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## **Do One Thing for Diversity & Inclusion 2012 in the City of Whittlesea, Victoria (Australia)**



25 May 2012 -

City of Whittlesea's Community Leadership Network participated in the global "Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion" campaign - a United Nations Alliance of Civilizations initiative in partnership with UNESCO and various partners from corporations to civil society.

To celebrate the occasion, Whittlesea's community leaders shared a story and artifact that expressed their culture, identity and heritage.

The campaign is held on the UN World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (21st of May) and is aimed at engaging people around the world to Do One Thing to support Cultural Diversity and Inclusion. Examples of actions include: visit an art exhibit or a museum dedicated to other cultures, invite a family or people in the neighborhood from another culture or religion to share a meal with you and exchange views on life, rent a movie or read a book from another country or religion than your own, invite people from a different culture to share your customs...

Members of Whittlesea's Leadership Network include peak bodies, various organisations community-based, cultural and faith groups, mental health, education and training, women's groups, sport, meditation..., among others.

Operating under the auspices of the City of Whittlesea and supported by partners; Global Dialogue Foundation, Whittlesea U3A and Broadband Multinet, the network seeks to develop leadership skills and improve communication amongst diverse communities. It aims to foster a strong, inclusive and a mutually-supportive network and raise awareness for the benefits of cultural diversity and inter-community connection.

The Leadership Network is closely aligned with the mission of local Government, which is "to create vibrant self-sustaining communities together". It offers opportunities for community organisations to create new partnerships and through its connection to the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, it also aims to raise the profile and the visibility of innovative policy and practices of local actors on the global scene.

The network was started in October 2010 and presents an important component to strengthening community capacity and supporting members to benefit from and contribute to mainstream society.

All cultural, ethnic, racial and community groups are invited. For more information, please contact:

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The groups monthly meeting dates:

Monday 16 July 6-8pm Fountain View Room  
Monday 20 August 6-8pm Fountain View Room  
Monday 17 September 6-8pm Fountain View Room  
Monday 15 October 6-8pm Conference Room One  
Monday 19 November 6-8pm Conference Room One

The second retreats will be held:

Sunday 9 September 10-4pm Nioka Bush Camp