



WELCOMING COMMUNITIES ACTION RESEARCH ON THE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS

Friday, April 30 – Saturday, May 1, 2010
London, Ontario

Meeting Agenda

The key meeting objectives are

- To draw initial lessons from the LIPs regarding the impact of structural features and processes
- To identify common constraints, challenges, and strategies to address them
- To forge connections between the Welcoming Communities Initiative and the LIPs: building a “best practice” community of local practitioners and researchers

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Friday, April 30, 2010

Conference Location:

**Maple Leaf Foods Classroom, South Wing
Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Rd, London, Ontario**

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Registration

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Stage Setting

Caroline Andrew and Neil Bradford, Project Leads

- The objectives of the meeting
- LIPs policy context – situating the LIPs and their value
- WCI action research project on the LIPs
- Lessons learned, spreading good practices
- Connecting people

3:45 – 4:45 PM

Introductions

Moderator: Elisabeth White, London LIP Co-Chair

- One comment from each LIP describing a LIP success and/or LIP obstacle and how this obstacle has been addressed (maximum 2 minutes/LIP)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Networking Session for Local Immigration Partnership Councils

Moderator: Tim Rees, Hamilton LIP

- Updates on deliverables and relationship with funder

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Reception

7:00 PM

Dinner

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Conference Location:

**Auditorium A, North Wing
Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Rd, London, Ontario**

7:45 – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 AM

**Partnership Councils – Structure, Composition, Role, Activities
Moderator: Meyer Burstein, WCI Policy and Coordination Fellow**

- Moderated panel discussion featuring LIPs with different leadership structures
- Moderator will lead a discussion with panellists and the larger group around two questions:
 1. How do leadership structures affect the ability of the LIPs to engage different sectors?
 2. How do leadership structures affect the planning process?

Panelists:

- **Don Curry** – Executive Director of North Bay and District Multicultural Centre, North Bay Local Immigration Partnership
- **Scott Clerk** – Project Manager of Kingston Community Health Centres, Kingston Local Immigration Partnership Council
- **Elisabeth White** – Manager of Employment and Strategic Initiatives at the City of London, London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership
- **Hindia Mohamoud** – Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership

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9:15 - 10:00 AM

Building the Partnerships

Moderator: Meyer Burstein

- Moderated panel discussion with LIP representatives followed by larger group participation in the discussion
- Discussion will explore where synergies exist across sectors, including functional areas, and where different sectors can come together to create more efficient, shared processes (e.g., communications, public awareness, environmental scanning, volunteer development, human resource planning)

Panelists:

- **Bill Sinclair** – Associate Executive Director of St. Stephen's Community House, West Downtown Toronto Settlement Service Coordination Project
- **Tracey Vaughan** - Executive Director of the Community Development Council Durham, Durham Local Diversity and Immigration Partnership Council
- **Cathy Woodbeck** - Executive Director of the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association, Thunder Bay Local Immigration Partnership Council
- **Scott Fisher** –The Greater Sudbury Local Immigration Partnership

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Break

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Francophone Immigration Panel

Moderator: Caroline Andrew

- Moderated panel discussion by the coordinators of the 3 francophone immigration networks, followed by larger group participation

Panelists:

- **St-Phard Désir** - Eastern Ontario's Concertation Network on Francophone Immigration
- **Alain Dobi** - Central and South Western Ontario's Concertation Network on Francophone Immigration
- **Mohammed Brihmi** - Northern Ontario's Concertation Network on Francophone Immigration

11:00 -12:00 AM

Building Strategic Action Plans

Moderator: Neil Bradford

- Moderated panel discussion followed by larger group participation
- Discussion will focus on who is involved in developing the action plans; who should be there; issues around the planning and consultation process; possible tools for strategic planning

Panelists:

- **John N. Okonmah** - Timmins Economic Development Corporation, Timmins Local Immigration Partnership
- **Ines Sousa-Batista** - City of Guelph, Guelph Immigration Partnership Strategy
- **Diane Dyson** - Manager of Planning and Research, WoodGreen Community Services, Toronto East Local Immigration Partnership
- **John Biles** - Special Advisor, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

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12:00 – 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 –2:00 PM

Research Partnerships – Working with the Welcoming Communities Initiative

Moderator: Vicki Esses, WCI Co-Chair

- Presentation on the WCI-LIP relationship and how it might evolve: the basic model, early research projects, additional research underway that will be of interest to the LIPs
- Two brief presentations describing structural relationships between the WCI and the LIPs
- Discussion with the larger group regarding the organization of the community-research partnership and how it should evolve

Panelists:

- **Huda Hussein** - Corporation of the City of London, London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership
- **Carl Nicholson** - Executive Director of the Catholic Immigration Centre, Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Free Discussion and Further Reflections

Moderator: Cathy Woodbeck, Thunder Bay LIP Lead

- Open-ended session for revisiting important questions that came up during the meeting and for questions that were not on the agenda