

International Student

ACTION PLAN

In 2021, the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) distributed a survey to International Students via social media and community partners. The goal of the survey was to **better understand the needs of international students in Windsor and Essex county**. The findings from the survey were shared in a report, and identified challenges students face, including employment, financial security, housing, food security, social connection and accessing services.

The full International Student report is available on the WE LIP International Students Initiatives webpage: <https://bit.ly/36a15DZ>

After the release of the report, a working group was formed to review the key findings and to help identify priorities for future initiatives.

This Action Plan was developed based on these key findings as well as feedback from International Students to inform future activities and responses.



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Employment & Financial Security

- Increase employer awareness of the skills and unique experiences of international students
- Improve access to information on labour laws and financial literacy
- Develop employment programs that support international students
- Engage International Students to help build Canadian Work Experience
- Increase access to networking and mentorship opportunities



Housing & Food

- Increase access to housing resources
- Improve food security and access to food banks
- Increase affordable on-campus housing
- Access to reliable transit
- Culturally appropriate food available through on-campus housing



Social Connection

- Increase opportunities for community integration of international students
- Opportunities to connect with domestic students and faith based groups
- Raise awareness of the need for culturally safe mental health services
- Increase access to networking and mentorship opportunities
- Increase community awareness of the unique contributions of International students



Accessing Services

- Engage partners to develop list of supports available to International Students
- Improve access to financial, legal assistance and recreation services for International Students
- Increase access to services particularly around employment, financial security, housing, food and social connection