

The Sault Ste. Marie Local Immigration Partnership would like to invite you to:

"Welcoming Diversity" 2nd Annual Immigration Forum

Where: Comfort Suites and Conference Centre, 229 Great Northern Road

When: Thursday, February 9th 2012

Time: 8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast and Networking

9:00 - 4:00 Workshops and Guest Speakers

The Local Immigration Partnership is hosting its 2nd Annual Immigration Forum on February 9, 2012 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Comfort Suites and Conference Centre.

The theme of the 2012 forum is "Welcoming Diversity" and has been fully funded by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

This immigration forum is designed to provide information about cultural diversity initiatives locally, provincially and nationally; immigration trends in Ontario and an opportunity for introductions to various beneficial workshops offered in Sault Ste. Marie.

The "Welcoming Diversity" Immigration Forum will be one that should not be missed!

With honourable guest speakers such as:

- Ontario Fairness Commissioner, Jean Augustine;
- Executive Director of Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Bruce Strapp;
- Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Statistical Analyst, Nelson Palacio;

Participants are guaranteed to receive a wide range of information confirming the importance of immigration to Ontario & Sault Ste. Marie and highlighting some of the many efforts currently in place to assist immigrants to Canada.

In attending this forum you will also be given an opportunity to participate in various cultural competency workshops and hear presentations by Sault College. Some workshops include:

- Cultural Competency
- Building Capacity for Internationally Educated/Trained Immigrants

Please feel free to circulate this invitation to your networks. A detailed agenda will follow and be available on www.discoverthesault.ca by January 9th 2012.

Pre-Registration deadline is January 20th, 2012.

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Complimentary light breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be served.