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Celebrating Our Common Ground at the Inaugural Cultural Symposium on October 8, 2025

Bruce County, Ontario: Join us for the first ever Cultural Symposium, on Wednesday, October 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chesley Community Centre. We're dedicating the day to celebrating and strengthening our local arts, heritage and community connections.

The theme of the Cultural Symposium is *Common Ground: Connecting Through Culture in Bruce County*. The event will offer a unique opportunity for artists, cultural organizations, community members and leaders to come together, share ideas, and explore ways to enrich Bruce County's vibrant cultural landscape.

Agenda

- Keynote speaker, Heather Keam, will give a presentation on the culture of volunteerism and the essential contributions of volunteers in sustaining and growing initiatives in rural communities.
- Hear from local leaders, engage in a facilitated networking session and enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by [Bruud Coffee Bar](#).
- Local artist and community collaborator, Heather Travis, will lead a networking session, providing hands-on support to help expand your personal network and build meaningful connections.
- Local youth will facilitate small group discussions about culture and community.

"The Cultural Symposium is a powerful gathering of voices, ideas, and creative energy. Through dialogue and collaboration, we're strengthening the role of arts and culture in the social and economic fabric of our communities," says Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services.

Tickets

Tickets for the cultural symposium are available online through [Eventbrite](#) for \$25 per person. Purchase your tickets before September 24 to secure your spot today.

Learn more at www.brucecounty.on.ca/culture.

About Bruce County:

Bruce County is an upper-tier municipality in Southwestern Ontario, Canada made up of eight lower-tier municipalities and 77,221 residents. Bruce County is located within the traditional territory of the Saugeen Anishnaabek and holds a government-to-government relationship with the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Saugeen First Nation, together as Saugeen Ojibway Nation. The explorers who visit, live, and work here are the dreamers who take roads less travelled and see tried and true as an invitation to try something new. Be an Explorer and call Bruce County home.

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