

QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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Minutes of the meeting
12 May 2015

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership www.quintelip.ca
LOCATION	Belleville City Hall - Sir Mackenzie Bowell (SMB) Meeting Room 3rd floor 169 Front Street, Belleville, Ontario
PROJECT COORDINATOR ADMINISTRATOR /FACILITATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John L. Robertson - Project Coordinator – Quinte Local Immigration Partnership - Email: lip@quinteimmigration.ca • Orlando Ferro – QLIP Administrator / Facilitator Executive Director – Quinte Immigration Services QUIS Email: oferro@quinteimmigration.ca
NOTE TAKER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John L. Robertson - Project Coordinator – QLIP Partnership
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Aruna Alexander - United Nations Association in Canada - Quinte UNAC • Barbara Dick - TESL Kingston - Teachers of English as a Second Language • Paul Osborne - President - Board of Directors - Quinte Immigration Services • Carmela Ruberto - Hastings County Social Services • Marcela Klein-Rezac - Social Worker, MSW, RSW - Quinte and District Rehabilitation Inc. Belleville • Mike Whitaker - Loyalist College Community Employment Services • Danielle Vaillant – Job Search/Community Resource Specialist - META Employment Services • Lisa Patterson - Service Delivery Coordinator - Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities • Janet McGrath - Citizen Services Specialist - Service Canada • Andrew Redden - Economic Development Manager Hastings County • Robynne Smith - Director School of Continuing Education - Loyalist College • Denyce Diakun - Director Student Success - Loyalist College • JoAnne Lewis - Partnership Developer - Hastings & Prince Edward Poverty Roundtable • Trevor Pross Chief Executive Officer - Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery
GUEST PRESENTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Kerr – Coordinator Colour of Poverty – Colour of Change • Carol Kim Ling Baker-Lai - Project Coordinator Disaggregated Data - Colour of Poverty – Colour of Change

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION

• Introductions and opening remarks

- **Acknowledgement - Special appreciation to Karen Post** - Manager of Economic and Strategic Initiatives - City of Belleville for providing the Sir Mackenzie Bowell Meeting Room at Belleville City Hall.
- **Acknowledgement - Special appreciation to Michael Kerr and Carol Kim Ling Baker-Lai**, Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change for their presentation to the QLIP Partnership
- **Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change COP-COC – “Human Rights Based Data”** presentation
- Info at: <http://accessalliance.ca/community/advocacy/colourofpoverty>
- Michael Kerr and Carol Kim Ling Baker-Lai, Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change provided the QLIP Partners with a comprehensive presentation on the need for disaggregated data that can drive “evidence based decision making” by governments and a multitude of organizations and groups.
- Common barriers to data collection include the Perception of Legal Framework for data collection in Ontario, Concerns around privacy and confidentiality, and Perception of administrative burden. The Ontario Human Rights Commission OHRC “Count me in! Collecting human rights-based data”, and their “Policy and Guidelines on Racism and Racial Discrimination” affirm that data collection is an essential element to identifying and addressing systemic and subtle discrimination” Link: <http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/count-me-collecting-human-rights-based-data>
- Benefits include: Identify trends or gaps in services and employment associated with Ontario Human Rights Code, perceptions of discrimination, and initiatives to deal with problems. Monitor whether anti-racism and anti-discrimination initiatives are effective. Gain trust and secure the support of key decision-makers and stakeholders. Reduce exposure to possible legal action and human rights complaints.
- The newest draft of the research and organizational programming tool-template developed by COP-COC can help institutions gather, monitor and analyze needed disaggregated data. Training Boards can assist and in some centres the United Way has been involved.
- Organizations in the Quinte Region could benefit from a regional system of data collection, and working with the draft demographic survey tool would improve data collection and quality of information that can translate into necessary outcomes analysis. The invitation was extended to Quinte Region to work with the template for data intake forms, survey exercises etc. Future studies could include Belleville/Quinte Region. Connect with the COP-COC and work with other organizations using similar data collection techniques. Good data is key to efficient and effective policies. Contact Michael Kerr at kerr.michael@gmail.com
- **The Belleville Public Library** and John M. Parrott Art Gallery offer “Online Learning Tools” including, “Road to IELTS” providing preparation and practice for English Language Testing Exam.
- **QLIP Partner COGECO** – John Costello is now with Peterborough COGECO and a new QLIP connection will be sought. The Partnership acknowledges the great contributions made by John and COGECO including the creation of videos related to Quinte Region newcomers. The success of the multipart documentaries “Breaking Barriers” are available in a video collage on the QLIP site (and QUIS site) and the originals are available on COGECO Cable 4. Possible further videos could include success stories of newcomers to the Quinte Region.
- **First Anniversary Event** commemorating the City of Belleville (2014) signing the declaration joining the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (as recommended by UNAC-Quinte) on Thursday April 16, 2015 was an outstanding success with over 250 guests, many newcomers, and valued presentations and performances.

- **The United Nations Association in Canada - Quinte UNAC** has eight 8 openings for newcomers at no cost to participate in the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition PLAR Conference May 26th to Friday May 29th, 2015. Please contact Shawn Doyle at sdoyle@kos.net and Aruna Alexander at globalperspectives@cogeco.ca PLAR Conference: <http://www.loyalistcollege.com/future-students/prior-learning-assessment-and-recognition/26th-annual-plar-conference>
- **Quinte Immigration Services QUIS Pot Luck & Open House** - QUIS will be holding a Pot Luck dinner and Open House on Tuesday June 16, 2015 Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with Pot Luck from 5:30 to 7 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday June 11, 2015 by calling QUIS at 613-968-7723 Ext 0
- **QLIP Partner Loyola School of Continuing Education - Celebration of Achievement** event for the students in the LINC and ESL classes on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:00 PM, 135 Palmer Rd., Belleville, (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – Gymnasium) Reception 6:00 PM, Ceremony 6:30 PM. To attend, please RSVP by Monday, June 15, 2015, Call Cheryl: 613-966-9210 or email: greeanu@alcdsb.on.ca

NEXT MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday June 09, 2015	Career Edge Boardroom 9 Advance Avenue, Napanea, Ontario	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon