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**windsor essex**  
local immigration partnership

# WE LIP 2022 Winter Council Meeting

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# WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would like to acknowledge the land on which the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) and its member organizations work and gather is comprised of the traditional territories of the Three Fires Confederacy made up of the Ojibway, Odawa, and the Potawatomi Nations and the ancestral and unceded territory and waters of Caldwell First Nation whose people are the original people of Pelee Island and Point Pelee.

The Ojibway, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations agreed to share this territory with the British Crown by way of the 1790 Treaty referred to as the McKee Purchase/Treaty of Detroit. This territory is the home of the Anishnaabeg who are represented by the Walpole Island First Nation and the Lunaapeew who are represented by the Delaware Nation.

This acknowledgement is intended to show recognition and respect for First Nation Peoples and their presence on this land in both the past and present. The WE LIP further recognizes that the impacts of colonization upon First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of this land are very much present, pervasive and woven into the fabric of Canadian institutions, governments, laws and systems. This recognition and respect is vital to continuing to establish healthy and reciprocal relationships with First Nation peoples, which is key in our journey towards truth and reconciliation



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**Didier Marotte**  
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# INCOMING WE LIP VICE CHAIR



**Ronnie Haidar**  
WE LIP Vice Chair |  
Faculty of Law  
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# INCOMING WE LIP MEMBER AT LARGE



**Dr. Riham Al-Saadi**  
WE LIP Member at Large |  
Sessional Instructor  
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# INCOMING WE LIP MEMBER AT LARGE



**Rama Musharbash-Kovacsi**  
WE LIP Member at Large |  
WECDSB Community Ambassador  
Windsor-Essex Catholic District  
School Board (WECDSB)



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Public Safety  
Information Day &  
Festival of Guest  
Nations – Sept 18



Resilience from the  
Perspective of  
Newcomer Youth  
Forum – Sept 23



SPICE PLC – Sept 27



Ma Nouvelle  
Communauté/My  
New Community  
Launch - Oct 17



Newcomers in the  
Skilled Trades  
Roundtable – Nov 23



# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- TFW Lunch and Learn - **Jan 9, 2023**
- Global Youth Forum - 1st Planning Meeting **Jan 11, 2023**
- Language Access Day - **Jan 24, 2023**
- Basics of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: What Do We Know So Far? - **Jan 26, 2023**
- WE LIP Annual Community Forum - **Feb 16, 2023**
- University of Windsor Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Symposium - **March 24, 2023**
- **Please watch out for the WE LIP Member Survey in your inboxes!**







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Senior Director of Employee Development &  
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## Next Meeting

2023 WE LIP Annual Community Forum  
February 16, 2022  
10:00AM-12:00PM  
Location TBD

