

## CPA Information Sessions

June 26, 2018



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On June 26, 2018, Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) Ontario, Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc. and Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership collaborated to offer 2 CPA information sessions. Hosted at the WEST office, 23 IRCC funded service provider staff and 36 newcomers gained valuable information about the CPA designation pathways.

The agenda for the 2 sessions included:

- Local CPA labour market information and a live demonstration of the [WEexplore](#) tool provided by Workforce WindsorEssex;
- An overview of the CPA certification program, practical experience requirements, the benefits of pursuing the CPA designation, and steps to get started presented by Carmen Jacques, CPA Ontario; and
- A success story shared by Helena Palma-Kurek, Plant Accountant, about her experience in obtaining her CPA designation.




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*"We need more information sessions like this. Bringing in a guest speaker to share the success story was great and very inspiring."*

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## Building a Stronger, More Connected Kingsville-Leamington

June 28, 2018

The Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership works with community stakeholders to help make our region a more welcoming community for all. WE LIP was excited to share an incredible opportunity that aligns with our mandate and is being led by the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG).

WE LIP staff had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Justine Taylor, OGVG Science & Government Relations Manager, to discuss the Building a Stronger, More Connected Kingsville-Leamington community initiative.

Essex County farmers rely heavily on support from the international farm worker community to ensure that we continue to produce fresh, healthy produce right here in Ontario. These farm workers leave their families for many months at a time with the hopes of building a strong future for their families back home. Many of these workers live in our communities for part of the year, returning to their homes in during the off-season. Workers come from Mexico, Jamaica, Honduras, Thailand, and Guatemala, just to name a few of nationalities that support the Ontario Agri-food sector. Unfortunately, with so many different populations in a relatively small geographic area, cultural tensions, employment anxiety, and feelings of isolation or separation can arise quite easily.

OGVG has taken the lead on an initiative aimed at developing a framework to create a stronger sense of inclusion and integration between resident and non-resident communities in rural locations. They aim to pilot this work in the greater Kingsville-Leamington region with the hopes of building a more general model of community integration.

The first step in the community engagement was the distribution of a survey aimed at identifying community services currently available and recognizing gaps. The data collected through the survey was synthesized and then presented at the Building a Stronger, More Connected Kingsville-Leamington community initiative event on June 28th at the Roma Club in Leamington. WE LIP was instrumental in promoting the event and extending invitations to its council members, many of which were in attendance, along with WE LIP staff.

Two more gatherings are planned for October 2018 and February 2019 for the purpose of identifying areas of focus for the work and to form working groups to take action in those areas.



## Canadian Citizenship Ceremony

July 1, 2018

In what has now become an annual event, the Canadian Citizenship Ceremony took place on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre. For the fourth year, the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership, in collaboration with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the City of Windsor were pleased to organize the event in which 42 candidates, representing 11 different countries, were sworn in by Presiding Official, Rob Bruce, Manager of Windsor IRCC.

Dignitaries in attendance included City of Windsor Councillor, Ed Sleiman; Windsor West MPP, Lisa Gretzky; Essex MP, Tracey Ramsey; Windsor West MP, Brian Masse; and Windsor Police Diversity Officer, Constable Neil McEachrane.

As our newest citizens stood to take their oath and sing O Canada, some wearing Canada tee shirts, the smiles on their faces denoted the pride they felt as their sacrifice and hard work culminated to this moment when they could say, "I am Canadian."

### Oath of Citizenship

*I swear (or affirm)  
 That I will be faithful  
 And bear true allegiance  
 To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second  
 Queen of Canada  
 Her Heirs and Successors  
 And that I will faithfully observe  
 The laws of Canada  
 And fulfil my duties  
 As a Canadian citizen.*

*Je jure (ou j'affirme solennellement)  
 Que je serai fidèle  
 Et porterai sincère allégeance  
 À Sa Majesté la reine Elizabeth Deux  
 Reine du Canada  
 À ses héritiers et à ses successeurs  
 Que j'observerai fidèlement les lois du Canada  
 Et que je remplirai loyalement  
 Mes obligations de citoyen canadien.*







## Sharing Best Practices – SPICE Presentation

September 17, 2018

WE LIP was honoured to have been asked to once again deliver the *SPICE Up Your Service Delivery* presentation. The information was presented on September 17, 2018, via Skype to attendees of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) Employment and Income Social Assistance Network (EIIN) meeting. The panel of representatives from the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership SPICE (Settlement Partners Information Communication Exchange) Committee and the City of Windsor included:

- Mary Ellen Bernard, Manager of Social Policy and Planning / Project Manager City of Windsor / Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership
- Janet Gerace, Supervisor, Ontario Works, City of Windsor
- Jennifer DeMaeyer, Orientation Specialist, Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County
- Marina George, Communication Assistant, Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership

The sharing of best practices focused on the successful outcomes of the SPICE committee and how a municipality can work collaboratively with settlement organizations to deliver services to immigrants and refugees. Following the presentation, Mary Ellen Bernard was invited to speak about the SPICE Committee at the upcoming 2018 OMSSA Zone 1 Fall Conference being held on October 10, 2018, in Chatham.





## IRCC Planning Day & Community Consultation

September 25 & 26, 2018

Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) tasked the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) and the Chatham-Kent Local Immigration Partnership (CK LIP) with jointly organizing and co-hosting two community planning events for the Windsor Essex and Chatham-Kent communities related to services for newcomers.

### IRCC Planning Day – September 25, 2018

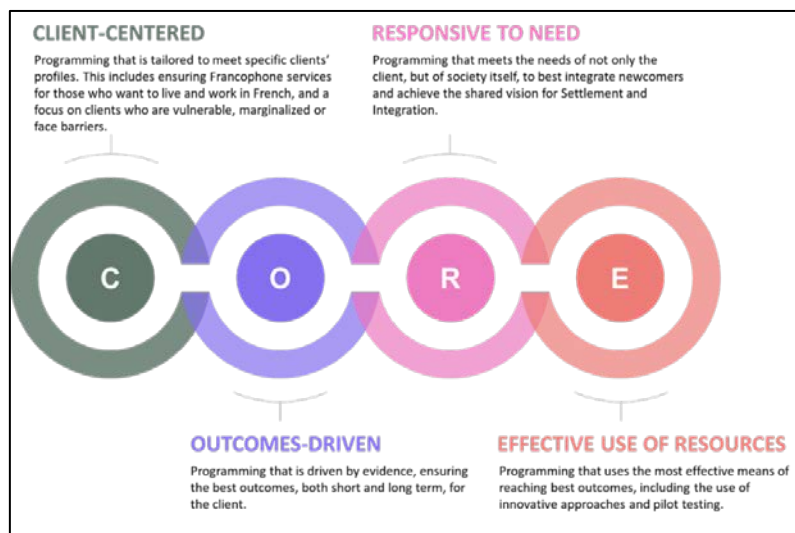
This full-day session was attended by 48 staff from Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent IRCC funded organizations. Participants were engaged in a facilitated session focusing on identifying IRCC-funded programming gaps, issues and opportunities. They were then asked to prioritize their ideas based on the following criteria:

- Addresses a clear need in the community that is evidence-based
- Improves the individual's health and safety
- Aligns with IRCC vision of integration
- Innovative or new way of thinking
- Enables a more flexible approach to problem-solving
- Promotes collaboration among non-traditional partners
- Promotes or advances people along a citizenship path
- Can make systemic changes in the community
- Engages the client in the process
- Supports group that needs service but are not currently IRCC funded



## IRCC Community Consultation – September 26, 2018

The half-day session, which will be used to inform Call for Proposal 2019, included 49 attendees representing IRCC funded agencies, community stakeholder organizations, employers and newcomer clients. The purpose of the event was to strengthen networks and develop connections to address gaps in the community related to newcomers. CORE principles were used to guide the discussion meant to elicit ideas leading to new types of partnerships, leveraging of shared resources and other innovative new approaches that can assist in finding efficiencies through the sharing of scarce resources.



**CORE Vision Statement:** *Successful settlement and integration benefits newcomers and Canada by building a more inclusive, culturally diverse and productive nation. This is achieved through a shared effort that connects Canadians and newcomers, and helps both reach their economic and social potential.*



## Upcoming Events



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### **WE LIP Council Meetings**

November 7, 2018	Fall Council Meeting *WE LIP Executive elections
December 11, 2018	Winter Council Meeting

### **WE LIP Committee Meetings**

October 23, 2018	WE LIP 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group
November 8, 2018	HENI Committee Meeting

### **Conference**

November 21-23, 2018	Pathways to Prosperity Conference Montreal, Quebec
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