and religious days throughout the year
- Pizza Garden Planting workshop Families/Youths will have the opportunity to learn how to plant and grow a garden. At the end of the season families harvest the crops and created cultural dishes.
- YouTube interviews of various volunteers and businesses in Dufferin County - recognizing and showcasing
- Youth Cooking Class Youths will have the opportunity to learn basic cooking skills just in time for the holidays.





2022 year in review







Creating a culture of learning

Community initiatives we supported:

- Sikh Heritage Month flag raising
- Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle Three Sisters
 Gardening ceremony learned about the teachings of the
 Three sisters garden. Our youth were able to participate in
 the planting of squash, peas and corn.
- Celebrated Eid al-Adha and the grand opening of the Dufferin Muslim Centre
- Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle Beading Workshop
- Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle Memorial Walk for Residential Schools - Honoring and remembering the children of residential schools, the survivors and those who did not make it home.
- Shelburne Cricket gala
- Dufferin County Cricket Club
- Remembrance day ceremony

2023 Multicultural Event









This year's event will be a 2 day event starting June 23 and ending June 24th.

We have partnered with the MOD once again to host the event.

We have now opened the call for artist

Due date for submission is

Friday April 14, 2023 at 12 pm (noon)

Performers and vendor due date for submission is June 1, 2023









Request

- We are asking for you to be a registered member of the Foundation.
 - A donation of \$300
 - Your logo will be placed on our website with a clickable link to the Town's website.
 - Sponsor of the Multicultural Event
- Our event be listed and shared on your social media, website and event calendar
- Our logo with a clickable to our website be share on your website
- Proclaim June 27th as Multicultural Day
- Raise the Unity In Diversity flag for the month of June