



Welcoming Communities Kick-Off Meeting

Friday, November 27 – Saturday, November 28, 2009

Kingston, Ontario

Meeting Agenda

The key conference objectives are:

- **Provide a detailed update on the progress of the WCI**
- **Provide opportunities for questions, discussion, and exchange of ideas**
- **Provide opportunities for collaboration and networking**

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Conference Location: The Radisson Hotel Kingston Harbourfront, St. Laurent Room

- 12:45 – 2:00 p.m. Registration and Informal Lunch**
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Session Moderators: Victoria Esses (University of Western Ontario) and Carl Nicholson (Catholic Immigration Centre, Ottawa)
- Introductions by All Present
Overview of the Project
Pragmatic and Social Case for Being a Member of the WCI
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Update on the Website and E-Bulletin**
Tasha Williamson (Project Manager)
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Domain Reports and Discussion**
Session Moderator: Meyer Burstein (Policy and Research Consultant)
- Community and Civic Resources and Initiatives: Caroline Andrew (University of Ottawa) and Carl Nicholson (Catholic Immigration Centre)
- Health and Healthcare: Bruce Newbold (McMaster University) and Heather Lee Kilty (Brock University)
- Education and Educational Policy: Cynthia Levine-Rasky (Queen's University) and Dawn Zinga (Brock University)
- Children and Youth: Audrey Kobayashi (Queen's University) and Xinyin Chen (University of Western Ontario)
- Optimizing Social, Cultural, and Political Integration: Victoria Esses (University of Western Ontario) and Livianna Tossutti (Brock University)
- Workplace Integration: Linda Manning (University of Ottawa) and Mitch Rothstein (University of Western Ontario)
- 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Reception**

**Reception Location: Memorial Room at Kingston City Hall
(Johnson St. and Ontario St., 2 blocks east of the Radisson)**

- 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Report and Discussion of the Baseline Projects**
Session Moderator: Caroline Andrew (University of Ottawa)
- Audit and Inventory Study: Caroline Andrew (University of Ottawa) and Scott Fisher (Diversity Advisory Panel, City of Greater Sudbury)
Service Utilization and Satisfaction: Audrey Kobayashi (Queen's University) and Momodou Jeng (City of London)
Mutual Attitudes and Perceptions: Victoria Esses (University of Western Ontario) and Livianna Tossutti (Brock University)
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break**
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Local Engagement Reports**
Session Moderator: Carl Nicholson (Catholic Immigration Centre, Ottawa)
- Hamilton: Bruce Newbold (McMaster University) and Tim Rees (Hamilton LIP)
Kingston: Audrey Kobayashi (Queen's University) and Scott Clerk (Kingston LIP)
London: Victoria Esses (University of Western Ontario), Neil Bradford (Huron University College at Western), and Elisabeth White (London LIP)
Ottawa: Caroline Andrew (University of Ottawa) and Hindia Mohamoud (Ottawa LIP)
Sudbury: Aurelie Laccasagne (Laurentian University) and Gouled Hassan (Sudbury LIP)
Windsor: Jane Ku (University of Windsor)
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Discussion of Possible Models for Linking with the OLIP Structures**
Session Moderator: Neil Bradford (Huron University College at Western)
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:00 Presentation on YourCity Magazine: A Dissemination Opportunity**
Barbara Hunter, Publisher of YourCity Magazine
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Next Steps and Closing Remarks**
Session Moderators: Carl Nicholson (Catholic Immigration Centre, Ottawa) and Victoria Esses (University of Western Ontario)

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