



Love is better in the afternoon – celebrating French and English heritage

The co-chair of Multicultural@DELWP is celebrating and reconnecting with his French heritage by performing in a French-language play in Carlton next month.

Geoff Denans, a policy officer in Forest Fire and Regions, will try his hand at playing a government minister during the two-week run of the comedy, *Love is better in the afternoon!* Interestingly, it's based on an English play written in the 1980s and translated into French.

The Melbourne French Theatre Company produces two plays each year. It brings together French nationals, those from other French-speaking countries and Australian-born performers with a passion for all things French.

Having lived in Australia for 11 years now, this theatre company enables me to spend time with people who have recently arrived from France, and it refreshes the connection I have with my home country, says Geoff. Performing offers my Australian friends and colleagues an opportunity to get to know another Geoff, the French-speaking Geoff, in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

The staff-led Multicultural@DELWP network is helping DELWP become a more inclusive place for staff of all cultural backgrounds - including ethnicity, faith, language, and country of origin. DELWP's commitment to diversity and inclusion is as strong as ever and is cemented in our People Strategy (</Campaigns/Our-People-Strategy/Pages/default.aspx>).

So why not support Geoff's celebration of his culture?

If you don't speak French don't worry as the play will be translated into English too. It runs from Thursday 6 September to Saturday 15 September at La Maison de Maître pop up theatre, 203-205 Canning street in Carlton. Find out more (<http://melbournefrenchtheatre.org.au/current-production-september>)here.

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