



Career Pathways in the Agriculture Sector

Windsor Essex is one of six regions in Ontario where Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) are resettled. Finding employment is challenging. With funding provided by Citizenship Immigration Canada (CIC), The **Career Pathways in Agriculture** event was created by a group of committed partners and was hosted by the Municipality of Leamington in the Town Hall.

Partners on this initiative included:

- Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County (Lead)
- South Essex Community Council
- Workforce WindsorEssex
- The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington
- Ontario Vegetable and Growers Association
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership

The goal of this event was to provide information about employment opportunities in the agricultural sector to government assisted refugees (GARs) residing in Windsor-Essex and provide opportunities to explore career pathways in the growth sector.

Highlights of the event included:

- Welcoming remarks provided by Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Jeanine Lassaline-Berglund, Economic Development Officer for The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington;
- Stephanie Dupley, Career Pathway Educator at Workforce Windsor-Essex was the keynote speaker and presented an overview of the “Growing Agriculture Careers Profiles” & video resources developed by Workforce WindsorEssex;
- Local employers participated in a panel discussion and spoke about the agribusiness sector and shared their hiring experiences;
- A testimonial was delivered by a GAR working in the sector and;
- A networking session at the end of the day provided opportunities for GAR participants to speak directly with employers, complete employment applications and learn about Employment Ontario services.

