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Community, Opportunity “Talk Time” Sessions Hosted by CWI’ English as a Second Language (ESL)

Special Session in Partnership with Intercambio Offers an Evening of Stories, Poetry and Music

Who:

The College of Western Idaho’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program and Intercambio, a non-profit focused on increasing immigrant opportunities through language education, cultural exchange and friendship through community social events, have teamed together to host a special celebration for those wishing to practice their English language skills. This special cultural celebration is an extension of ESL’s “Talk Time” program where twice a week participants join volunteer facilitators in discussions to practice oral English and listening skills in a relaxing, non-threatening atmosphere. The celebration will kick off with an international potluck dinner, followed by storytelling, poetry and music from around the world! Attendees include ESL students and community volunteers who participate in CWI’s and Intercambio’s ESL programs.

When and Where:

Friday, December 11

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – International Potluck Dinner

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Storytelling and Poetry from Around the World

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Music and Conversation

CWI Oak Park Center

2323 South Vista Avenue, 2nd Floor

Boise, ID 83705

Why:

More than 750 students representing at least 30 languages are enrolled in the College of Western Idaho’s ESL program, emphasizing the significant number of immigrants and refugees who rely on CWI and Intercambio for critical education and community resource needs. Talk Time offers a unique view of these diverse backgrounds and ethnicities within our community and their distinct stories. Volunteers are critical to these programs, and upcoming opportunities are available for those wishing to donate their time for an amazing cause.

About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is the gateway to a comprehensive range of education and training opportunities for the communities it serves across Southwestern Idaho. CWI is a community asset that enhances accessibility to higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition, enabling its students and the broader community to achieve more. The foundation for Southwestern Idaho’s only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3500.

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