

Strategic Resource Based Planning
Chéla Breckon, Project Manager

**LOCAL IMMIGRATION
PARTNERSHIP
RENFREW & LANARK**

What we started with...

- 10,000 square kms
- 28 local government bodies
- 31 km average distance between communities
- Largest centres <20,000 residents
- <6% newcomers
- 1 part-time settlement worker operating only in Lanark County



Champions Emerge via Investigation



We knew we had to be asset-based.

We made a pledge to always reflect what we had verses what we didn't have.

We Consulted with

- Service Providers
- Government
- Settlement and Welcoming Communities Experts
- Economic Development Professionals
- The Community at Large

We discovered that we had what we needed all along...

Purpose Statement – Why?

“The Local Immigration Partnership of Renfrew & Lanark will employ collaboration, research, and positive strength-based leadership, complemented by a focus on competitive economic sustainability, in order to foster a welcoming and healthy community.”

Outcome Model #1



Service Provider Readiness

All service providers representing any sector are willing and able to serve newcomers at the same level as all other users.

Outcome Model #2



The Rural Mosaic: Welcoming Communities in Renfrew & Lanark

Cultural, social, community or recreation-based groups come forward to modify usual programming to be more welcoming in exchange for a small contribution of support.

What happened as a result...

More and more people at all levels of engagement are contributing to settlement and integration.

Newcomers are obtaining the answers and support they need and are establishing effective networks.

