**Minority Ethno-Cultural Seniors Group (MECS) Information**

MECS represents a number of ethno-cultural senior grassroots groups in Ottawa. These groups provide a wide range of recreational, social and educational opportunities and activities and are looking for seniors to join them.

Listed below are the group names and their contact information. If you would like to join these groups please call them directly to explore more of what they offer:

**AECS /ECSA Excelsior Cultural and Spiritual Association**

**Languages: French and English**

Contact Information: Marlene Casimir

Phone: 613-816-7277

Email address: marlenecasimir@msn.com

**Cambodian Association of Ottawa-Valley**

**Languages: Cambodian**

Contact Information: Vuthy Lay

Phone: 613-889-6508

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**Canada Nepal Solidarity For Peace (CNSP)**

**Languages: Nepalese and English**

Contact Information: Tara Upreti

Phone:  819-318-0655

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**Caribbean Ethno-cultural Seniors of Ottawa**

**Languages: Various Languages**

Contact Information: Judy Madhosingh

Phone:  613-721-0424

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**Club Casa de los Abuelos**

**Languages: Spanish and English**

Contact Information: Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama

Phone: 613-739-1273

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**Daryeel: A Youth and Seniors Serving Centre**

**Languages: Somali, Arabic and English**

Contact Information: Ruweida Shire

Phone: 613-218-8353

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**Deshantari of Ottawa Carleton**

**Languages – Bengali and English**

Contact Information: Prabir Neogi

Phone: 613-746-2329

Email address: pkn.prabirneogi@gmail.com

**Ethiopian Community Association Ottawa**

**Languages: Ethiopian**

Contact Information: Mr. Abebe Mengistu – Tilaye T. Demissie

Phone: 613-600-5591 – 613-700-5532

Email address: abebe mengistu70@gmail.com - tilayetes@yahoo.com

**Family Support and Care Services Centre**

**Languages: Mandarin, Cantonese and English**

Contact Information: Wendy Tang

Phone Number: Office: 613 800 0797 - Cell: 613 407 2385

Email address: Wtang.fsc@gmail.com

**Indo-Canadian Community Center (ICCC)**

**Languages: caters to seniors speaking languages from different parts of India**

Contact Information: Anil Sukhija and Dr. Indu Gambhir

Phone: 613-791-7593 - 613 565 1653

Email address: anilsukhija@gmail.com - indu.iam@gmail.com

**Indo-Canadian Seniors Association, Barrhaven, Ottawa**

**Languages: Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu**

**Contact Information:** Dr. Amardeep Singh Joshi and Atma Singh Gill

Ph. 613-823-1505 – 343-999-9242

drasjoshij@yahoo.com - dgill9892@gmail.com

**Kanata Chinese Seniors Support Center**

**Languages: Mandarin and Cantonese**

Contact Information: Wen Jean Ho, Hai Bao Sun and Clare Wang

Phone: 613-440-3788 - 613-761-8873.

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**National Capital Region Bulgarian Community**

**Languages: Bulgarian and English**

Contact Information: Stela Kostova Tofer

Phone: 613-299-0455

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­­­­­­­­­­**Nord-Sud Développement Racines et Cultures (Birds of Paradise Seniors Group)**

**Languages: French, English, Lingala, Creole, Swahili and others**

**Contact Information:** Séverin Jr César Ndéma-Moussa

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president@rootsandculturecanada.com

**Ottawa Korean Evergreen (Senior) Society**

**Languages: Korean and English**

Contact Information: Ms. Katherine Uhm

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**Ottawa Seventh-day Adventist Church**

**Languages: English and various other languages**

Contact Information: Janice Anderson and Linette Pryce

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**Ottawa Valley Filipino Canadian Senior Citizens Association**

**Languages: Tagalog and other dialects**

Contact Information: Amelia Gomez - Esperanza Olympia-Cann

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**Polish Canadian Women's Federation**

**Languages: Polish and English**

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**Regroupement Affaires Femmes**

**Languages: French**

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**Rwanda Social Services and Family Counseling (RSSFC)**

**Languages: various languages**Contact Information: Odette Uwambaye

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**Sikh Community Services Ottawa**

**Languages: Punjabi and English**

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Email address: jeet.sodhi@rogers.com - sanjogtabhandari@gmail.com -

**Sri Lankan Canada Association of Ottawa (SLCAO Seniors Group)**

**Languages: Singhalese and English**

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**Strathcona Heights Women’s Group (Guri Aman Somali Association)**

**Langauges: Somali**

Contact Information: Johara Aden

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**South Nepean Muslim Centre (SNMC)**

**Languages: Hindi, Urdu, Arabic and Punjabi**

Contact Information: Zeba Taj

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**Vietnamese Canadian Community of Ottawa**

**Language: Vietnamese**

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