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Rechazo total a la ley de Arizona



El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, se lamentó de que se "criminalice" de esa forma a la migración en un país "que fue levantado por migrantes". En la imagen, un grupo de personas se protestan contra la frente al Capitolio estatal en Phoenix, Arizona. EFE

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Diversity at Work: Putting Down Canadians?

Ethnocentrism can occur when you believe that your culture and beliefs are superior to others and as a result you tend to view everything from your own cultural perspective. I believe that sometimes this comes as a result of the frustration and homesickness and unmet dreams.

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Tacos del Mar -great Mexican food in a flash!

There I was and I followed the familiar fast-food formula: Step up to the counter, place your order, direct an employee to assemble your chosen ingredients, and then hand over your pesos. And before me, it was the biggest burrito in London ...

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Streamlining Canada's refugee determination process

Jason Kenney, Canada's Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, yesterday introduced long overdue reforms to the refugee determination process in Canada (Bill C-11).

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Manchester United Supporters Club in London launch own branch and website

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While Canada boasts to be a hockey nation, the world's game, football (or soccer as they call it in North America) is gaining in popularity. Evidence can be found in London (Ontario), where a group of Manchester United supporters have banded together to form an official branch of the "Manchester United Supporters Club of Canada". London is the first city in Ontario to be given official branch status and second in all of Canada. From two guys sitting and chatting about the United in June of 2009, to a dozen people watching, to official branch status, a website and now over 40 members, the club has evolved and shows no signs of slowing down.

Manchester United is a football club in the English Premier League (EPL), the most watched domestic league in the world. According to Forbes Magazine, Manchester United tops all sports franchises in the world although fans from Real Madrid might argue those statistics. United has a storied history and is one of the most decorated clubs in the world winning 16 League titles, 11 FA Cups, 4 League Cups, 16 FA Charity/Community Shield titles, 3 UEFA Champions League trophies and also the 1991 European Supercup and the 1999 Intercontinental Cup. For the last 24 years, the club has been managed by Sir Ferguson, the most successful club manager in the world. The club also has been home to some of the world's best players including David Beckham, Sir Bobby Charlton, George Best, Roy Keane, Eric Cantona, Ryan Giggs, Wayne Rooney and 2008-2009 Ballon d'Or and FIFA World Player of the Year winner, Cristiano Ronaldo.

Now, London (Ontario) has an official branch of Manchester United Supporters. The idea for the club came from Derek Collins-Newman who moved to London in 2009 from Sudbury, Ontario. A long-time United supporter, Derek was in a new town looking for a place to watch the games. He went from pub-to-pub, trying to find other supporters but no one location seemed to have more than 5-7 fans per game although he saw tons of United jerseys on individuals all over the London area. At the 2008-2009 Champions League final, Derek noticed a very passionate United fan named Dan Berriman at a local pub called "The Scot's Corner". Derek decided to approach Dan to help create a supporters club. Derek was aware and had been to the Canadian Supporters Club in Toronto, a venue Derek described as "electric", filled with over 50 passionate United fans every game. As Derek described the Canadian club to Dan, ideas started to form. Dan first secured "The Scot's Corner" as their headquarters and, after talking to the Canadian Club about protocol, he was able to gather enough members to become an official branch. The Canadian club came to London on Halloween of 2009



Manchester United soccer fans in the London area, their headquarters is at the Scot's Corner in downtown London, Ontario. They are the first Ontario city (and third overall in Canada) to achieve official branch status. -Photo courtesy by Derek Collins.

to officially launch the club as an official branch. It was quite the party with over 40 members coming from Toronto carrying their banners and flags. Now, the London club has their own website (www.redtilldead.com) and promotional material which they are bringing out to the London area to find more supporters.

"The crowd experience really enhances the game. I would eventually like to see between 50-75 people at each game, singing songs and enjoying the game." - Derek Collins-Newman

With the club gaining members every day, what does the future hold? "This summer, we'd like to have some fun pick-up soccer games," Derek says, either against the Toronto club or London fans of other Premier League teams such as Tottenham, Chelsea or especially Liverpool.

For now, fans of Manchester United can watch Premier League or Champion League games at The Scot's

Corner. Derek encourages members to bring their United scarves, shirts or flags and join in the fun. There is no cost to join the club, just an opportunity to watch the world's greatest sports franchise playing the beautiful game.

"There is just so much more energy when you get together with other fans. We also have a good variety of older and younger members, many who are very knowledgeable on the game of soccer and who have watched games at Old Trafford (the home pitch of Manchester United) and throughout Europe."

If you want to know more: The Manchester United Supporters Club of Canada— London Branch meets at The Scot's Corner, 268 Dundas Street. The club's website is www.redtilldead.com. Once again, there is no cost to come and see the games.

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