



# Virtual Enhanced Educational Platform

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# IRCC - Service Delivery Improvement (SDI)

- **New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc's VEEP initiative is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Service Delivery Improvement (SDI)**
- **VEEP uses existing technology to effectively respond to newcomer circumstances in the Windsor- Essex region - specifically during the COVID-19 pandemic**

# About VEEP



- VEEP is an innovative research project that uses technology to create an enhanced learning environment

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- Led by youth for youth, one of the main focuses of VEEP is to increase newcomer youth engagement in their learning through the leveraging of technology

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- VEEP considers inclusive technologies such as media, social media, live broadcasts, and other digital tools and utilizes these innovations to create a framework that is education-based and supports youth success both at school and in the community

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- VEEP targets newcomer youth who came from different backgrounds with varying levels of education, language proficiency, and technological skills

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- VEEP follows a Bottom-Up learning approach that allows youth to develop their own learning content that interests them the most

# VEEP Project Objectives



## DEVELOP

Develops phase-based research approach tests and evaluates strategies that promote self-directed learning, confidence, and skill development that simultaneously support success and achievement both in and out of school (in Key IRCC pillar areas)



## EXPLORE

Explores the impact of peer interaction and game-based/interactive activities that lessen inclusion barriers such as digital literacy and language-based isolation



## INTERACT

Interactive activities that support remote service delivery, increase client participation and effectively adapt services for newcomer youth

# VEEP Youth Focused Engagement



- VEEP Youth Advisory Team (VYAT)
- Round Table Discussion (RDT)
- Annual Forum
- Activities / Workshops / Webinars
- Youth Training
- Live production
- Program Evaluation Team



# Indented Outcomes

- **Enhance** relationships with peers, instructors, and community partners
- **Create** unique learning content and enhance learning engagement
- **Develop** transferable skills through technology (teach-back approach)
- **Build** communication, collaboration, and networking skills through media and e-learning
- **Promote** self-directed learning skills and confidence that support success and achievement both at school and out of school

# Partnerships & Project Management Team (PMT)

- Partnership building and collaboration are featured prominently throughout the life of the VEEP project
- VEEP works collaboratively with SWIS, YRC, and the External Evaluator from the University of Windsor in key project areas
- VEEP reaches out to the Organization's Ontario-wide network, specifically, the London Heritage Council, Newcomer Centre of Peel, Catholic Centre for Immigrants, and Thunder Bay Multicultural Association for various VEEP event participation



# Upcoming VEEP Engagement



- NCCE Inc.'s VEEP forum will address emerging trends and approaches in education, including virtual best practices, innovative learning, and creative ways of using technology, including gaming and social media in education, to increase learners' engagement
- Event details will be shared with community partners





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