
University events promote work by diaspora communities

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Development work by diaspora communities in Metro Vancouver that have retained close ties to their countries of origin will be highlighted through a series of public events organized by Simon Fraser University.

The intent is to bring diaspora communities together to share ideas -- whether they're about building schools in Pakistan or supporting peace in Darfur -- and raise awareness generally about individuals who have made Metro their home but use their knowledge of other countries and cultures to promote social, economic and ecological development abroad.

"It's really quite incredible," Joanna Ashworth, the project's co-director, said about their work, much of which goes unnoticed by the public.

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