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LOCAL IMMIGRATION
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How Local Immigration Partnership – Municipal Partnerships are Easing the Immigrant Integration and Settlement Process

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Today's Objectives

- Past municipal relationships with settlement/ Immigration and impact on the local immigration partnership (London & County before 2009)
- London and County after 2009

London before 2009

- Voices for Change
- Painting by Numbers
- Creative Cities Task Force
- Welcoming Cultural Diversity Committee (March 2005)
- London Diversity, Race and Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) (DIAAC)



Middlesex County before 2009

- Focus on attraction and retention
- London & Middlesex Immigrant Employment Council
- Middlesex Portal
- WIL Employment Connections



City of London's Relationship with LMLIP

- Leadership on LMLIP:
 - Co-chairing the LMLIP since its inception
 - Senior Management on Sub-councils
 - Lead with provincial and federal government
 - Lead and host of Immigration Portal



2011-2014 City Strategic Plan (immigrants fit key area of the Plan):

- a) A strong economy
- b) A vibrant & diverse community
- c) A caring community
- Attraction of immigrants identified for economic development
- Attraction of international students

London and County after 2009: Continued

- Immigrants & the Labour Market: A London Perspective (2015)
- 2015-2019 Strategic Plan for the City of London in its four areas of focus, includes a focus area of:
 - a. Strengthening our community

Under this area, the City highlights the support of immigrants and newcomers through the LMLIP

London and County after 2009: Continued

- Information sharing (eg. Statistics)
- Engaging city council
- Interaction between LMLIP and the city to implement LIP's strategies (e.g., election series, Census Canada)
- Recreation services (spectrum)
- Art and Culture
- Syrian Refugee partnership

London and County after 2009

- The City of London and the County are more engaged in issues related to immigrants
- Immigration Strategy
- The position of: Specialist – Municipal policy (immigration)
- Diversity and Inclusion Plan
- Adaptation/enhancement of recreation services and programming

London & County after 2009: Continued

- Membership on the LMLIP Employment Sub-council
- *We Are Middlesex* TV Show
- Small Business Information Session



London & County after 2009: Continued

- Immigration is on planning agenda of partners, including City and County
- Recognition that Immigrants are talents and healthy infusion that enrich our community in many ways
- Work with partners on addressing issues of racism and discrimination to achieve healthy integration

London & County after 2009: Continued

- Collaborate to raise awareness on immigrant talents and how to access them
- Open dialogues with stakeholders to enhance the successful settlement experience



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