

TNLIP Newcomer Indigenous Relationship Building Task Group Meeting (Virtual)

Friday Aug 16th 1pm-2pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dwayne O'Connor (MNLCT), Zarine Dordi (WWCC), Parwana Siddiqi (Afghan Women’s Organization), Rola (Willowdale Community Legal Services)

Regret: Danielle Ungara (the Children's Aid Society of The Region of Peel), Nkeiruka Osagie (ACT Toronto)

TNLIP Team: Srna Stambuk (TNLIP/JVS) and Isabella Yan (TNLIP/WWCC)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow up Actions
Welcome, Introductions, and agenda review		
Group sharing		
Update on supporting NYCH on organizing Reconciliation Conference for the settlement sector in Toronto (Srna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This T &R learning series will be delivered in hybrid model from Sept 2024 to March 2025 with 7 sessions in total. Two sessions will be in person and the rest virtual. • Srna shared it with InterLIP network. A lot of interest were received in sponsoring the learning series in different ways. • However, we have a small pause currently and we are expecting NYCH to finalize the list next Tuesday. Once finalized, Srna will communicate accordingly. • AGO expressed the interest. Srna will reach out Parwana and provide the latest update. • The cost for the first session is covered by NYCH. • Willowdale CLS may help a bit despite of limited funding. 	<p>Srna to share detailed training session series with the group</p>
Discussion: What we can do for National Reconciliation Day Sept 30th 2024	<p>Zarine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning two educational sessions with the entire LINC classes in different languages including English, Mandarin, Farsi and Arabic. The dates are not decided but usually on Tuesday. Placement students will do the presentation. Small snacks are provided. Any partnership? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training materials are very simple and straightforward. The training is for LINC students who have very limited knowledge about indigenous people. The facilitators don't use the guide • Used to bring knowledge keeper to different occasions with WWCC • WWCC will have our staff meeting on Sept 26th. It is possible that the indigenous training for entire staff is included at the staff meeting. Any suggestions for the speaker? <p>Parwana:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted lots of training sessions, but never use the guide. • Shared the guide to EDI committee in early September. • One staff will present on indigenous topic at the staff meeting. <p>Srna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with Joan at North York Community House and she mentioned that she will be selling orange shirts and bracelets beaded by indigenous women in Alberta on the Truth and Reconciliation Day as part of fundraising for her program. She can find out more... <p>Rola:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willowdale CLS organizes a session for all staff on Sept 30th every year. It is mandatory. The session is relevant to legal work addressing how legal clinics can support. One of the speakers is a staff of indigenous in Hamilton clinic. • We are also looking for community events to attend. 	
Discussion: Create a webpage on TNLIP website to share T & R related information	TNLIP is planning to create a webpage on TNLIP website to share related resources. The group agreed upon it. The group members are requested to send the related resources to Isabella.	
Wrap up	The next meeting: Sept 20th 11 am-12pm	Isabella to share the meeting notes