



REGINA REGION LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT NEWS

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What is a Local Immigration Partnership:

- ◆ It is a collaborative community initiative that promotes the settlement and integration of newcomers
- ◆ It builds on the community's strengths
- ◆ It supports community-level research
- ◆ It promotes linkages between sectors
- ◆ It engages with a diversity of stakeholders
- ◆ It enhances collaboration, coordination and strategic planning at the community level
- ◆ It fosters a more welcoming community where immigrants are fully engaged and integrated.

Successful settlement and integration of our newcomers is the responsibility of the entire community of Regina. Social, cultural and economic integration benefits all members of our city.

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Formation of the Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership Project

The first Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) were created in Ontario beginning in 2008. Currently there are LIPs in many communities across the country including St. John's, Winnipeg, Calgary, Banff, Vancouver, etc.

In 2014, Regina Open Door Society (RODS) successfully obtained funding in collaboration with the Regina Regional Intersectoral Committee (RRIC) from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) to create the Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership (RRLIP).

The RRLIP Project

This community initiative will examine current community resources and services for newcomers as well as identify local priorities through extensive consultation with newcomers and the general community. The RRLIP will work to facilitate closer collaboration, coordinate activities, create efficiencies and build capacity in Regina. Soon the process to create a diverse partnership council will get underway and we are hopeful that many key community stakeholders will participate as valued partners to create a more welcoming community for newcomers to call home.



The RODS Community Fair

The RODS Community Fair on March 10th, 2015 was developed to inform newcomers of the programs and services available in our city. RRLIP project staff attended the Fair, providing information to many newcomers about the project and its' goals. Over 300 newcomers passed by the booth, learned about the project and the importance of 'making their voices heard,' specifically through participation in the RRLIP Community Forums in April (see page 3). Many thanks to our newcomers for taking the time to learn about this new initiative and to RODS for providing the opportunity for the RRLIP project to be a part of the fair.



Upcoming Community Forums

The RRLIP would like to invite all community members to participate in one of our interactive Community Forums to assist us in identifying local priorities for a more **welcoming, inclusive** Regina where newcomers thrive.

Where:

Core Ritchie Neighbourhood
Centre Gym
445 -14th Ave, Regina

When:

Wednesday **April 15th** or
Thursday **April 16th**, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration at 8:00 a.m.

Please register by emailing your
information to:

info@rrlip.ca or by calling
306-791-6841

If you cannot attend the in-person forums you will
have an opportunity to take part through the
on-line forums (available on the
RRLIP website www.rrlip.ca)

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! BECOME INVOLVED!

Immigrant Advisory Table (Meetings 2-3 times/year)—Be a part of the Immigrant Advisory Table that will facilitate the ongoing participation of newcomers in the RRLIP's work, and strengthen the connection between the immigrant communities and the host community of Regina. The Immigrant Advisory Table will consist of newcomers to Canada, residing in Regina.

Role of the IAT:

- ◆ Promote on-going participation, connection and consultation with the immigrant community
- ◆ Create a platform for information sharing in a safe, non-judgemental environment
- ◆ Bring passion, lived experience and understanding of newcomer issues
- ◆ Ensure the RRLIP's priorities are relevant to the newcomer community

As the RRLIP Project Progresses:

- ◆ Provide **input** into the development of the RRLIP's Strategic Plan
- ◆ Provide **feedback** on the implementation of the Strategic Plan
- ◆ Provide **suggestions** for other RRLIP pursuits that may fall outside the Action Plan

We plan to include a diversity of newcomer voices at the Immigrant Advisory Table. Therefore, an application process is necessary to ensure diversity. Successful candidates will be notified later in 2015. The application will be available on our website at www.rrlip.ca after April 20th or by calling 306-791-6841

RRLIP Information Sessions

If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about the new RRLIP project, we'd be happy to come to your organization, meeting, community event or workplace to provide a 45 minute information session. In the session we address local immigration partnerships, the goal of the RRLIP project, how you can become involved, etc.



Please call or email the office to book your information session.

info@rrlip.ca or

306-791-6846, 306-791-6841

The RRLIP Website

The new Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership Project website will be launched March 31st, 2015. We hope you enjoy information about the project, updates, community links and more. The website address is

www.rrlip.ca



Planned Activities for the RRLIP Project

Engage in conversation and consultation with community to begin to identify local priorities and guide RRLIP Partnership Council recruitment (i.e. Community Forums and on-line forum in April).

Establish a diverse and inclusive Partnership Council and create terms of reference.

Conduct in-depth research on newcomer needs and community assets and gaps to inform the establishment of a local settlement strategy.

Develop an annual action plan to address the locally identified priorities, implement the action plan and report on the results achieved.



Future Involvement Needed!

Action Table—meeting when needed to move forward the RRLIP strategic vision and action plan. Representatives from all tables can be a part of the Action Table if skills, knowledge and desire match the work required. Other community members can also become a part of this Table. More Information will be available as the RRLIP Strategic Plan develops.



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Community Table (Meetings twice a year with opportunity to provide feedback throughout the year)—Be a part of the Community Table that will facilitate the on-going participation of the general community in the RRLIP project. **Representatives at the Community Table will include individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. whose lives or work connects them to newcomers or those interested in settlement and integration.**

Role of the CT:

- ◆ Promotes on-going participation, connection and consultation from the larger community
- ◆ Creates a platform for information sharing and collaboration
- ◆ Provides suggestions for other RRLIP pursuits that may fall outside of the Action Plan

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