

Local Immigration Partnership: Education Sub-Council Work Plan

Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) support the development of local partnerships and community-based planning that support successful outcomes for newcomers. A settlement Strategy is built on the principles of **attraction, recruitment, integration, and retention**.

The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership launched the Community Settlement Strategy on November 17, 2012, following a yearlong community research process. The research identified issues and barriers impeding immigrants' success. Four themes emerged from the research, which provide a blueprint for establishing Simcoe County as a welcoming community:

Readiness: Strengthen basic public services to promote retention

Opportunity: Promote employment and business opportunities

Celebrate: Demonstrate a supportive environment and celebrate diversity

Inspire: Empower newcomers to contribute to local leadership capacity

These themes provide a blueprint for establishing Simcoe County as a welcoming community and guide the focus of the initiatives supported the by the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership.

One area that Education Sub-Council is specifically mentioned in the Local Immigration Partnership Settlement Strategy is:

Settlement Strategy	
Theme	Action
Readiness: Improve Language Training Opportunities	Promote access of English as a Second Language training outside of Barrie and Bradford to promote increased accessibility of programming. Develop unique partnership opportunities to facilitate the development of further programming.

Goal: Contribute to the development of an Immigrant Resource Guide, designed to support newcomers as they settle in Simcoe County. Raise awareness of the local resources available to help newcomer entrepreneurs.				
Purpose	Attraction	Recruitment	Integration	✓ Retention
Theme	✓ Readiness	✓ Opportunity	Celebrate	Inspire
Activity	Tasks	Timeline	Resources	
Immigrant Directory: Learning in Simcoe County	Working Group for Directory Established	October 2012	Sub-Council	
	Develop Outline for Content	November 2012	Working Group	
	Draft "Learning in Simcoe County"	Nov / Dec 2012	LIP Coordinator	
	Review Process	Dec 2012 / Jan 2013	Working Group	
	Revision	February 2013	LIP Coordinator	
	Final Working Group Content Review	Feb / March 2013	Working Group	
	Dissemination	Fall 2013 / Ongoing	Sub-Council	
Goal: Increase the celebration of cultural diversity in education facilities				
Purpose	Attraction	Recruitment	Integration	✓ Retention
Theme	Readiness	Opportunity	✓ Celebrate	Inspire
Activity	Tasks	Timeline	Resources	
Develop a "celebration package" with tools to support schools in celebrating diversity	Review related resources			
	Establish key focus areas of document			
	Draft content			
	Revisions process			
	Partnership Council review			
	Final Review			
	Print / Publish			
	Distribution			

