



கனடா தமிழீழச் சங்கம் **The Tamil Eelam Society of Canada**

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TESOC's NEW PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

The Tamil Eelam Society of Canada had achieved one more of its goal by launching a new program for the seniors on the 30th of March 2009. Having experience in serving the community for more than three decades the society was very concerned that a program should be in place for the seniors. The reason for the concern was the existence of the seniors was ignored and many are living in social isolation. These grey haired individuals have a lot of experience in life and possess a lot of skills that should be as well as cherished and also be utilized for the well being of the community. The society felt that the skills and experience of these seniors should be imparted to today's youth who are the back bone of a society.

So, the dire need for a program motivated the society to seek funding from various funders and charitable organizations. At last the society gained an opportunity in February 2009 to provide a program for seniors with funding from Service Canada. The duration of the program is one year.

This new program is uniquely designed to bridge the Intergenerational Gap. The main goal of the program is to incorporate the youth to work with the seniors by organizing workshops and forums that will help the youth not only to gain knowledge and experience but also to build a strong relationship with the seniors which will reduce the intergenerational gap. Seniors will also have the opportunity to come out and mingle with the youth that will help to alleviate their isolation.

The program will run once a week on Mondays from 10:00 am – 12:30 p.m. The attendance on the inauguration day was very encouraging. The photographs show some of the participants who were present on the inauguration day. Though the program is in its infant stage lots of activities are being planned for the program. There is no fee for participating in the program. Any senior who has any issues to be resolved will have an opportunity to speak with the program coordinator on 1:1 basis. All discussions will be confidential. Any senior or youth who is interested to attend the program can call 416 – 757 – 6043 for more information.

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