

# **Culture Connection AZ**

## **Mission Statement and Vision**

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Dedicated to providing community-led programs, events, and projects to foster awareness and understanding of cultures and the humanities in order to create a more informed, compassionate, and interconnected community.

### **Our Vision**

To create a more compassionate and interconnected community in which all members are respected and valued, through programs which facilitate reflection, critical analysis, and appreciation of different cultures and the humanities, and are accessible to all.

And to accomplish this vision through the following actions and initiatives:

Facilitate conversations through connecting people, both locally and globally, in order to break down stereotypes and miss held beliefs about other cultures and peoples.

Lift up and amplify voices that historically have been silenced so that we might hear their important messages, in order to foster a community based on equality, respect, and compassion for all peoples.

Address the isolation that many international community members experience while living in Northern Arizona.

Provide opportunities, resources, and space for independent scholars, educators, creators, and researchers, particularly in the humanities, to continue the important work they do outside of traditional systems, such as institutions of higher education, as opportunities at these institutions diminish.

Advocate for and collaborate with other nonprofits and community organizations, and facilitate connections amongst different organizations, businesses, and individual community members.

**connection → conversation → compassion → community**