

# TALK

Third Age Learning at Kwantlen



Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (TALK) in partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University has a long commitment to learners over the age of 50 and allows them to explore a diverse offering of programs and stay connected with other lifelong learners.

*Celebrating 25 Years of Lifelong Learning with creative and stimulating educational activities for adults over 50*

## Happy Thanksgiving & Spooky Halloween



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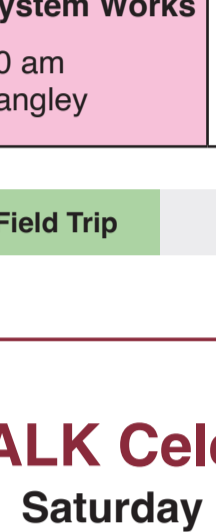
**FALL 2024**

Courses start **September 24**

[kpu.ca/talk](http://kpu.ca/talk)



➤ Online, on-campus and off-site courses



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### TALK's Courses in October

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 <b>CANCELLED</b>	2 <b>Royal Tours of Canada</b> 1 pm Langley	3 <b>Philosophers' Corner</b> 10:30 am Richmond
7 <b>Field Trip: Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest Park</b> 10 am	8 <b>West Meets East: Japan's Influence</b> 1 pm Surrey	9 <b>Understanding Totems</b> 10 am Zoom	10 <b>Philosophers' Corner</b> 11:30 am Surrey	11 <b>Armchair Travel: African Perspectives</b> 10 am Richmond
14 <i>Thanksgiving: Campuses closed</i>	15 <b>Field Trip: Fort Langley</b> 10 am	16 <b>Supporting Our Salmon</b> 10 am Surrey	17	18
21	22	23 <b>Partnering for Ecology (week 1)</b> 10 am Zoom	24 <b>Philosophers' Corner</b> 11:30 am Langley	25 <b>Challenges to the Future of Democracy in Canada</b> 10 am Zoom
28 <b>How the BC Health System Works</b> 10 am Langley	29	30 <b>Partnering for Ecology (week 2)</b> 10 am Zoom	31	

Field Trip Online Richmond Surrey Langley Cloverdale

### TALK Celebrated its 25th Anniversary

Saturday September 28, 2024  
KPU Surrey campus

➤ By Jean Garnett

The celebration was attended by almost 60 people, including some original and some brand-new members, a few of our favourite consistently faithful presenters (Greg Chan, Linda Quigley, Peter Robbins) and KPU administrators (KPU VP External Affairs Randall Heidt, KPU ACP Associate Dean Mitra Gorjipour) and staff (ACP admin assistant responsible for TALK, Sharon Ridley).

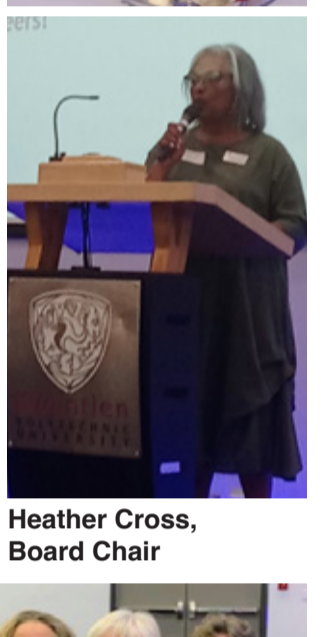
Participants enjoyed a delicious and colourful buffet lunch; a presentation by TALK founder Joanne Cunningham on how the organization got started; a video of photos of previous volunteers, presenters and events; and lots of animated conversation with other attendees. They took home a special TALK bag which contained a history of TALK and other goodies.

TALK is very grateful to the University Diversity and Equity Committee for a grant to fund this event and to KPU VP External Affairs Randall Heidt for his support.

The video shown at the 25th will be available on our website shortly, along with a History of TALK.



Joanne Cunningham, Founder of TALK

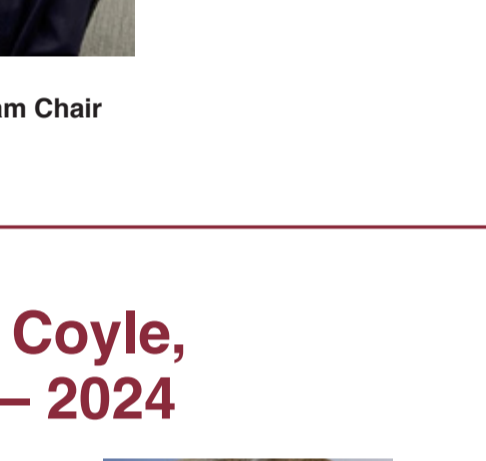
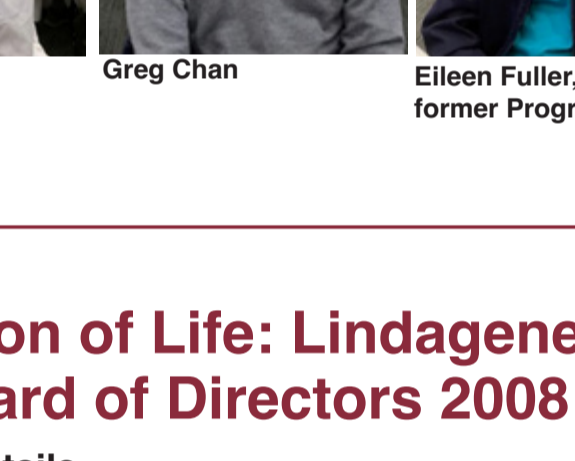


Jean Garnett, Program Chair, and Randall Heidt, KPU VP External Affairs

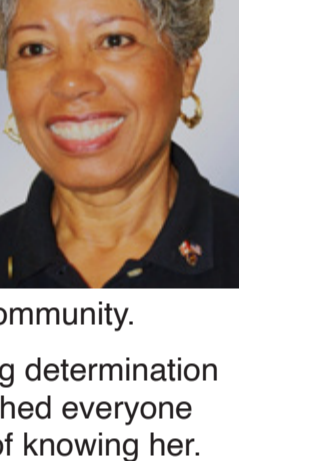
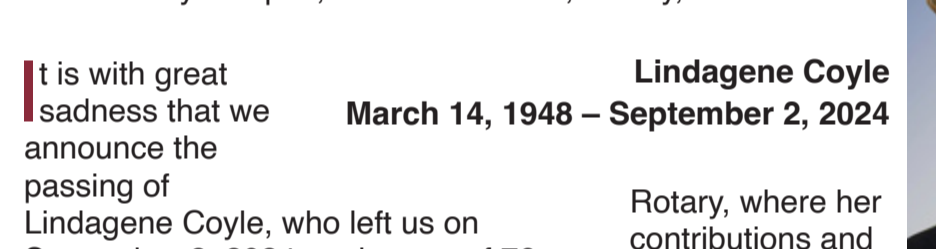


Heather Cross, Board Chair

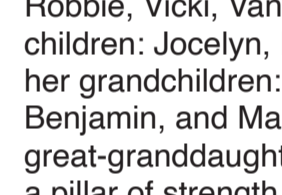
Thank you to KPU's Grass Roots for creating a wonderful lunch with lots of variety



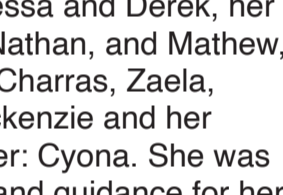
Joanne and her daughters



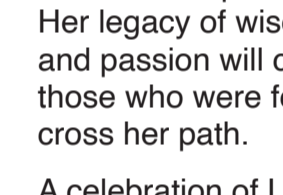
Sharon Ridley, ACP Administrative Assistant and Jean Garnett



Linda Quigley



Greg Chan



Eileen Fuller, former Program Chair

### Celebration of Life: Lindagene Coyle, TALK Board of Directors 2008 – 2024

Service Details  
Friday, October 4, 2024 at 1:00 pm  
KPU Surrey campus, 12666 72nd Ave, Surrey, BC

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lindagene Coyle, who left us on September 2, 2024, at the age of 76. Born on March 14, 1948, Lindagene lived a life marked by dedication, passion, and inspiration.

Lindagene is survived by her siblings: Robbie, Vicki, Vanessa and Derek, her children: Jocelyn, Nathan, and Mathew, her grandchildren: Charras, Zaela, Benjamin, and Mackenzie and her great-granddaughter: Cyona. She was a pillar of strength and guidance for her family, and her love and support will be deeply missed.

A remarkable career at Kwantlen Polytechnic University was a testament to Lindagene's commitment to education and her drive to make a difference in the lives of others. Her influence extended beyond her professional life through her many years of volunteer work with

**Lindagene Coyle**  
March 14, 1948 – September 2, 2024

Rotary, where her contributions and leadership left a lasting impact on the community.

Lindagene's unwavering determination and inspiring spirit touched everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her legacy of wisdom, dedication, and passion will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to cross her path.

A celebration of Lindagene's life will be held at 1pm on Friday October 4, 2024, at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 12666 72nd Ave, Surrey, BC. All who knew her are invited to join in honoring her remarkable life and the profound impact she made on those around her.

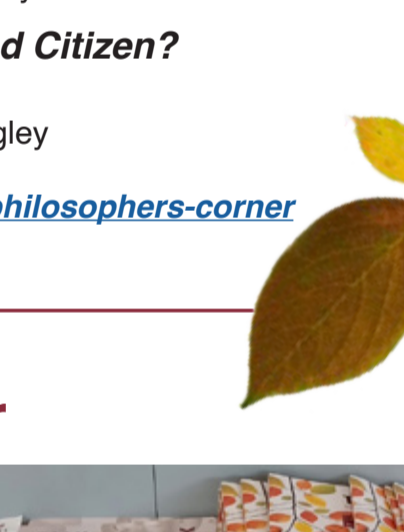
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Rotary or Polar Bear International, in Lindagene's memory.



### Philosophers' Corners in October

- From Democracy to Tyranny: can it happen?**  
➤ October 3 at 10:30 am  
Wisteria Place, 4388 Garry Street, Richmond
- Wokeism and Free Speech**  
➤ October 10 at 11:30 am  
Crescent Gardens, 1222 King George Boulevard, Surrey
- How Do We Define What it Means to be a Good Citizen?**  
➤ October 24 at 11:30 am  
City of Langley Library, 20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley

For more information, please visit: [www.kpu.ca/talk/philosophers-corner](http://www.kpu.ca/talk/philosophers-corner)



### Report on Philosophers' Corner

September 26, 2024  
City of Langley Library

➤ By Heather Cross

Today at 11:30 am, we resumed Philosophers' Corner in Langley after the summer break. Topic for this session: *Is our immigration and refugee system effective?*

The regulars who came out were quite excited to be present! There were NINE in attendance with the guest speaker and myself, a total of 11.

Guest speaker: Ana Marie Panczel, Program Coordinator at Langley Local Immigration Partnership.

LLIP is one of 86 partners in Canada which gets funding from Refugee and Citizenship Canada.

Their mission is to develop and implement plans to improve immigrant and refugee settlement, with integration into Langley and into the diverse mosaic of Canada.

Ana Marie presented statistics of immigration numbers to Canada and BC between 2016- 2021. She explained many topics and information, she mentioned the different types of immigrants: i.e. economic immigrants, principal

**"...as we move forward, the people who come to Canada will continue to be at the heart of our work, whether they wish to work, study or call this place their home."**  
— Honorable Minister Marc Miller

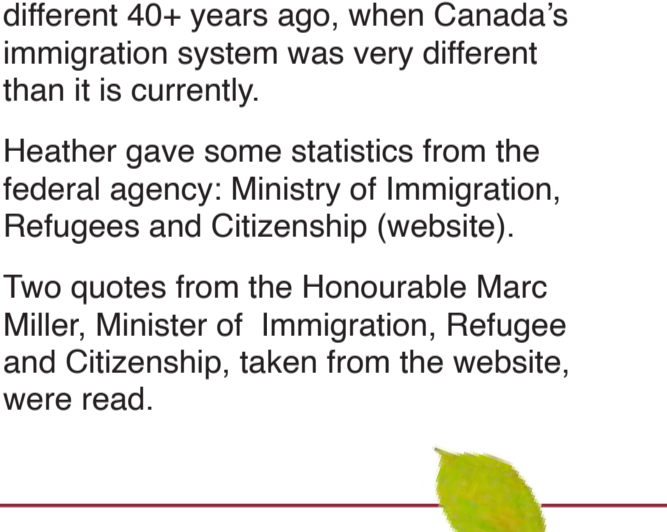
applicants, secondary applicants, sponsored immigrants, refugees, other immigrants.

Also giving a personal perspective as an immigrant, was a regular attendee to the Philosophers' Corner.

He spoke about how his experience was so different 40+ years ago, was Canada's immigration system was very different than it is currently.

Heather gave some statistics from the federal agency: Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (website).

Two quotes from the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship, taken from the website, were read.



### Volunteers Needed

Interested in becoming a TALK Volunteer?

- Here are some of the volunteer opportunities TALK has to offer
- Become a Course Facilitator
- Join the Board and/or the Program Committee and/or the Marketing Committee
- Become a Presenter

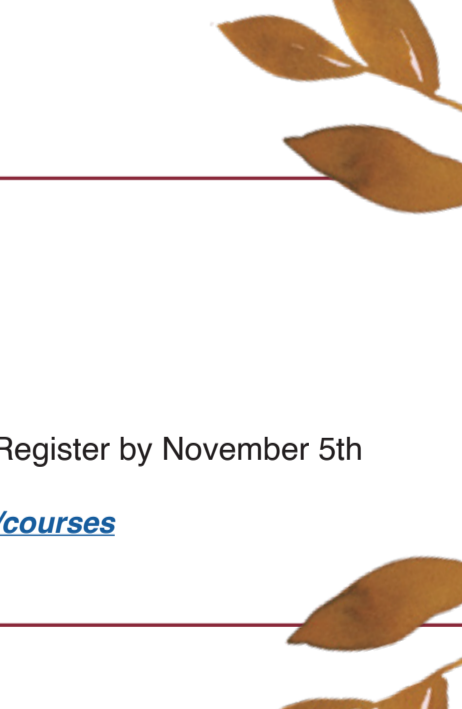
For information, please visit: [www.kpu.ca/talk/volunteer](http://www.kpu.ca/talk/volunteer)

### Lifespan Cognition Lab

KPU's Lifespan Cognition Lab is currently recruiting participants for an online research study.

For more information, please visit: [www.lifespancognition.com](http://www.lifespancognition.com)

<b>WHAT?</b>	A paid multi-year research study. Payment starts at \$20 CAD and increases by \$5 each time you return.
<b>WHY?</b>	To understand how thinking develops across the lifespan.
<b>WHO?</b>	People between the ages of 10-15, 18-23, 40-45, and 65-70.
<b>WHEN?</b>	Right now! You will also be asked to return in following years.
<b>WHERE?</b>	It is completely online.
<b>HOW?</b>	To see if you are eligible, visit <a href="http://lifespancognition.com/participate">lifespancognition.com/participate</a>



### Upcoming TALK Events

**TALK's AGM**  
Featuring Top Scams Targeting Seniors.

➤ November 8 at 10am at Richmond campus • Register by November 5th

For more information, please visit: [www.kpu.ca/talk/courses](http://www.kpu.ca/talk/courses)

### Upcoming KPU Events

**KPU Open House**

➤ October 5 at 11 am to 2 pm at the Surrey campus

For registration information, please visit: <https://www.kpu.ca/openhouse>

### Resource Numbers You Might Not Know

Telephone "short codes", provide callers quick and simple access to other special assistance that may be needed.

In addition to 911, there are SEVEN other special short-code numbers.

- 211—Social services and information for Seniors
- 311—Non-Emergency Reporting
- 411—Telephone Directory assistance [www.ability411.ca](http://www.ability411.ca)
- 511—Transportation & Traveller information
- 611—Telephone Repair
- 711—Health Link BC for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired
- 811—Health Link BC Main Line
- 911—Emergency Services (police, fire, ambulance)

### Seniors Events of Interest

**BC Culture Days**

➤ September 20 – October 13  
<https://culturaldays.ca/en/events>

Albion Community Centre  
<https://www.seniors-network.ca/events>

**Historic Stewart Farm – Classic Book Club: Short Stories and Tall Tales**

➤ October 17, November 21  
<https://culturaldays.ca/en/events>

**As We Age Seniors Showcase**

➤ October 17 at 1pm  
Bonsor Banquet Hall, 6550 Bonsor Avenue Burnaby  
[Link for more information](#)

**As We Age Seniors Showcase**

➤ October 24 at 1pm  
2150 Wilson Avenue, Port Coquitlam  
[Link for more information](#)

**For the Health of It**

➤ October 26 at 9am – 1pm  
White Rock Community Centre, 15154 Russell Avenue, White Rock  
Register by email: [semi.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:semi.seniors@gmail.com) or phone: 778.725.0711

**2024 Provincial Summit on Aging**

➤ November 5–7  
Online & in-person @ Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond  
[Link for more information and ticket prices](#)

**Council of Senior Citizens' Organization (COSCO) Events**  
<https://coscobbc.org/events/>

**Road Scholar Institute Network**  
Explore Learning Adventures Across the Globe  
<https://www.road scholar.org/>

### October Holiday

October 14th: Thanksgiving Day

