



Toronto North LIP

Welcomes



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Toronto North LIP (TNLIP) is a community-based, multi-sectoral planning table working to enhance the settlement and employment experiences and outcomes of immigrants and newcomers in Toronto North communities.

TNLIP has developed a Settlement Strategy and an Action Plan for the region and is in the process of implementing the plan. Read the Strategy at: www.torontonorthlip.ca

For a list of members, to learn how to get involved, or for more information on Toronto North LIP, visit: www.torontonorthlip.ca

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'Toronto North LIP Welcomes' is the quarterly e-Newsletter of the Toronto North Local Immigration Partnership. It includes resources, information and ideas relevant to your work serving newcomers and offers reflections on working collaboratively to build welcoming communities in Toronto North.

www.welcome2school.ca/

The information in this guide is intended to help settlement counselors, teachers, community support workers, school council members and other frontline professionals connect newcomer parents, children and youth with helpful information, resources, workshops and programs. We are currently accepting requests to present the key features of the website at your event or your organization.

Featured Member:

ACCES EMPLOYMENT Making Connections **ACCES Employment**

is a non-profit, charitable organization based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada with a vision of creating a fully inclusive labour force that reflects the diversity, skills and experience of Canada's population. With over 30 years of experience and five locations across the Greater Toronto Area as well as online services, ACCES supports newcomers with overcoming employment barriers and achieving career success.

At all five office locations, ACCES offers Employment Ontario services including resource centres, individual counselling, group workshops and placement services. We also offer eight Bridge Training programs for internationally trained professionals, providing sector-specific employment support. Our Bridge Training programs include; Engineering Connections, IT Connections, HR Connections, Sales & Marketing Connections, Leadership Connections, Financial Services Connections, Project Management, and Supply Chain Connections.

Over the last year ACCES has expanded our service delivery model to respond to the needs of our communities. We have launched new programs to deepen our impact in pre-arrival, construction trades, entrepreneurship, and youth.

Our new programs include the following: **Canadian Employment Connections** (CEC), an online program which offers support to newcomers, while they are still preparing to leave their home country. The program focuses on six in-demand sectors. The **Construction Trades Program** to support Syrian newcomers with experience and interest in pursuing careers in construction

trades. A national **Entrepreneurship Connections** program to support newcomer entrepreneurs in a number of cities across Canada and a new condensed version of the full program offered to meet the needs of specific communities such as Syrian newcomers. **Youth Job Connections and Employment Connections** for Newcomer Youth developed to respond to the high youth unemployment rate

One key goal for ACCES over the past year has been to use our new online capacity to share our employment services and expertise with more job seekers, in particular, newcomers to Canada who are settling in communities beyond the GTA.

e-ACCES is our new online hub for information and resources for job seekers. e-ACCES helps job seekers to prepare for career success in Canada through webinars, articles, infographics, interactive material. The material provides insight into workplace culture, job search strategies, job market trends, interview preparation, tips from hiring managers and much more. e-ACCES is available online for job seekers anywhere in the world, to get started visit <http://e-access.acesemployment.org/>

Along with e-ACCES, we are providing live Employer Webinars and Online Workshops hosted by established professionals covering topics such as in-demand jobs, how to impress hiring managers, and how to make connections in your field. These webinars and workshops provide the support and assistance you need in finding meaningful work in your field. All webinars are free of charge and open to all. <http://acesemployment.ca/index.php/online-services>

Highlights of TNLIP Activities

The TNLIP in collaboration with its community partners – the Toronto Employment & Social Services (TESS), ACCES Employment, JVS Toronto, The Centre for Education and Training, and the People’s Church – organized a **“Fall 2017 Hiring Event”**. The event took place on September 15th at the People’s Church. The community partners that participated in the initiative collectively recruited ten employers with multiple job openings to take part in the affair. The event was attended by 179 residents from across North Toronto.

The TNLIP in partnership with the Peoples Church and Flemingdon Health Centre held a **Newcomer Health Fair** on Saturday August 26, 2017 at the Peoples Church. The Fair participants received services offered by three family doctors, a cardiologist, two dentists, a chiropractor, three nurses, diabetes prevention program, family and sexual health program, women health bus, nutrition and healthy eating program, child development, settlement, housing, employment and legal services. More than 70 clients were served at the fair, the majority of them were recent immigrants and refugees.

The **“Check it Out”** led by City Kids and developed by an interdisciplinary multi-sectoral partnership is an integrated community based approach that offers children 0-4 years old and their families an access to screening in 12 areas of health. It allows for a holistic and malleable approach to screening intended to meet the needs of various populations and communities. Currently, it’s being piloted in eight Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) locations across the city. TNLIP contributed to the development, promotion and recruitment of professionals.

“Engaging our Community: a Forum for Learning, Sharing and Connecting” was organized by the Flemingdon-Thorncliffe Inter-agency Network (FTIAN) on September 30th, where a Community Engagement Tool developed by the planning committee was shared and discussed. Around 80 participants attended the forum. The TNLIP was part of the planning committee.

The Health & Well-being workgroup continues to participate in and support the Lawrence Heights **Food Security and Healthy Living Workgroup**. The group has completed 16 Basic Gardening workshops, built a garden bed and held a

harvest festival on August 25, 2017. The group has also organized a tour of gardening spaces in the Lotherton community, held a pizza oven training and started a community kitchen program.

Faith & Welcoming Communities Forum was held on September 20th at the North York Civic Centre. The event was attended by over 80 participants from community agencies and faith organizations. The program included a panel on ‘Introduction to the Best Practices’, which was represented by Director of Operations and Outreach, Office of the Minister of IRCC, The People’s Church, Centre for Community Based Research, University of Waterloo and Faith for the Common Good. This was followed by a discussion on Potential collaborations. In the afternoon, participants had the opportunity to attend simultaneous workshops on: Partnership to support refugees, Co-location of services (language classes, settlement, etc.) and Connecting Communities.



Upcoming Events

TNLIP Council Meetings
(2017-18)

- November 22nd, 2017
- February 21st, 2018

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