

# Hello! West Hartford™

Was established to embrace the diverse cultures in our town. With over 80 languages spoken in our schools, a way to bridge cultures was essential. It was decided that the simplest way would be a town-wide “Hello!” and **Hello! West Hartford** was born.

## Belief Statement

We believe that:

- ◆ Culture in our community is enriching
- ◆ Authentic cultural experiences are essential
- ◆ Language and cultural barriers are broken down through mutual understanding

## Mission

As a non-profit multicultural organization we:

- ◆ Connect our community through culture and language
- ◆ Create mutual understanding, access to, and awareness of our global community
- ◆ Collaborate with schools, government, businesses and individuals in our town
- ◆ Celebrate and embrace cultural experiences and traditions
- ◆ Cultivate relationships and opportunities that promote global citizenship

## Vision

To create a multifaceted West Hartford Cultural Center to enrich and engage the community through a range of programs and initiatives where all individuals feel equally valued and empowered.

## West Hartford Languages

Afrikaans	Kutchin
Albanian	Lao
American Sign Language	Latvian
Amharic	Lithuanian
Amdang	Luganda
Arabic	Maay
Armenian	Bahasa Indonesia
Assyrian	Malayalam
Bengali	Malinke
Bikol	Mandarin
Burmese	Marathi
Cantonese	Nepalese
Chinese	Norwegian
Creole-Cape Verdean	Oriya
Creole-Haitian	Pashto
Creole-Jaotoam	Patois
Danish	Persian
Dari	Pilipino (Filipino)
Dinka	Polish
Dutch	Portuguese
English	Punjabi
Estonian	Pushto
Farsi	Romanian
Finnish	Russian
French	Sango
Fujianese	Serbo-Croatian
German	Somali
Greek	Spanish
Gujarati	Swedish
Hebrew	Tagalog
Hindi	Taiwanese
Hmong	Tamil
Hungarian	Telugu
Icelandic	Thai
Igbo	Tibetan
Illongot	Tigrinya
Italian	Turkish
Japanese	Twi/Fante
Kambaata	Ukrainian
Kannado	Urdu
Khmer (Cambodian)	Vietnamese
Korean	Wolof

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Connecting  
Our Community  
Through  
Culture &  
Language

[HelloWestHartford.org](http://HelloWestHartford.org)

## *What's Happening!*

In West Hartford, one in four families speak a language other than English. Hello! West Hartford wants to hear everyone's voice. During the year, cultural events take place throughout town. Two students from Hall and Conard are honored with the Dr. Karen L. List Global Ambassador Award. Videos that feature culture, customs and traditions are produced by schools, friends, and community groups with the support of WHCTV's *Be the Media*. Visit our website to watch videos that showcase a West Hartford language.

*Charter Oak International Academy – Spanish*

*Solomon Schechter Day School – Hebrew*

*Bristow Middle School – Hindi*

*King Phillip Middle School – Urdu*

*Intensive Education Academy – Russian*

*Hall High School – Chinese*

*Webster Hill—Vietnamese*



*And many others.....*



## *How to Get Involved*

**Businesses** can welcome all residents to their establishments by greeting customers with "Hello and Welcome" in different languages.

**Individuals** can get involved by attending events, visiting our website, and greeting one another in the different languages.

**Schools and Community Groups** can feature a language – make a video, share customs and food, and explore the country of origin of that language.



## *Our Supporters*



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