



Every year, the WE LIP undertakes community conversations in order to delve more thoroughly into subjects that are impacting newcomers in Windsor Essex. The discussion from these circles is used to bring together stakeholders and to explore possible solutions. Over the past few years, circles have evolved into WE LIP ad hoc committees on topics such as healthcare, mental health care, public safety and education.

On December 7, 2016, 39 attendees representing 30 WE LIP Council member organizations attended the WE LIP Winter 2016 Council Meeting held at École secondaire de Lamothe-Cadillac. A portion of the meeting was dedicated to the presentation of a research synopsis by Erwin Selimos, PhD Candidate at the University of Windsor's Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology. His study is entitled *Young Immigrant Lives: A Study of the Migration and Settlement Experiences of Immigrant and Refugee Youth in Windsor, Ontario*.

During the presentation, Erwin discussed his findings about:

- Community provisions support social inclusion: Windsor possesses social and institutional characteristics that support young immigrants' and refugees' social inclusion
- Limited social participation and experiences of social exclusion
- Associated problems and pressures of being young



Erwin's research also provided recommendations that may assist in building a city that supports the full inclusion and participation of immigrant and refugee youth.

Following the presentation, attendees were divided into groups and asked to respond to 4 youth-focused questions. Erwin then facilitated a discussion where council members shared their responses with the larger group. As a result of the Community Conversation, for the 2017-2018 contract year, WE LIP will be creating a committee that will focus on the challenges and opportunities for newcomer youth in the Windsor Essex region.

