Working Group Updates

Working Group Name		Social Inclusion		
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Date of Last Meeting: September 25th, 2014		# of members: 18	# attended: 7	# of regrets: 4

Main Items

Item 1: Online Inventory of Education resources for newcomers

Brief Summary: Members were given an update on how this project is proceeding. Members felt that the proposed URL (www.newcomerparentsandeducation.com) was too and should probably be shortened in some way. This feedback is in addition to the feedback that members of the Toronto West LIP had about the title of the website (title is too long)	Actions: • Coordinators from TSLIP and TWLIP will work together to address the concerns of members regarding the length of the URL and webpage title • Options for sustaining the website have already been looked into and this will continue (i.e. Maytree grant, discussions with OCASI to take it on, etc.)

Item 2: Inclusion Checklist

Brief Summary: The group spoke briefly about the Inclusion Checklist. This is a tool developed by the former Underserved Newcomer workgroup and the Social Inclusion workgroup will be tasked with developing a strategy to pilot this.	Actions: • The hope is to pilot the Inclusion Checklist with the Social Inclusion group prior to submitting to other work groups to utilize

Item 3: Potential Projects for the workgroup

Brief Summary: The group had a discussion about potential projects the group could take on. A list of ideas was presented to the group to react to. Most of the discussion that ensued centered around the importance of newcomer civic engagement and peer-to-peer programs to support developing leadership within newcomer communities and have those leaders teach and support others in understanding their rights and options. A number of members around the table were already engaging in these types of programs.	Actions: • There will be a scan of members who are already engaging in these peer-to-peer programs and models and this will be presented to the group • There will be a discussion about how a joint civic engagement program or framework could potentially look

Next Steps for Future Meeting(s):
- The next meeting will be taking place on Thursday December 4th
- There will be a brief scan of newcomer engagement and leadership programs members are currently engaged in will happen prior to the meeting to frame discussion
- Inclusion Checklist and piloting the audit may take place (depending on time)