



## Headbloom guest at Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony program

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Holland, MI — Alan Headbloom, founder of Headbloom Cross-Cultural Communication, Allendale, will lead the program “Birds of a Feather and Uncovering Ethnocentrism” for the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH) Friday. The public is invited to the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Center for Women in Transition, 411 Butternut Drive.

“Most of us are comfortable when we’re surrounded by folks just like us. It happens for good reasons but can often hurt us in ways both seen and unseen. At the ACEH meeting, we will look at ways we unconsciously seek out our ‘own kind’ and then look at ways to undo that trend,” said Headbloom. The program includes color slides, interactive exercises and discussion. A consultant and trainer, Headbloom works with foreign-born professionals in U.S. hospitals, universities and industry, helping them become more familiar with American English and culture. He has traveled in some 35 countries and lived in Germany, Nigeria and Brazil; is a facilitator for Institutes for Healing Racism; and is a member of many civic and diversity organizations. He has a bachelor’s degree in German from Albion College and master’s degrees in English and applied linguistics from the universities of Wisconsin and Michigan.

ACEH was founded in Holland in January 1999 to work for unity, justice, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity. For more information, visit the website [www.harmonyalliance.org](http://www.harmonyalliance.org) or call (616) 396-2201.

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