

Systemic Issues & Social Change Working Group

September 21, 2017

10am to 12noon

Centre for Social Innovation (CSI)

720 Bathurst St., 3rd Floor, Rm 4

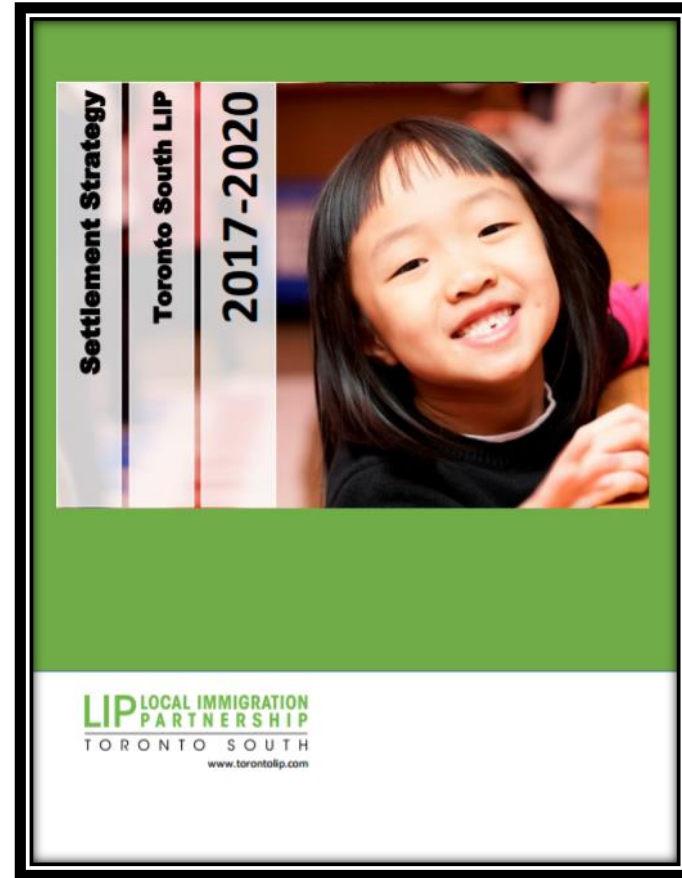
Agenda

10:00-10:15	Welcome and introductions
10:15-10:25	Review of Settlement Services Infographics, Recent Immigrants in TDSB Schools map, and Language Data in TDSB Schools
10:25-10:35	Overview of TSLIP Strategic Plan (2017-2020)
10:35-11:00	Overview of Systemic Issues and Social Change Working Group priorities for 2017-18. Terms of Reference. Discussion on how the working group can proceed with each priority.
11:00 - 11:25	Identifying emerging policy issues.
11:25 - 11:45	Identifying emerging research needs.
11:45-11:55	Systemic Issues Working Group membership/Self-Inclusion Audit
11:55-12:00	Other business
12:00	End of meeting

Knowledge Translation

1. Use of Settlement Services (Toronto and Ontario)
<http://www.torontolip.com/Publications/UseofSettlementServices.aspx>
2. Maps of % Recent Immigrants in TDSB Schools (Elementary and Secondary)
<http://www.torontolip.com/MapsofRecentImmigrantsinTDSB.aspx>
3. Language Data in TDSB Schools
<http://www.torontolip.com/TDSBLanguageData.aspx>

Toronto South LIP Strategic Plan



Terms of Reference

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Systemic Issues and Social Change Terms of Reference

Background

Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) are funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to provide framework to facilitate the development of local settlement strategies. There are 5 LIPs in the City of Toronto (4 community-based and 1 municipal-based). This committee is a city-wide committee, open to members of all 5 LIPs, and is facilitated by the Toronto South LIP.

Mandate

The Mandate of the Systemic Issues & Social Change Committee is:

- To promote local, provincial, and national social and policy change that supports newcomer inclusion and reduces or eliminates systemic barriers and challenges, including those identified by LIP strategies, by:
 - supporting and/or working with existing service sector associations, community groups, or social change networks,
 - developing ad hoc issue-specific working groups,
 - interpreting research and data for community use
 - identifying policy issues and research needs

Composition

The Committee may be made up of representatives of immigrant and refugee serving agencies, language training providers, community organizations, health institutions, newcomers, social service agencies, staff of local and regional governments, local associations or bodies, regional employment networks, economic development corporations, and other relevant stakeholders. The composition of the Committee will reflect the following parameters:

- The Systemic Issues & Social Change Committee is always open to new members.
- The Committee will conduct a membership audit using the Toronto South LIP Self-Inclusion Audit tool to ensure that relevant stakeholders are invited and participating.
- Committee member representatives will serve for a one-year term starting in April of the applicable year. Members may continue the membership if interested.

Operating Guidelines & Decision-Making:

The Committee will operate using the following guidelines:

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- The Committee will ensure that processes are undertaken in a participatory and inclusive manner.
- The Committee will keep [the Toronto Inter-LIP Network] informed regarding the status of the Committee's activities and progress.
- The Committee will meet in person at least six times per year. The Committee may also choose to meet by telephone conference call.
- Minutes of all Committee meetings will be taken, and will be open and available to all Committee members and the general public on the Toronto South LIP website.
- The Committee will be facilitated by the Toronto South LIP. The facilitator will set the Committee meeting agendas. Members may forward items to the facilitator prior to the meeting. Items brought forward at meeting time will require majority consent to add them to the agenda.
- In between meetings, Committee communications shall generally be conducted by e-mail.
- The Committee will aim toward consensus building as its primary decision-making process. In the event that consensus is not achieved, Committee decisions shall be made by a two-thirds majority vote.
- Committee members may be asked to volunteer in various aspects of the Committee's activities. In particular, Committee members may volunteer to organize discussion roundtables, community consultations, and other activities.
- Committee members will declare any real or potentially perceived Conflict of Interest in accordance with the generally accepted principles.

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Working Group Priorities

	Project	Description	Timeline	Responsibility	Outcomes	To Be Determined
1	Stories about Housing Privately Sponsored Refugees	Collecting stories from Private Sponsors on their experiences in trying to find housing accommodations for Syrian Refugees. Interviews to be recorded (video or audio with animation??) ie: StoryCorps, North York Community House Digital Stories?	Identify 5 sponsors by end of 2017 Start interviews in new year	Working group members to identify possible sponsors to interview Consultant?	Highlight the state of affordable housing in Toronto	Format of final project Scan of current refugee research projects - can we partner? (ie: York U research on Syrian Refugees) Can we hire a consultant? How many stories is feasible? 5?
2	Research on what makes a successful welcoming campaign	An environmental scan of Welcoming Campaigns around the world - what elements are needed? Who should take the lead? How is message determined?	Completed by Dec 2017	Researcher	Information will give us a good understanding of the elements of a successful campaign	Where to scan? Global? Are there certain countries/regions we should focus (perhaps some that are similar to our situation?)
3	Knowledge Translation of Census Data	Development of visual graphics, factsheets and/or other tools that interpret research finding for community members, partners, staff and supporters	Ongoing	TSLIP staff with input from working group	Making research and complicated data easy to understand, relevant and useful for everyday service delivery	Several documents have been created over the summer - what information should we interpret next Is there customized data we would like to request from funders/government/Stats Can?
4	Identifying emerging research needs	A short document that outlines a process for the selection of emerging research issues	To be completed by Dec 2017	Researcher - with working group input	A document that lists the possible research areas we can focus on an how we determine which to select	How to determine research areas How do members inform Working Group of issues they are seeing in the field? How much does 'funding availability' influence our choices? Who determines which topic to move forward with?
4 ^a	Conducting research	Carrying out the research project selected (funding applications, -if needed, set up a research sub-committee, developing research outline/abstract, and conducting research, writing, editing, final product, knowledge translation documents)	Ongoing	Researcher - with working group input	A final research report Community friendly documents	How will format of the research be determined? Research sub-committee opened to other members interested? What Knowledge Translation documents will be developed? Dissemination plan?
5	Developing a Policy framework	A policy framework that outlines the areas of interest, principles, long-term goals and overall direction	To be completed by Dec 2017	Researcher - with working group input	A document that outlines the overall principles and long-term goals of addressing policy issues	How to determine policy issues
5 ^a	Addressing a policy issue	Develop a plan to address the specific issue (meet with relevant people, draft a letter)	Ongoing	Researcher - with working group input	A document that states our position on a specific policy issue	How to choose which issue to address How will issue be addressed When do we need LIP Council approval? What does that look like (vote to endorse? 51% or more)

Identifying Emerging Policy Issues and Research Needs

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	Emerging Policy Issues	Research Needs
1	Safe Third Country Agreement	Finding Housing for Refugees
2	Welcome policy of local schools	Welcoming Campaigns
3	CIC determination of Immigration and refugee numbers	Sanctuary City implementation
4	IRCC advocacy policy	
5	Newcomer access to career accreditations	
6	Voting rights for residents in Toronto regardless of immigration status	
7	LAO cuts to refugee and immigrant services	
8	Indefinite Immigration Detention	
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Inclusion Self-Audit Tool

- ▶ Collectively complete the *Membership Inclusivity* section of the Self-Audit Tool
- ▶ Discuss the *Information Sharing and Planning* section of the Self-Audit Tool

Proposed Next Meetings

10am to 12noon

- ▶ Thursday, November 23, 2017
- ▶ Thursday, January 18, 2018
- ▶ Thursday, March 16, 2018