



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.

TNLIP welcomes Isabella Yan, the new Coordinator for the Settlement, Languages and Integration workgroup to the TNLIP family. She brings a wealth of experience of working with immigrants and refugees. TNLIP wishes her all the best in her new job.

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Featured Member:



North York Community House's (NYCH) mission is to support our diverse community to achieve its goals, and to enhance the strength and resilience of our neighbourhoods. Our vision is to have a strong community where all belong and thrive. As a social service organization, we serve approximately 25,000 individuals in more than 50 locations in northwest Toronto annually. **NYCH** has over 25 years of experience delivering high impact settlement services and community development programs with a deep understanding of the needs and assets of newcomers, racialized and underserved communities in these neighbourhoods. **NYCH** aims to provide immigrants and racialized low-income residents the knowledge, skills, confidence and connections they need to successfully settle and become thriving members in their communities.

Services at **NYCH**:

- Supports newcomers to Canada settle into the community
- Supports the positive development of children, youth and families
- Strengthens neighbourhoods by working with residents
- Provides activities that encourage healthy living
- Offers programs that build skills, leadership and connections

We are committed to building strong, vibrant communities, and we do this by engaging residents, understanding their needs, and supporting them in achieving their goals. As a result of our work, new Canadians are able to develop the skills,

knowledge and connections to settle, gain employment and build successful lives in their new home. Children and youth are supported in becoming active, healthy citizens and to gaining the skills, knowledge and self-esteem they require to meet their long term goals; and local residents are provided with training and opportunities that enable them to become leaders in improving their own lives and their neighbourhoods and communities. **NYCH** believes that all the community members we serve have the strength and ability to meet their goals - our role is to help them get there.



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Highlights of Activities—TNLIP

1. Newcomers Booklet/Planner:

TNLIP has published a newcomer booklet/planner and distributed to newcomers at different events. The planner contains information on various newcomer services in the TNLIP region organized using a newcomer perspective. Around 300 copies are delivered to Pearson International Airport for distribution to newcomers settling in Toronto North.

2. Faith & Welcoming Communities Forum:

The workgroup has been working on building a task group to plan and implement the annual “Faith & Welcoming Communities Forum” that brings together community service providers and faith groups to explore opportunities for collaboration to support newcomer settlement and integration. This year it will be an inter-LIP project (involving all Toronto LIPs).

3. Pop Up Hub for LINC students at WWCC:

Conducted a pop-up hub service coordination fair for newcomers at LINC classes of WWCC. 12 community agencies serving immigrants participated at the event. More than 100 newcomers received information about services for newcomers

in the area. The majority of the agencies and newcomers rated the event as excellent on a scale of excellent, good, fair and poor. 84% of newcomers stated that they learned about the availability of services for newcomers as a result of this event.

4. Brochure for Social and Health Services at Fairview Area :

Developed a brochure with information about services for newcomers and shared it with the community agencies for distribution to newcomers.

5. Holiday Fair:

The workgroup decided to organize another Holiday Fair to create an opportunity for newcomer entrepreneurs to market and sell their products. This activity has been included in the workplan. The workgroup Coordinator met with the planning sub-group members to identify strategies for engaging entrepreneurs and connecting community.

6. Builders & Dreamers:

TNLIP is supporting the Toronto Workforce Innovation Group (TWIG) in organizing a newcomer youth entrepreneurship forum – “Builders and Dreamers”. The Forum will involve around 60 newcomer youth interested in becoming entrepreneurs, and

will provide an opportunity to learn from successful entrepreneurs, connect with potential mentors and partners. The Forum will be followed by an online platform to keep the youth engaged, link them to mentors, training opportunities and resources.

7. Social Change Fair:

The Toronto Newcomer Council (TNC) successfully organized the “Social Change Fair” on July 7th, 2018. The event brought together a wide range of advocacy and social change organizations in order to raise awareness about the work they do and to engage residents. The TNC members received an opportunity to take on leadership roles in planning, organizing and carrying out the event.

8. Train the Trainer Workshops:

The inter-LIP planning group held two workshops: “Mental Health: Developing and Implementing Sound Practices” on June 28th and “Effective Outreach Strategies” on July 18th. The workshops were fully booked and the participants found them to be extremely useful in their work.

Upcoming Events

TNLIP Council Meetings

(Location: Parkway Forest Community Centre, 55 Forest Manor Rd.)

- September 25th, 2018
- November 27th, 2018
- February 26th, 2019

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