



## **WELCOMING COMMUNITIES AWARENESS BUILDING WORKSHOP AND GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, June 14 – Tuesday June 15, 2010  
Hamilton, Ontario**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**The key meeting objectives are:**

- **To build awareness among community and university members of the research being conducted by the Welcoming Communities Initiative**
- **To discuss the Governing Council structure and operation, and strategies for increasing capacity**
- **To assess the progress of the WCI in its first year and discuss strategies for increasing collaboration and activity**

## Monday, June 14, 2010 : Research Workshop

**Conference Location:** Centre Ballroom Meeting Room  
Sheraton Hamilton Hotel  
116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

**12:30 - 1 PM**                      **Registration**

**1:00 - 1:30 PM**                      **Introductions and Goals for the Meeting**  
**WCI Co-Chair: Victoria Esses (Western)**

**1:30 - 3:30 PM**                      **Welcoming Communities: Promoting Inclusive Ontario Cities Projects**  
**Moderator: Bruce Newbold (McMaster)**

- WCI Action-Research on Local Immigration Partnership Councils: Neil Bradford (Western) and Caroline Andrew (Ottawa)
- Opinion Leader Interviews: Views on Cultural Diversity and Immigration: Livianna Tossutti (Brock) and Victoria Esses (Western)
- Policing Newcomers: Policy, Training and Practice: Vic Satzewich (McMaster) and Billy Shaffir (McMaster)
- Perceptions of Discrimination in Health Services Experienced by Immigrant Minorities in Ontario: Bruce Newbold (McMaster) and Ginette Lafreniere (Wilfrid Laurier)
- Barriers to Health Service Utilization by Immigrant Families Raising a Disabled Child: Unmet Needs and the Role of Discrimination: Gillian King (Bloorview Research Institute and Western)
- Antiracism and Antidiscrimination Observatory: Victoria Esses (Western) and Livianna Tossutti (Brock)

**3:30 – 4:00 PM**                      **Coffee Break**

**4:00 – 5:00 PM**                      **Discussion of Baseline Inventory and Audit Study**  
**Moderator: Scott Fisher (City of Greater Sudbury)**

- Progress to Date
- Common Challenges and Potential Solutions
- Timeline to Complete

**5:00 – 5:30 PM**                      **Characteristics of a Welcoming Community Report**  
**Presenters: Leah Hamilton (Western) and Victoria Esses**

**5:30 – 6:00 PM**

**Making Ontario Home Project**

**Presenter: Audrey Kobayashi (Queens)**

- Overview of the Project
- Role of the WCI
- Distribution of Activities

**6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**Reception**

**Location: The Loft**

## Tuesday June 15, 2010: Internal Governing Council Meeting

**Conference Location:** Centre Ballroom Meeting Room  
Sheraton Hamilton Hotel  
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**7:45 – 8:30 AM**            **Breakfast**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM**            **Introduction to the Governing Council Meeting**  
**WCI Co-Chairs: Victoria Esses and Carl Nicholson (Catholic Immigration Centre, Ottawa)**

**9:00 - 10:30 AM**            **Issues Surrounding the Operation of a Virtual Centre**  
**Moderator: Meyer Burstein (WCI Policy and Coordination Fellow)**

- Experience to Date
- Revisiting the Decision to Operate as a Virtual Centre
- Centre and Secretariat Needs

**10:30 - 11:00 AM**            **Break**

**11:00 -12:00 AM**            **Progress on Local Collaboration**  
**Moderator: Carl Nicholson**

- Discussion of Common Challenges and Potential Solutions

**12:00 – 1:30 PM**            **Lunch**

**1:30 –2:30 PM**            **Progress on Domains**  
**Moderator: Victoria Esses**

- Discussion of How to Increase Collaboration and Research Activity

**2:30 – 3:00 PM**            **Leveraging University Commitments and Other Sources of Funding**  
**Moderator: Caroline Andrew (Ottawa)**

**3:00 – 4:00 PM**            **Closing Discussion: Promoting Teamwork and Communication**  
**Moderators: Carl Nicholson and Victoria Esses**