

NEWCOMER ETHNOCULTURAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG

Terms of Reference

The Immigration Partnership Winnipeg is a Local Immigration Partnership. Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) are multi-sectoral collectives that bring a new form of collaboration, at the community-level, to newcomer settlement and integration. They are designed to establish, facilitate and implement a community-wide strategy for improving the settlement and integration of immigrants. The LIP model is having success across Canada with more than 70 LIPs across the country.

Funding and support for the LIPs comes from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The Immigration Partnership Winnipeg (IPW) helps create an inclusive welcoming community that has a strong desire and capacity to receive newcomers and make them feel at home.

Background

The Newcomer Ethnocultural Youth Council of Winnipeg (NEYCW) is a voluntary youth body established with the ultimate goal of advising social, settlement organizations, governments, business community, unions, universities and colleges on needs and priorities of newcomer youth. Immigration Partnership Winnipeg (IPW) facilitates that work of the NEYCW as a partner in promoting inclusiveness and collaborative approaches to the provision of services to newcomer youth in Winnipeg.

Mandate

NEYCW is a newcomer ethnocultural youth body with the mandate of getting newcomer youth engaged in Winnipeg and bringing their voices to decision making in all areas of service provision and policy making in the city of Winnipeg.

Purpose

- To ensure that the Winnipeg newcomer youth voice is represented on issues that matters to them.
- To encourage and enable newcomer youth to engage with community and the different levels of government.
- To promote mutual respect and understanding among youth from different ethnocultural backgrounds.
- To expose newcomer youth to the history of Indigenous Peoples and position them to be part of the reconciliation process.
- To help social and settlement organizations to make informed decisions in the delivery of meaningful services to newcomer youth.
- To help all levels of government to better understand and prioritize the service needs of newcomer youth.

- To build capacity among ethno-cultural communities and increase awareness on the potentials, needs and challenges of newcomer youth.
- To extend the mandate of IPW in creating awareness about successful settlement and integration of youth
- To build positive relationships between law enforcement in the city and newcomer youth

Structure of NEYCW

The NEYCW's membership is composed of an Advisory Committee of five-seven members who are selected from diverse backgrounds, and a General Committee of up to 25 members. Members of NEYCW have the passion and keen interest to engage in public life within and outside their communities. The leadership structure of the Advisory Committee will be comprised of two Co-Chairs and three to five Directors.

- Advisory Committee
 - Two Co-chairpersons whose terms will be reviewed after three years by the Advisory Committee with consultation of the General Committee
 - Three to Five Directors
- General Committee
 - 25 Members

Partnership with the Immigrant Partnership Winnipeg (IPW)

- IPW will provide training opportunities to members of the youth council and any needed mentorship for the council and its members.
- IPW will act as the liaison with local, provincial, and national partner agencies and the youth council.
- The Youth council will engage IPW on key decisions/action items made by the council.
- IPW will provide a space for meetings and conferences in lieu of the youth council being unable to secure a location.
- IPW will provide the funds for refreshments/lunch/dinner for youth council monthly meetings.
- IPW will be responsible for all the grant writing on behalf of the youth council and act as the fiduciary for the youth council
- IPW will be responsible for printing materials as needed
- IPW develop and distribute agenda for meetings with the guidance of the Co-chairs
- IPW staff will act as support during meetings providing secretariat services and help with follow up of key agenda items from minutes

Operating Values for the Council Members

- Commit to participating in an environment that promotes acceptance, honesty, accountability, trust and fairness;
- Encourage and support new ideas and creative strategies which will enhance the delivery of services for newcomer youth in our city; and

- Promote and encourage inclusiveness, through membership on the committee and in all facets of its work
- Create a safe and inclusive space for LGBTQ newcomer and ethnocultural youth within NEYCW and throughout Winnipeg

NEYCW Duties

- NEYCW plans and coordinates its activities and with the support of IPW
- NEYCW meets monthly
- Organize newcomer youth get together/conference once a year
- Meet with First Nation Youth
- Meet with City of Winnipeg twice a year
- Meet with the Province Multiculturalism Secretariat at least once a year
- Meet with MANSO at least once a year
- Meet with the leadership of the Winnipeg Police Service once a year
- Meet with Manitoba potential youth employers
- Work closely with the Newcomer Educational Coalition to address the needs and challenges of newcomer youth in schools.
- Meet with First Nation elders at least once a year

Qualifications

- Willing to attend meetings and conferences
- Interest in volunteerism and ability in public speaking
- Commit to the values of inclusiveness and multiculturalism
 - Advisory Committee Qualifications
 - Minimum of High School education (18-30 of age)
 - Should have experience working with newcomer youth or have relevant academic experience
 - General Committee Qualifications
 - Must be between of the ages of 17-30, with parental consent if under 18 years old

Recruitment of Youth Advisors

- IPW and the NEYCW Advisory Committee will work to recruit members.

Appreciations from IPW to NEYWC members

- Certificate of leadership and volunteerism will be given to each youth after each year of volunteer service, or as needed
- IPW will provide logistical support for NEYCW operations