CommunityCation
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The Pitch.

Our community development project that we have created is called CommunityCation. CommunityCation is a language driven project focusing on both the community and communicating. It's people in the community helping other people in the community.
The Pitch

Everyone communicates differently, whether it's a different language or if you struggle to string an essay together. We want everyone to be able to share their strengths with the people who would benefit from it the most. When you walk through the door into CommunityCation, you can be both a learner or a teacher.
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The volunteers for the classroom setting to help with this project would be teachers in training that require hours going towards their profession. High school students who require volunteer hours to graduate can also come help in a subject that is best suited to them.
If you want to learn a language, CommunityCation will connect you with people that speak and can help you learn the language you desire.

If one person knows Spanish and one person knows German and both are looking to learn the other language; These people get paired together and tutor each other in an out of classroom setting. Having a coffee or a meal together, teaching each other and ideally making new friend that they would have no other way of meeting.
Everyone struggles with language at some point in their life and we want to make sure that we are there to help them when they need it most.
Anyone who walks in the door can be a learner or a teacher

We have set class times OR you can set up a meeting for one on one learning

Our set class times or individual learning sessions are always held at the Public Library in Belleville, Ontario.
Equipment

What we need to make this happen!
Equipment

Books will be a necessity.

- We will need books such as dictionaries, thesauruses, language books and books on approaches to teaching skills.
- The books that we need will be available through the public library.
Equipment

Laptops and tablets: These will give us access to language assistance, free online translation services, communication aids and teaching aids and many other sources such as:

- Augmentative and alternative communication products.

Google drive: for creating documents that are instantly saved, online, for presentations, written assignments and charts for assignments and other means.
For classroom settings these items will be provided if needed:

- Notebooks
- Pens
- Pencils
- Whiteout

People who access our service will be encouraged to bring their own equipment, but will be welcomed and provided with equipment if needed.
The Contact Board

Access us through facebook at our Belleville Communitycation Facebook page. If any translations are needed for your post, we can do so through online services.

Show up in person at our designated times at the Public Library.

Hashtag: #BellevilleCommunityCation

And we can set up language sessions with a peer or volunteer to learn or teach.

Call our designated phone number

Skype us: This is useful for people who communicate using sign language.

Email us at Bellevillecommunitycation@outlook.com
We also have access to many toll-free over-the-phone translators such as:

- **Speak Easy Telephone Interpreting:**
  - Free, 24/7

- **CyraCom:**
  - Available in app form, 200 different languages, free.

All are confidential.
Facebook

: Hey I need help with my **history** essay on the **Canadian Confederation**, can someone **help**?!

: **Yes**, I can help you! **I'm great at history** and I am in need of **volunteer hours**. Will you be able to **write feedback** on my teaching skills? I need this for my College course.

We will need Facebook and other social media sources as necessary items in order for CommunityCation to function.
Inclusion
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Community Cation is available to everyone, it promotes inclusion because no one is segregated or excluded. This project can be for people who are in any of the devalued groups, such as, people with disabilities, the elderly, and people in poverty.
Inclusion

It is also available for typically valued people.

This will foster inclusion of devalued people, physically, because it is accessible, with elevators, the push buttons on the doors, the larger washrooms, and they do have a computer, for people with disabilities to use. Community Cation will also have a volunteer DSW available to assist anyone, needing help.
Inclusion

Socially, because the Belleville public library has a website that talks. A program called Browsealoud, is a world-leading digital inclusion software, making the content more accessible with reading and translation support.

Community Cation will help people socially, by giving them the skills of speaking another language or learning sign language. Which will allow them to interact with more people, which will foster inclusion. Community Cation will also help people with communication barriers, by offering the service of teaching sign language, braille, and helping with essays as well.
Inclusion

This would take place in a valued setting, doing valued activities, with valued people at a space in the library. To rent a room at the Belleville public library, Non-profit groups – only have to pay 50% of the room rate. So Community Cation would only have to pay 50% of the room rate. Any other groups of people or commercial groups have to pay 100%.
Inclusion

There will be a social media page, where the hours that the program are running and what is being offered are posted. That way someone could go on and sign up for French for example, then be matched with someone who will teach it, in exchange for learning the language that person knows.
Resources
Currently there is a Children's, Youth & Readers' Service at the library, this group can be incorporated for the children of the parents that are looking to learn another language.

Resources- Facebook group, room in the Belleville public library, starting with once a week and adding more days as the groups number grow.
Use of computers for people that don’t have laptops, cell phones or tablets. The Library has an adequate number of computers for use for the first few months of the program. O.L.C.P. Canada also helps give aboriginal students laptops and tablets.
The first few weeks, we would have a gofundme campaign, and only have social media as a connection for people that are able to tutor each other in a language in a one on one setting.

We would set up a campaign through United way that would have people get a tax deductible charity write-off for donating laptops and tablets that also includes pencils, pens and notebooks.