

PNT VIRTUAL LEARNING CONFERENCE PROGRAM



January 25, 2023

This conference will have simultaneous translation to French

8:30 am	Event Lobby Opens & Virtual Registration	Zoom
9:00 am	Conference Introduction & Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acknowledgement • Welcome Prayer 	Reuben Garang Elder Clayton Sandy
9:15 am	Remarks from IRCC	Melanie Holmgren
9:30 am	Immigration Partnership Winnipeg (IPW)'s collaborative initiatives with an in-depth focus on the recently launched- Indigenous Orientation Toolkit (IOTK)	Reuben Garang Adrienne Breyfogle
9:45am	Local Immigration Partners as Agents of Change	Doug Olthof
10:15 am	Migration in post-pandemic Canada: A discussion of national and international influences on our willingness to host newcomers	Lori Wilkinson
10:45 am	Stretch Break	
11:00 am	Attracting and Keeping Community Stakeholders at your LIP Table	Laura Branner
11:30 am	Stakeholder engagement and settlement sector collaboration within three regional Manitoba LIPs	Deborah Slonowsky & Marcel Marinho
1:00 pm	Lunch & Networking <i>(Create your networking profile to make the most of this)</i>	
1:30 pm	Edmonton Local Immigration Partnership - The Journey So Far	Edmonton Shared Secretariat
3:00 pm	Funding from Foundations: Example from the WES Mariam Assefa Fund	Marina Nuri
3:30 pm	An Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement & Collaborative Strategy	Koyali Burman
4:00 pm	Closing Remarks	IPW Staff

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Immigration Partnership Winnipeg (IPW)'s collaborative initiatives with an in-depth focus on the recently launched- Indigenous Orientation Toolkit (IOTK).

Reuben Garang and Adrienne Breyfogle - Immigration Partnership Winnipeg

The presentation will show case our collaborative initiatives under the Employment Sector Table, Civic Engagement and Inclusion Sector table, Community Safety Project as well as the supportive role that IPW plays in the work of the Ethnocultural Council of Manitoba, Newcomer Education Coalition and Newcomer Ethnocultural Youth Council of Winnipeg. After the overview we will highlight one of our most recent collaborations, the Indigenous Orientation Toolkit (IOTK).

The IOTK was created to facilitate an opportunity for newcomers to learn about Indigenous history, culture, and contemporary issues early in their settlement process. It aims to address common stereotypes and negative perceptions that many newcomers develop towards Indigenous peoples and assists in fostering a better understanding between Indigenous and newcomer communities. The goal is that this will contribute to building bridges and creating lasting social and cultural ties between Indigenous and newcomer groups. The toolkit also facilitates a positive role for newcomers to play in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action #93 and pave the way for creating welcoming, fair and inclusive communities for all.

Local Immigration Partners as Agents of Change

Doug Olthof - National LIP Secretariat Project

LIPs occupy a unique position in the settlement landscape. As networks with both broad and deep connections throughout communities, LIPs are well-placed to initiate and sustain processes of social and institutional change. Doug Olthof, Co-Lead of the National LIP Secretariat Project, will provide an overview of the history of the LIP program and look to the future as LIPs continue leading the way toward communities characterized by inclusion and equity.

Migration in post-pandemic Canada: A discussion of national and international influences on our willingness to host newcomers

Dr. Lori Wilkinson - University of Manitoba

The coronavirus pandemic brought out the best and the worst in Canadian society. Communities, public services, non-profit organizations, politicians and ordinary citizens united to support one another during these difficult times. Others, however, used these uncertain times as an opportunity to criticize, take advantage of, dupe and bully others. Internationally, the pandemic has caused significant economic and political uncertainty which has increased the number of migrants seeking entry to Canada and elsewhere. Closer to home, Canada recorded distinctive increases in racism, violence, and xenophobia. Embedded within this environment, the federal government has large pre- and post-pandemic backlog of migrants waiting to arrive. This presentation discusses these events in the context of rising levels of immigration and highlights future trends in migration.

Attracting and Keeping Community Stakeholders at your LIP Table

Laura Branner - Lethbridge Local Immigration Partnership

When it started in 2016, Lethbridge LIP had one committee, the Community Partnership Council (CPC) with about 10 members. Fast forward to December 2022 - Lethbridge LIP now has 10 committees in total and is represented by 13 sectors, 34 organizations and 81 active members. and it continues to grow. Laura, will share some of the strategies and practices, she believes contributes to attracting and maintaining a strong LIP membership.

Edmonton Local Immigration Partnership - The Journey So Far

ELIP Shared Secretariat

Edmonton Local Immigration Partnership (ELIP) Shared Secretariat (3-6 members) to share evolution/significant learnings of the ELIP over the last 10 years, along with emerging relational, anti-racist, and equity-seeking (approaches, tools and knowledge) that have been positively received by the broader community and that contribute to the welcome, settlement and integration experience of newcomers in Edmonton.

Stakeholder engagement and settlement sector collaboration within three regional Manitoba LIPs.

Deborah Slonowsky (Dauphin & Area Welcoming Communities Coalition) and Marcel Marinho (Eastman Region Immigration Partnerships)

Regional LIPs often cover large geographical areas and include multiple municipalities not equally impacted by immigration. This situation can present unique challenges and opportunities for stakeholder engagement. Three rural/regional Manitoba LIPs will discuss their experiences with and learnings from engaging diverse stakeholders across large regions, including the collaborative relationships that exist between some LIPs and regional settlement organizations.

Funding from Foundations

Marina Nuri - WES Mariam Assefa Fund

In this session, Marina Nuri, the Associate Director of the WES Mariam Assefa Fund, will talk about the Fund's grant making approaches to support organizations and solutions focused on helping immigrants, refugees and international students achieve economic mobility and inclusion in their new communities. The Fund is particularly interested in supporting underserved and underfunded communities and catalyzing new solutions that can drive system's change.

An Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration Strategy

Koyali Burman - Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership

The Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership (VLIP) is a community-based convener for diverse partners to strategically collaborate, across sectors, to influence systemic change and results for the impactful integration and well-being of immigrants, refugees, and those new to Canada. Inclusive and value-laden engagement provided a basis for identifying priority sectors, engaging with stakeholders presents an opportunity to discover local knowledge uncovering possible innovative solutions. VLIP's inclusive stakeholder engagement strategy presentation endeavors to provide an overview of good practice in stakeholder engagement, with a dedicated focus on stakeholder groups that are "external" to the core operation of the business, such as affected communities, local government, non-governmental and other civil society organizations, local institutions and other interested. The presentation will also provide you with an understanding of, and practical tips for a meaningful stakeholder engagement & collaboration.



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