

## 2022 IRCC Planning Day

On June 23, 2022, the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) in collaboration with the Windsor IRCC Settlement Network team, and Chatham-Kent Local Immigration Partnership (CK LIP), organized and facilitated a newcomer services Executive Director Planning Day.

This virtual consultation was designed to bring Executive Directors from IRCC-funded Service Provider Organizations (SPO), Local Immigration Partnerships (LIP) and Réseaux en immigration francophone (RIF) together to focus on Settlement in our communities and to identify service priorities, gaps and trends. The information derived from this session will be used to facilitate programming and help address issues during the 2022-2023 and future fiscal years.

In advance of the consultation, participants were invited to complete a pre-consultation survey to look at successes and challenges in each IRCC-funded program delivery stream. Of particular interests was if actions taken in the past year to resolve challenges, including IRCC investments or amendments, cross-organizational support, and/or SPO program and budget restructuring, were successful. The survey also asked for input on new and/or emerging challenges for settlement services.

Results of the survey were shared with the Windsor IRCC Settlement Team, as well service provider organizations, and were used to facilitate discussion during the meeting. In all, 28 participants, including Executive Directors or a representative from each settlement organization, and the IRCC Settlement Team participated in the planning event. IRCC funding agreement holders included the City of Windsor, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Collège Boréal, New Canadian Centre of Excellence Inc., Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women, UHC-Hub of Opportunities, South Essex Community Council, The Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc., University of Windsor, YMCA of Southwestern Ontario, Centre Communautaire Francophone de Windsor-Essex-Kent Inc., Adult Language and Learning, Greater Essex County District School Board Language Assessment & Resource Centre, and Réseaux en immigration francophone.

Outcomes from the Planning Day discussion, as well as a post-event survey, are being collected into a report to be shared with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

A big thank you to all the community partners who helped organize and facilitate this planning day, and to the organizations who came ready to engage and collaborate on the year ahead.

