

# CHATHAM-KENT: A Welcoming Community!

## 10 Tips to Building an Inclusive Community

1. Think of no one as “them”. (Levine Melinda, 2002)
2. Shared words sometimes does not equal shared meanings—when in doubt, politely ask for clarification.
3. Be open to sharing stories about each other’s experiences and cultures.
4. Respect that some cultures have a different sense of time and traditions.
5. Write a welcome and inclusion statement for your business, school, community group, organization or place of worship.
6. Exchange simple phrases such as ‘hello’ and ‘goodbye’ in each other’s native language.
7. Be respectful of one another’s religion and holidays when creating a meal, planning an event, a workplace meeting or workshop.
8. Be mindful of each other’s non-verbal communication and physical cues.
9. Invite your new neighbours over to dinner or to a community event.
10. Always act respectfully and be understanding of each other’s differences to build an inclusive community.



*A special thank you to every one that helps to make Chatham-Kent a welcoming community!*

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