



Media Release

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### **Festival takes residents on a trip around the world**

CultureFest 2018 is coming - and residents are being invited to join Selwyn District Council and the Christchurch Multi Cultural Council to celebrate Selwyn's growing diversity.

The event is now in its third year and is growing each year, with groups from all around the world showcasing their culture, through art, performance, sport and food.

CultureFest takes place on Sunday, 30 September, at Lincoln Domain (Lincoln Event Centre if wet), from 11am to 4pm.

Council Senior Events and Recreation Advisor Dave Tippet says CultureFest is one of the key actions that the Council and partners are undertaking as part of the recently launched 2018 Welcoming Plan.

"The Welcoming Plan provides a focus for how we as a district can include newcomers in community life in Selwyn," he says.

"We recognise our district's growing diversity and celebrate this with CultureFest. It's also a great way to learn more about the people in your neighbourhood - we encourage everyone to come down and attend this free event."

Visitors can sit back, relax and enjoy over 20 different stage performances by groups from China, Latin America, Russia, Poland, Iran and many more on the main stage.

Try some new cuisine and take in the tastes and smells of over 15 different culinary delights including Indian, Spanish, Bulgarian, Nigerian, Malaysian, Moroccan, Jordanian, Iranian, Russian, Ukrainian and more.

For the first time ever, there will be an Indian professional sport being demonstrated - Kabaddi. If you haven't seen or heard of it before, it can be best described as a cross between rugby and tag, but without a ball.

You can also experience arts, crafts, as well as activities you can participate in. There is something for the whole family to experience including bouncy castles, Pedalmania, music, games, henna tattoos and much more.

CultureFest is presented by Selwyn District Council, in partnership with the Christchurch Multi Cultural Council.

Photo: CultureFest is back for 2018 to celebrate Selwyn's diversity.