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Meredith Corporation and IIC Present The 2016 Dialogue Series

Beginning in January, Meredith Corporation is partnering with the Iowa International Center to present our monthly Dialogue series at its headquarters, 1716 Locust Street, in downtown Des Moines. As always, Dialogue programs are free and open to the public. We welcome you to join us as we kick off a new experience in cultural education programs just after the first of the year!

Program Details

All monthly Dialogue programs will take place in Meredith's Conference Core from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring lunch or purchase food from Meredith's cafeteria, located by the Conference Core. **Free parking is available in the on-site parking ramp** at 17th and Locust streets, open for public use from 11:00 a.m.

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to 1:30 p.m. on scheduled program days. Signage will direct people to the meeting space.



The Dialogue series will kick off with Unexpected Exercise: The Physical and Mental Benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong, on Tuesday, January 12, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. The experiential program will cover the history and health benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong, and why both are becoming increasingly popular forms of exercise in Western cultures. Attendees will have the opportunity to try several Qigong exercises, so comfortable and non-restrictive clothing is encouraged.

The Dialogue programs at Meredith will run through June 2016, and will feature the following great programs:

- **Tuesday, January 12**
Unexpected Exercise: The Physical and Mental Benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong
- **Tuesday, February 2**
Coming to Iowa: The Shared Stories and Individual Experiences of Local Refugees
- **Tuesday, March 1**
Unspoken Language: Styles of Communication in Multiple Cultures
- **Tuesday, April 5**
A Taste of Home: Immigrant Restauranters and Their Stories
- **Tuesday, May 3**
The Success Code: STEM Programs for Adolescent Refugees
- **Tuesday, June 7**
What We Believe: Understanding Religious and Cultural Identities

Complete descriptions of the Dialogue series programs can be found [here on the Iowa International Center's web page.](#)

The Iowa International Center is excited to welcome Meredith as our new Dialogue partner. Meredith's Diversity/Inclusion Committee played a key role in developing the upcoming series of Dialogue programs, with the goal of increasing awareness and creating greater appreciation and understanding of all backgrounds and cultures, as well as

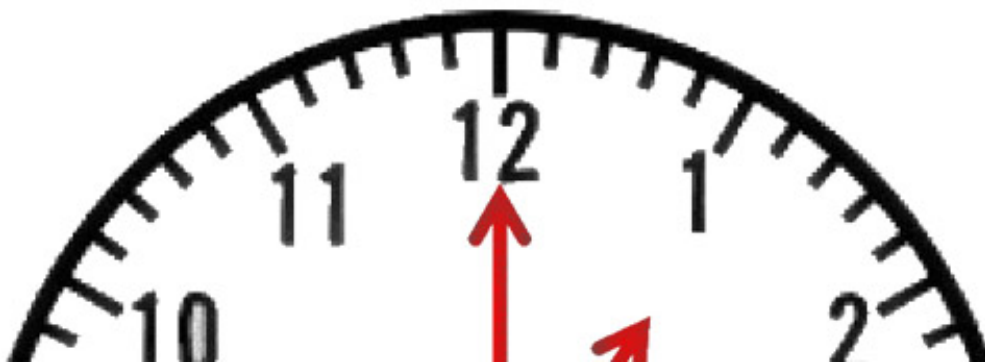
forming a new link to cultural education for employees and the community at large.

Please [click here to read the complete press release](#) about this exciting new partnership. We look forward to seeing you January 12!

Your Gift of Time Made Before Dec. 31 Equals Hope For New Iowans Next Year



Give a "Gift of Time" to support English instruction time for refugees in our community. Your gift doesn't just support an hour of class, it supports a new Iowan's dreams. Visit iowainternationalcenter.org and click "Donate" today.



When refugees and immigrants are given opportunities to learn basic English, their ability to thrive in our community grows. Please take a few moments today to give a "Gift of Time" to support our work in helping our newest neighbors build skills and hope through hours of participation in our Accessible ESL classes around Des Moines.

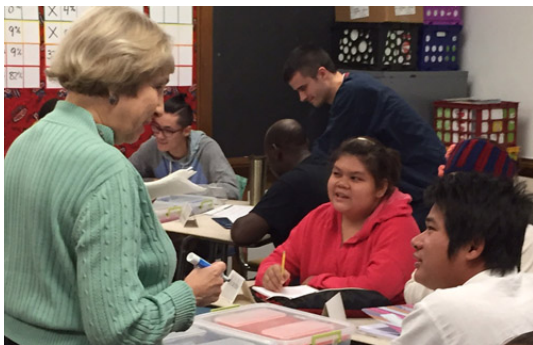
[Please click here](#) to make your tax-deductible gift of time to the Iowa International Center's Ray Resource Initiative to help new Iowans thrive!

Iowa International Center Annual Impact Report



Welcoming the world to Iowa.

As we celebrate the end of a successful year, we want to share just a few of the exciting ways that our work had a meaningful and direct impact in the lives of Iowans.



- New partnership with Des Moines Public Schools will **double Accessible ESL Program impact in 2016**
- **100% increase in statewide usage of our Free 24/7 Emergency Interpretation Hotline**, available in 220 languages
- More than **59,000 page views** by visitors seeking resources on our Welcometolowa.org site, available in 80 languages via Google Translate

- **178 emerging global leaders from 70 countries welcomed** and 166 professional engagements coordinated through our Sehgal Foundation International Visitors Center
- **More than 3,000 appointments scheduled with our network of 150 interpreters in 60 languages**, creating an estimated 7,500 points of bridged communication within central Iowa





- **Five inspiring immigrants and refugees honored** for their contributions to our community at our **Passport to Prosperity** Celebration
- More than **\$360,000 raised** to support the Ray Resource Initiative Campaign and help new lowans thrive
- **Enhanced monthly educational Dialogue programs** in 2016 via new partnership with new host and partner Meredith Corporation

We proudly welcome the world to Iowa with programs and opportunities that build cultural understanding here and around the world, one person at a time.

Thank you for your engagement and support!

Happy Holidays From the Iowa International Center!

This holiday season, we give thanks for our outstanding sponsors, donors, home hospitality hosts, professional hosts, interns, volunteers, ESL teachers, interpreters, translators and Board members who all play an important role in helping us welcome the world to Iowa and build cultural understanding, here and around the world, one person at a time!



Key Dates To Remember

Dec. 24 - 25 - IIC office will be closed for Christmas

Jan. 1, 2016 - IIC office will be closed for New Year's Day

Jan. 12 - IIC Dialogue Program - Noon to 1 p.m. at MEREDITH CORPORATION
Unexpected Exercise: The Physical and Mental Benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong

Feb. 2 - IIC Dialogue Program - Noon to 1 p.m. at MEREDITH CORPORATION
Coming to Iowa: The Shared Stories and Individual Experiences of Local Refugees

Feb. 4 - 10 - IVLP Program welcoming emerging global leaders from France to study TTIP and Agricultural Trade in Iowa

Visit the [Iowa International Center's calendar at www.iowainternationalcenter.org](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org) for upcoming events, holiday observances and cultural events.

Please visit www.iowainternationalcenter.org for organizational news, event listings, program information, interpretation and translation resources, volunteer opportunities and more!

Please visit www.welcometoiowa.org for a complete listing of resources for new Iowans in 80 languages online.

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