



Intercultural Dialogues



About Us

Formerly the Immigrant Sub-Committee, the Mill Woods Cultural Diversity Collaborative (MWCDC) was formed in 2006. M.A.P.S. Alberta Capital Region facilitated a discussion within the Mill Woods community under the Mapping and beyond initiative, and one of the top-three needs identified was to address immigrant-related issues Mill Woods community members were facing, such as:

- Increasing service providers' knowledge of diversity issues in Mill Woods;
- Strengthening relationships and collaborative efforts of service providers in Mill Woods;
- Enhancing awareness of existing resources and community supports in Mill Woods;
- Increasing accessibility of existing community services and resources in Mill Woods;
- Identifying existing/emerging diversity issues and concerns in Mill Woods;
- Identifying new ways of delivering services to diverse communities in Mill Woods.



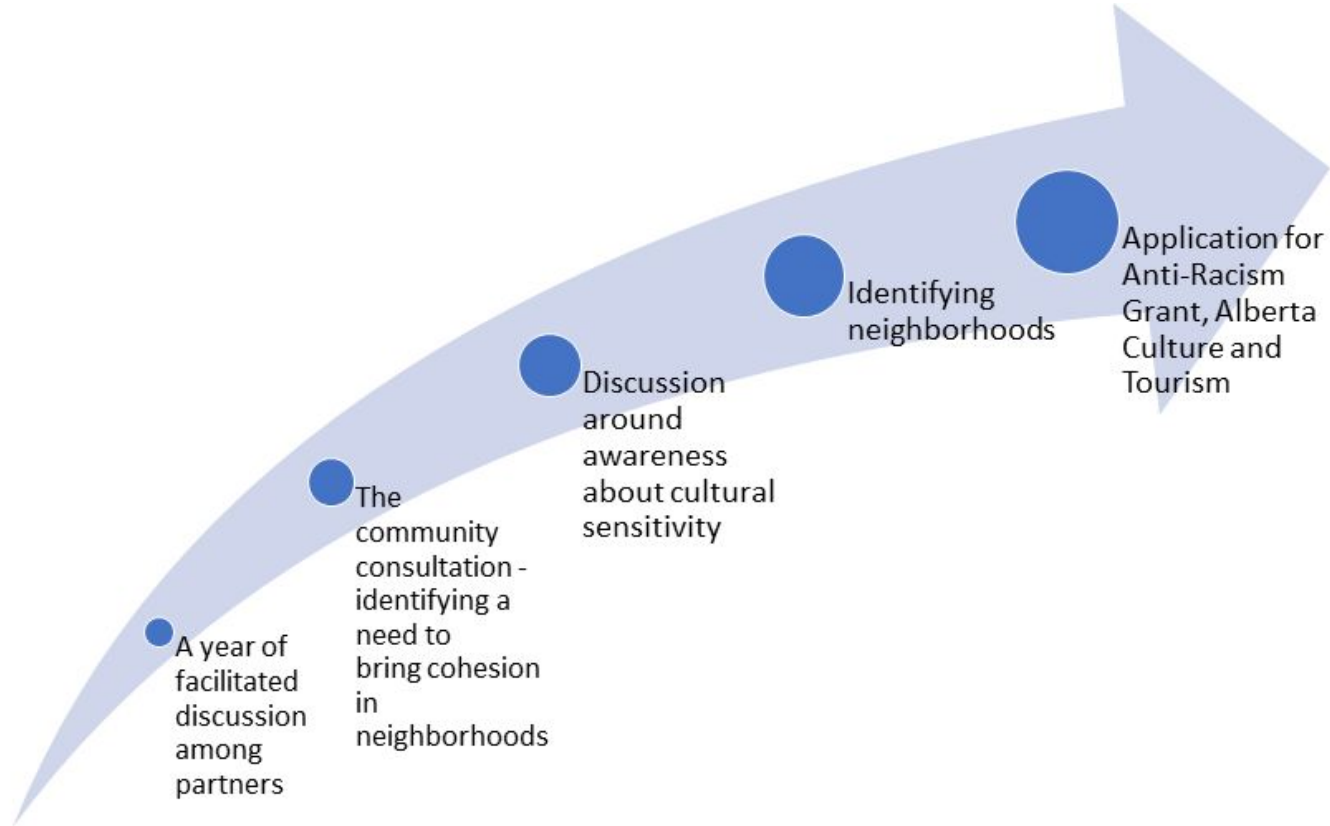
Mill Woods Cultural Diversity Collaborative:

The MWCDC is a multisectoral collaboration group of 30+ service providers, ranging from not-for profits, churches, government bodies and community members.

Members currently involved in the Intercultural Dialogues Task Group:

- Catholic Social Services
- M.A.P.S Alberta Capital Region
- St. Patrick's Anglican Church
- Alberta Health Service
- The Shaama Centre
- Child and Family Services-Region 6
- City of Edmonton (Neighbourhood Empowerment Team, Multicultural Relations and Community Building sections)

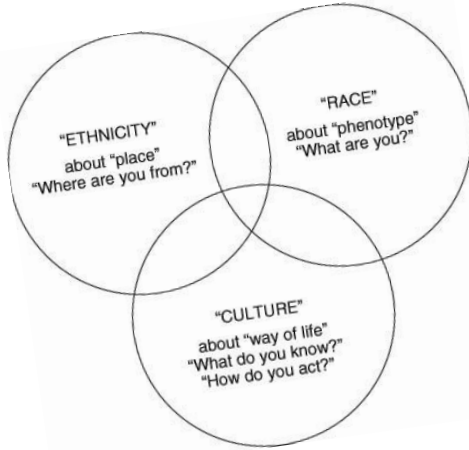
Why Intercultural Dialogues?



Dialogue Participants



November 1, 2018 Dialogue: Leefield Community League



"We need more such conversations. "



"Interesting insights; people need to talk to each other as we have similar needs."

"This really opened my eyes to how much is going on in Mill Woods. It was wonderful to speak to people from other cultures and hear their stories."

Reflections:

- You can come from a different culture, race or ethnic group but still have similar experiences.
- It is important to meet your neighbours.
- It can be difficult to transition to a new country/home.
- Celebrating success is important!

January 31, 2019 Dialogue: The Shaama Centre



"Yes! Break the wall!"



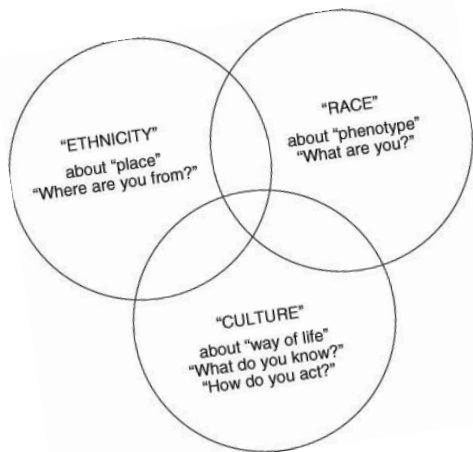
"Opportunity to get together."

"Supper, cultural variety."

Reflections:

- I enjoyed my conversation and it was worth the time.
- Very good intensive!
- I want to share more.
- It was great to get to know other members from the community from across cultures.

May 2, 2019 Dialogue: A. Blair McPherson School



"Lively discussions
on how to grow
connections in our
community."



Reflections:

- Very friendly.
- We have a lot in common even though we are from different cultures.
- All together it was nice to know the others' ideas and views.

"The meal was
fantastic. The
conversation was not
long enough."

"The opportunity to
engage with other
community members."

The Ripple Effect

- Hosting of Neighborhood Block party in the Meadows by some participants of Intercultural Dialogue
- Attended by 100 residents
- 3 more block parties followed after the event
- Greater interest among residents to join community league in the Meadows



On the Lighter Side

- Inviting people by door knocking in -22 temp
- Butter chicken spilling in Nicole's car
- Childminding skills -lots of patience required !!
- Challenging to predict how many people will show up
- Every dialogue had a unique, intense, distinctive flavour



Next Steps

- The committee will support those participants who have expressed interest to host dialogues in their communities.
- The committee will complete the grant report.
- Based on the feedback, the committee looks forward to identify another project to bring the community closer in Mill Woods.



Thank You!

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