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I. *The London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership: (LMLIP) Who We Are*

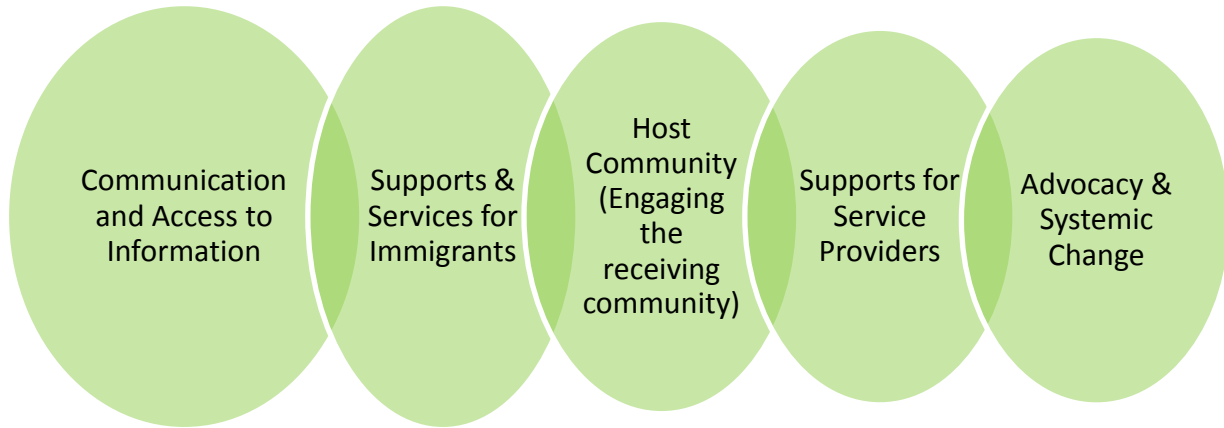
- ❖ Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- ❖ Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) across Ontario is supported by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration as well as the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO).
- ❖ The model of the LIPs has been implemented in other provinces such as Alberta, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador
- ❖ One of 34 Local Immigration Partnerships in Ontario
- ❖ LMLIP established in 2009, is guided by a Central Council and six issue specific Sub-councils which were established in February 2010
- ❖ Supported through the work of more than 300 volunteers who are actively involved with the LMLIP Central Council, six Sub-councils and the 22 working groups with over 700 hours of contribution
- ❖ Our vision is a client centred approach that includes and works with immigrants to enhance their successful integration into Canadian society

This report highlights the implementation of the second annual work plan to advance a number of strategies from the updated ***LMLIP Strategic Plan 2013-2016***.

LMLIP will continue to mobilize the community by using a collaborative framework to facilitate successful integration. We will address issues to create stronger and healthier communities. We will continue to count on the generous support of our community and service providers.

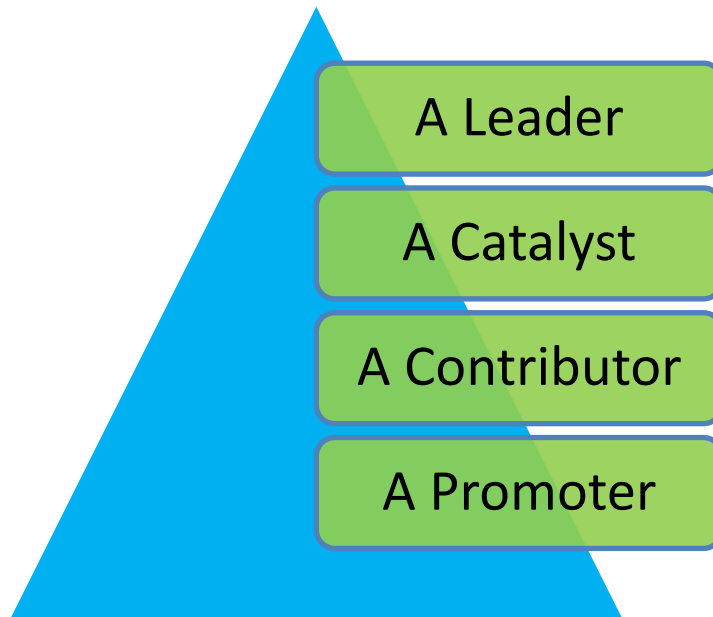
II. Our Community's Strategic Priorities

The London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership continues to be guided by the following overarching strategic priorities:



III. What we do and how we do It

The London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership is an established strategic planning body. LMLIP, with its community development approach, is recognized in the community as:



As a Leader

Developed a DVD to accompany the *Welcoming All Voices* resource intended to be used by parent leaders in schools to recruit and engage immigrant parents in the school system

Provided input to the City of London's Immigration Portal on immigrant success stories that are showcased on the Portal

Engaged two ethnic communities in learning about the justice system and protective services

Engaged immigrant professionals in a networking event with staff from Middlesex County

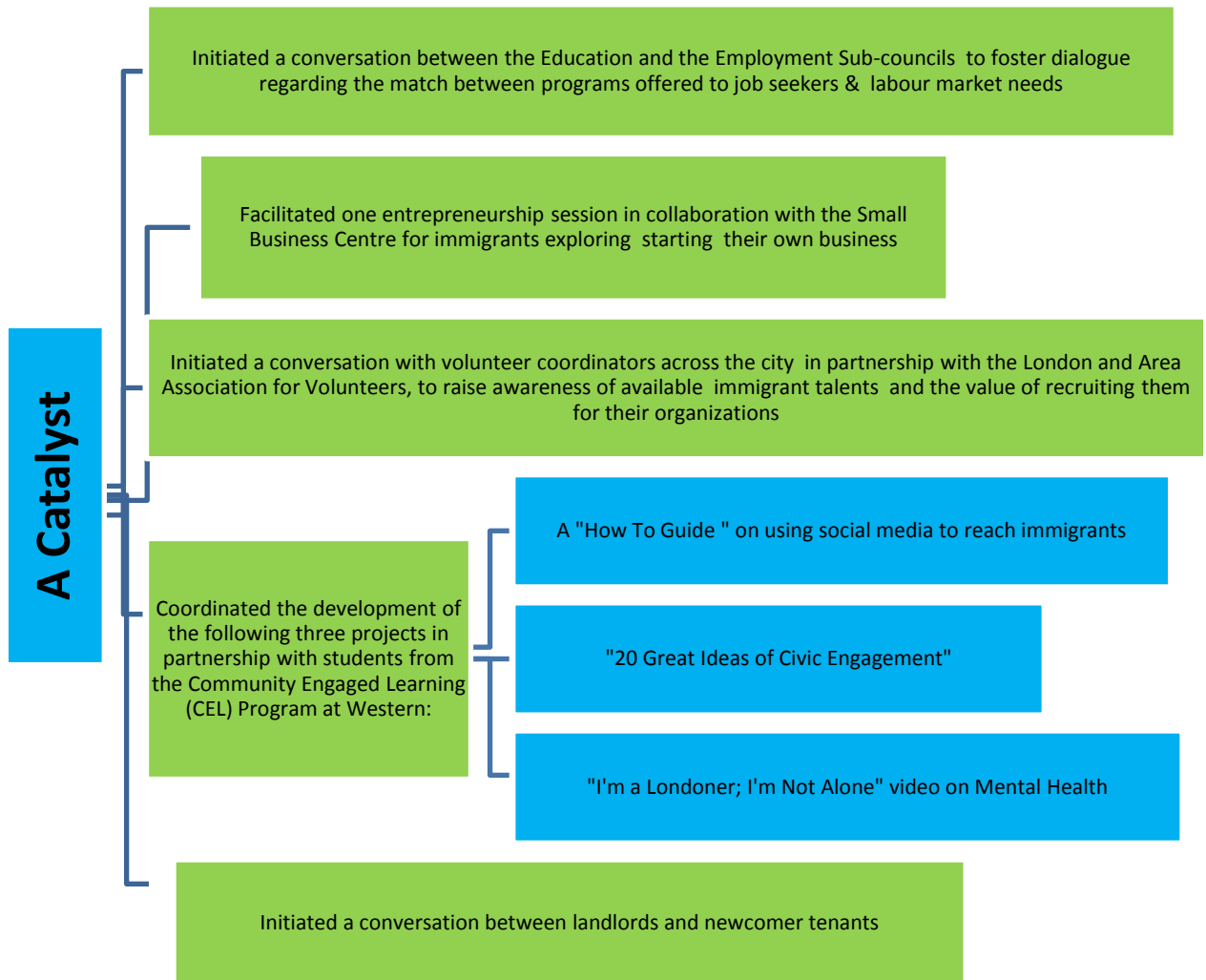
Enhanced awareness on cultural competency in the school system by coordinating two workshops at the Faculty of Education and Fanshawe College.

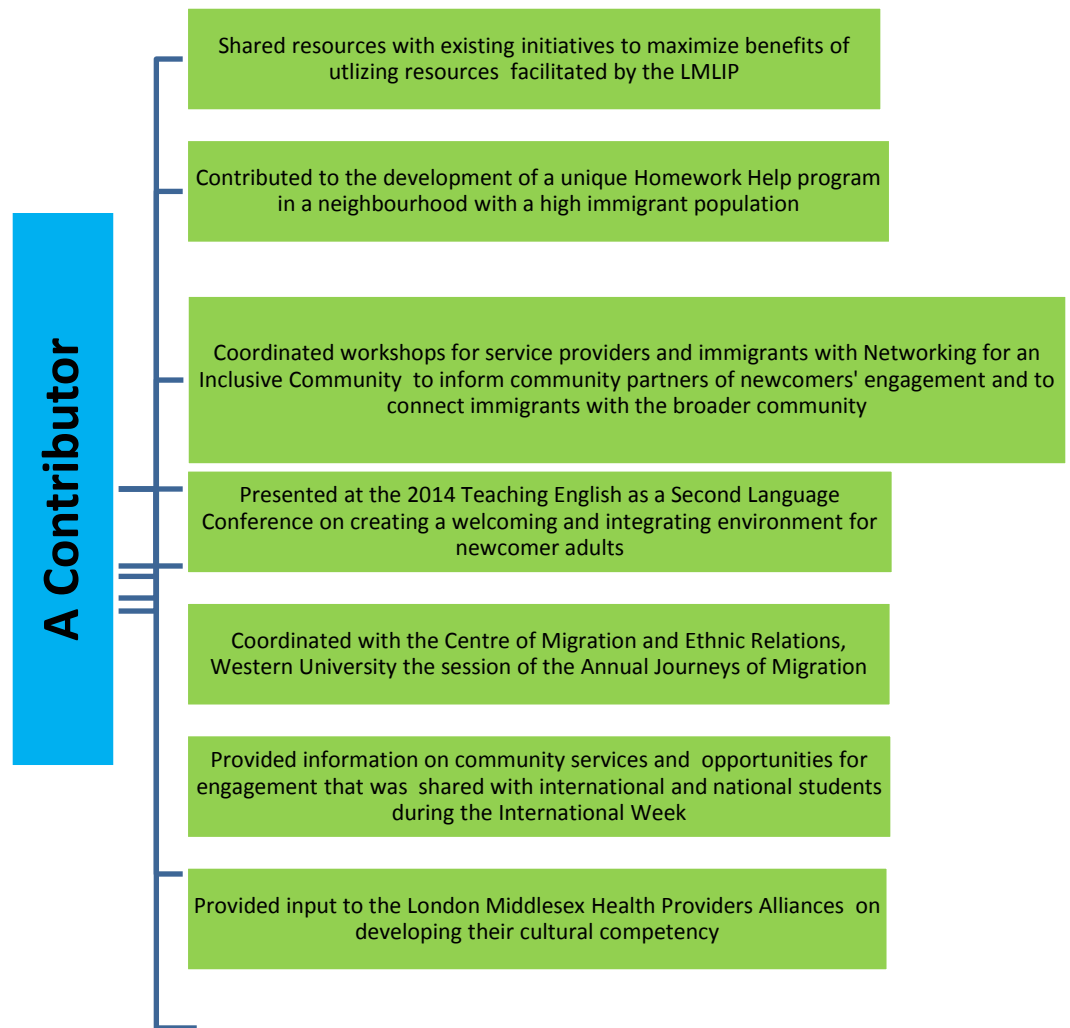
Organized LMLIP Day of Learning to educate, inform and support the community

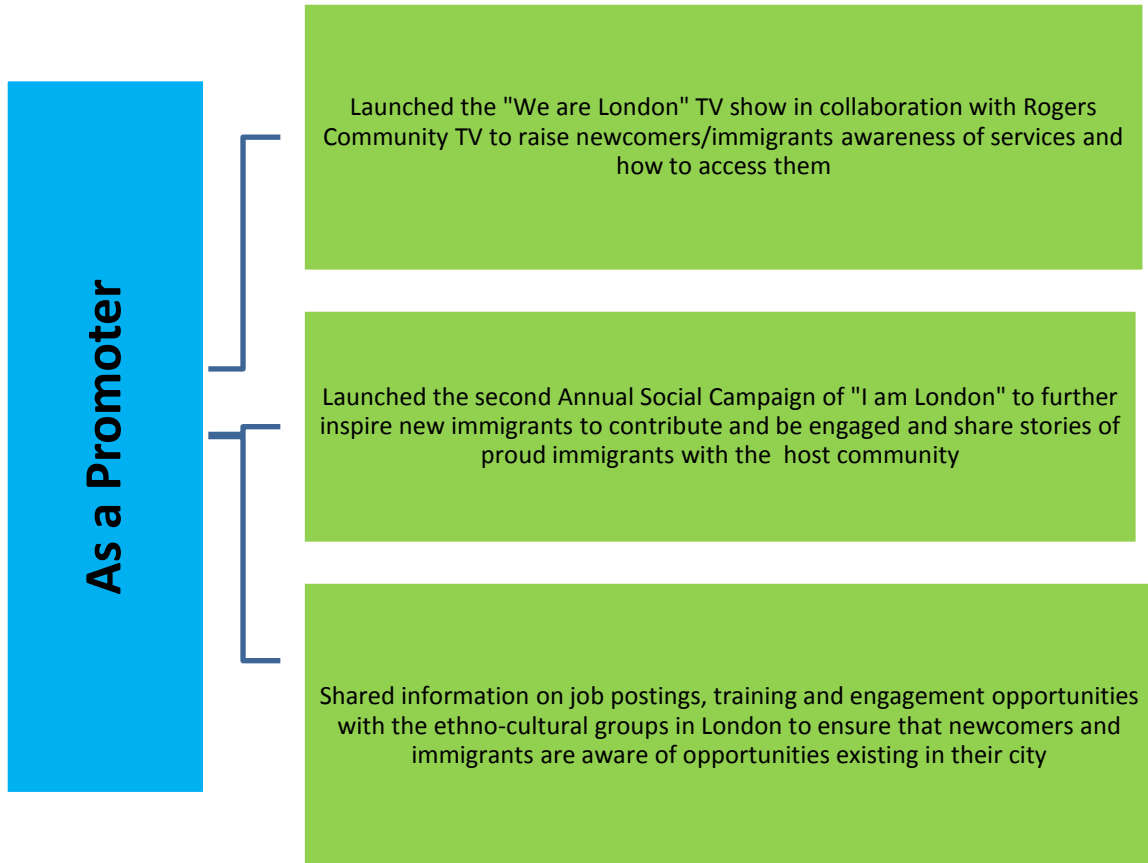
Coordinated the development of *A Newcomer Housing* video

Informed and educated immigrant communities on their rights and responsibilities as citizens with regard to municipal elections

Coordinated the delivery of 34 information sessions for newcomers at language learning sites







IV. Our Ongoing Commitment

We will continue to create opportunities for engagement, a more welcoming and inclusive community by:



V. Conclusion

LMLIP continues its strategic plan to reach out to all sectors, consult with communities, organizations and ethnic associations to ensure that efforts are coordinated and partnerships established to facilitate a comprehensive approach to the successful integration of immigrants. Each Sub-council would continue to implement their annual work plan with the support of the community.

Our community continues to work differently. New partnerships have been established. For example, the education and employment sectors have increased their dialogue on creating a mechanism whereby designed educational programs match the labour market demand.

LMLIP is changing the way systems are working. The Police Service is working closely with community services to engage newcomers and immigrants and provide them with information sessions on the justice system. The school board, settlement sector and faith groups are working together to address the LMLIP strategic priorities of:

- ✓ Access to Information
- ✓ Supports for Service Providers and
- ✓ Engaging the Host Community” for better outcomes for immigrant parents

LMLIP supports the City’s priorities of creating a, “Diverse, inclusive & welcoming community”, a “Diverse & resilient economy“ and a “Strategic Collaborative economy”¹

A positive settlement experience helps in creating the infrastructure to the economic prosperity of the immigrants. LMLIP as a planning body, plays a vital role in supporting and strengthening our community’s efforts in building a strong community.

Our webpage continues to receive over 3,000 visits. The 10 top countries are Canada, United States, India, the United Kingdom, Colombia, Brazil, Germany, Pakistan, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Japan. LMLIP is a community journey aiming at creating opportunities and better outcomes for immigrants residing in our midst.

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- ✓ The exceptional support of Dr. Vicki Esses and her team from the Centre of Migration and Ethnic Relations, Western University
- ✓ The generous in-kind contributions of organizations and associations (Appendix B)

¹ 1519 Strategic Plan for the City of London 2015-2019

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Appendix C: Participating Organizations & Associations

- 94.9 FM CHRW
- 3M
- Abacus Ontario
- Access Centre for Regulated Employment
- ACFO de London-Sarnia
- Across Languages
- African Canadian Federation of London & Area
- Boardwalk Rental Communities
- Boys and Girls Club of London
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Canadian Iraqi Turkmen Culture Association
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Carrefour des Femmes du Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario
- Centre for Addiction & Mental Health
- Centre for Lifelong Learning
- Childreach Centre
- Children's Aid Society of London & Middlesex
- Child and Youth Network
- Chinese Canadian National Council (London Chapter)
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Collège Boréal
- Conseil scolaire de district des écoles catholiques du Sud-Ouest
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde
- Community Living London
- Community Legal Services, Faculty of Law, Western University
- Cross Cultural Learner Centre
- County of Middlesex
- Culture Office, City of London
- Elgin Middlesex Oxford Workforce Planning and Development Board
- Elizabeth Frye Society
- Ethno-cultural Council of London
- Fanshawe College
- Hutton House
- International and Exchange Student Centre, Western University
- Investing in Children
- Irene Mathysen's office
- Islamic Centre of Southwestern Ontario
- John Howard Society of London & District
- Kala Manjari
- Landlord & Tenant Board
- Latino Canadian Community Corporation
- Learning Disabilities Association - London Region
- London District Catholic School Board
- London Economic Development Corporation
- London Employment Help Centre
- London Fire Department
- London Health Sciences Centre
- London Intercommunity Health Centre
- London Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Alliance
- London LINK
- London Middlesex Immigrant Employment Council
- London Police Service
- London Public Library
- LUSO Community Services
- Merrymount Children's Centre
- Middlesex-London Health Unit
- Middlesex Social Services
- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Probation and Parole
- Muslim Community

- *Neighbourhood Watch*
- *Networking for an Inclusive Community*
- *Ontario Early Years Centres*
- *Ontario Legislature*
- *Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration*
- *Pathways to Prosperity, Western University*
- *Pillar Non-Profit Network*
- *Platinum Leadership Inc.*
- *Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone*
- *Rogers TV*
- *St. Leonard's Community Services London & Region*
- *Somali Association of London*
- *South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre*
- *South West Community Care Access Centre*
- *South West Regional Cancer Program*
- *Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations*
- *Thames Valley District School Board*
- *Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee*
- *United Way London & Middlesex*
- *VON*
- *Western University Canada*
- *WIL Employment Connections*
- *Women's Community House*
- *World Education Services*