

Core Values



Community is our commitment, and we achieve this through our core values:

Empowerment

We strive to incorporate a culture of empowerment into all our programming to encourage pride in personal growth and to inspire creating a larger, and lasting impact in our members' lives.

Community

We believe that growth can't happen alone which is why we aim to create an environment free of judgement, where diversity is embraced and the feeling of being welcome is mandatory.

Respect

We value each person who enters our doors and to treat everyone equally with kindness, empathy, and dignity so they feel they are heard.

Engagement

To create lasting change we believe that each member needs to be engaged in their community and in their efforts to grow in order to truly develop as one.

Donate

Help us to advance, engage, and create opportunities for all.

One Time Donation: Make an immediate impact with a singular donation that can be in your name, the memory of a lost loved one, or anonymously.

Recurring Donation: Have a lasting impact with a recurring donation on a monthly or annual basis.

Volunteering Opportunities:

Join us in supporting others while gaining the personal growth necessary for success. In an effort to support art and newcomers by providing the resources necessary to those individuals and/or families who are in need volunteer- ing benefits not only the community but the volunteers themselves.



With many different options to choose from based on your time, ability, and interests there is something for everyone. We believe volunteering acts as a tool to learn about society and oneself as a collective. We can't wait to work with you.

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Support for Newcomers

Promote Cultural Diversity

Community Development

Volunteer Opportunities

**Youth Empowerment
and More...**

About Us

Canadian Desi Settlement Services (CDSS) is a Canadian Non-for-Profit organization committed to empowering people of all ages and backgrounds. Our focus area is to advance the public appreciation of arts by creating learning opportunities for artists, newcomers, and youth. For the Indo-Canadian community our programs and services will be rounded to engage and enlighten the community through stimulating exhibitions and exciting, transformative experiences which can bring the artists on to the forefront. For newcomers and youth, we strive to create a place for information and referral services as well as programs which can assist them in their settlement in Canada.



Vision

Our vision is to educate, empower and enlighten Indo-Canadian community through culture, arts, heritage and settlement services which can enable them to successfully integrate into the Canadian society.

Mission

Canadian Desi Settlement Services will promote the rich cultures and traditions of its community members while providing a support system to youth and newcomers to settle down in Canada through events and need-based programs.

Mandate

- To advance the public's appreciation of the arts by producing public art exhibitions, presentations, and performance art(s) events, and by providing a forum for qualified artists to exhibit, present, or perform their artistic works through participation in such events.
- To provide referral services to newcomers and youth and train them in leadership, and skills development by organizing programs, camps, and workshops

Community Development Through Arts

At **CDSS** we aim to organize an ongoing set of programs to foster learning through the arts, music, and culture. We are open to all ages and offer variety of programs that enables anyone to expand their views and become connected and engaged. We organize various workshops and camps so that artistic talent is enhanced, and a community building is initiated.

Cultural Performances

Individuals come together and share their talents in various types of dance and other performing arts to foster learning through the exchange of experiences.



Musical Exhibitions

When we enjoy music together, we not only advance the public's appreciation of the music but create community. Through this initiative our aim is to support the artists and talents of the newcomers and youth of Indo-Canadian origin.



Heritage Festivals

Festivals such as Diwali, Holi, Navratri are organized so that the Indo-Canadian community feel like they are at home away from home.



Theatre Productions

Regular shows are presented throughout the year, each with their own style and backgrounds.



Settlement Services For Newcomers

The overall goal for CDSS is the successful integration of newcomers into the community so that they understand life in Canada including laws, rights, responsibilities, how to access community resources, setting them on a path to integration & full citizenship.

To provide newcomers with timely, accurate and relevant information on a broad spectrum of settlement and integration issues they need about Canada and the community in which they intend to settle.

To reach out newcomers in the community through promotion and marketing materials such as flyers, brochures and posters and disseminate our services in the community. To organize group orientation sessions on a broad range of topics such as housing, health, education, employment, credential assessment to expedite the settlement of the newcomers in a planned manner.

Through one-on-one counselling & workshops topics such as workforce integration, Citizenship, school system, etc. information will be provided so that newcomers can make appropriate informed decisions. Through a needs assessment process newcomers short- & long-term goals will be identified along with steps needed to achieve these goals.

