

Working Group Updates

Working Group Name		Social Inclusion		
Facilitation	Name: Pam Cardwell	Organization: WoodGreen Community Services		
Date of Last Meeting: Oct 22, 2015	# of members: 21	# attended: 8	# of regrets: 5	
Main Items				
Item 1: Online Inventory of Education resources for newcomers				
<p>Brief Summary:</p> <p>Current inventory of the programs and resources was reviewed. A student working with TWLIP is doing outreach to collect inventory (of resources) for populating the website. It was decided that only resources within TWLIP and TSLIP catchment areas would be included, and only those that pertain to children and young adults (not adult education). It was also decided that once populated, a review of the content would happen once per year. The “events” and “news” features of the website were discussed as were the promotion and launch of the site. The “Submit information” feature of the website is now working.</p>		<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSLIP to find out most expedient way to populate site – can it be populated from existing excel spreadsheet? “Events” tab to be hidden (not used). TWLIP to continue to collect inventory – connect with TDSB. TWLIP to send out poll for next meeting (1st week of January 2016). 		
Item 2: Civic Engagement and Newcomer Leadership Development project				
<p>Brief Summary:</p> <p>As there was a gap since the last meeting, the objectives and status of the project was summarized and presented to the group. The discussion revolved around the intent, structure and content of the proposed curriculum. It was decided that a pilot of the curriculum/ program would be done. The group reviewed the responses to the questionnaire that was developed asking newcomers how and why they became civically engaged. A list of topics for the curriculum previously generated by the group were reviewed.</p>		<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will research existing civic engagement manuals to pull together the most relevant topics, exercises/ activities out there. Staff will research to see what already exists re. newcomer’s own input into civic engagement. 		
Item 3: Inclusion Checklist				
<p>Brief Summary:</p> <p>The Inclusion Checklist - that was developed for working groups in order to ensure that the membership is inclusive and representative – has been completed by the Social Inclusion Working Group. It has been forwarded to other Toronto South coordinators so they can do an audit within their groups.</p>		<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No immediate next steps. 		
Next Steps for Future Meeting(s):				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting of the Social Inclusion (SI) Group is Nov 26, 2015 				