# London Middlesex Immigration Portal e-Newsletter

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#### **Settlement News**

#### **Video: Settlement Services for Newcomers**

**Source:** <u>Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada</u> (IRCC) website Find newcomer services near you. Settlement professionals in London can help you with daily life and adjusting to you community. Many organizations offer services in French. View the <u>Settlement Services video</u>. View <u>French</u> <u>version of the Video</u>. For a listing of London's Settlement Agencies visit our <u>Settlement Services</u> webpage.



## A Perfect Scorecard: Canada's Immigrants are Faring Much Better in the Labour Market

#### Source: CIC News dated October 15, 2019

Immigrant underemployment has been a longstanding challenge in Canada, but recent evidence runs in contrast to the negativity that often surrounds this subject. When assessing various immigrant labour force metrics, everything that we want to be happening is actually occurring: More immigrants are in the labour market and are employed, fewer of them are underemployed, and their wages are on the rise. Continue reading <u>A Perfect Scorecard</u>.

## Newcomers Buy 1 in 5 Homes in Canada, Royal Lepage Survey Finds

#### Source: CIC News dated October 15, 20199

Newcomers represent one in every five homebuyers in Canada and are projected to purchase 680,000 homes over the next five years if immigration levels to the country are maintained. The online survey queried 1,500 newcomers who arrived in Canada within the last 10 years. Respondents included immigrants, students, refugees and those temporarily in Canada to work... Learn more about <u>Newcomers Buy 1 in 5 Homes</u>.

## **Raising the Profile of Manufacturing**

#### Source: London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) Winter 2019 Edition

Discover how local volunteers are promoting and supporting careers in engineering and the skilled trades (page 13). Article by: Candace Campbell, Business Development Specialist, LEDC, in the Winter Issue of Growing Your Workforce. Read full article on <u>Raising the Profile</u>. View <u>Growing Your Workforce</u> edition.

## Local Municipalities Crack Macleans Top 100 Places to Live

#### Source: Invest in Middlesex Newsletter Fall 2019

Middlesex County is a wonderful place to live and work and people are taking notice. Maclean's Magazine recently released their list of the best communities in Canada to live in, and three municipalities in Middlesex County cracked the top 100; Middlesex Centre came in at #34, Thames Centre at #41, and Strathroy-Caradoc at #100. Read more details about Local Municipalities Crack Macleans. Additional reading of Maclean's Best Communities in Canada.

## Employment

## Immigrants More Likely to Start a Business and Create Jobs than Those Born in Canada

#### Source: CIC News dated November 13, 2019

The entrepreneurial landscape in Canada is growing increasingly diverse thanks to immigrants, a new study by the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) shows. Newcomers to Canada are more likely to start a business that grows more quickly... Learn more about <u>Immigrants More Likely to Start a Business</u>.

## Job Vacancies Remain at Historic Highs in Canada

#### Source: CIC News dated November 22, 2019

Canada's private sector continued to experience historically high job vacancies in the third quarter of 2019, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business reports. The federation's latest Help Wanted Report shows that roughly 433,000 private-sector jobs went unfulfilled in the third quarter of 2019, around 1,500 more than the second quarter, and 15,000 more than the same period last year... Continue reading <u>Job Vacancies Remain High</u>.

## Best Places to Work for 2019



#### Source: <u>LondonIncMagazine.ca</u> website

This inaugural annual ranking, produced by London Inc. and Carswell Partners, shines the spotlight on 14 local companies whose employees rate them as exceptional. What makes the Best Places to Work award so distinguished it that... Continue reading <u>Best Places to Work</u> article. The Best Places to Work for 2020 will be published late February or early March of 2020.

Visit the Portal's <u>Work/Invest</u> section to find links to London's employment services and other useful employment related information.

## **Education & Training**

In London and Middlesex County, we are proud of our top universities and colleges, excellent vocational training and free public school system. To find out more, visit the <u>Study</u> section located on the Portal. Click <u>On the Move</u> planning tool to obtain a personalized list for your use for studying or living in London.

## Canada's Study-Work-Immigrate Advantage

#### Source: CIC News dated November 13, 2019

Canada's international student population is booming, tripling over the past decade to 570,000 people in 2018. Canada now ranks as the fourth-leading host country for international students, behind the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia, according to ICEF (International Consultants for Education and Fairs). Canada's higher intake is due to... Continue reading <u>Canada's Study-Work-Immigrate Advantage</u>.

## Proficiency in English or French Opens Many Doors for Immigrants to Canada

#### Source: CIC News dated November 22, 2019

It's common knowledge that immigrants who are highly proficient in English and/or French have stronger odds of integrating into Canada's labour force and society. Canada's immigration system reflects this reality with language proficiency standards for obtaining permanent residence and Canadian citizenship. Learn more about <u>Proficiency in English or French.</u>

## **Arts and Heritage**



#### Saturday Morning Walks

**Dates:** Every Saturday morning 9:00 to 10:00 am, from January to June **Location**: Various Locations Come on out and enjoy walking the beautiful trails and parks within the City of London and add some physical activity to your day. Each Saturday Morning Walk begins at 9:00 AM and will take approximately one hour. All walks are free. Families with children are welcome. Please wear good boots as there may be mud, roots or rocks & leave dogs at home. View Walks brochure.

For a complete listing of events happening in London and surrounding area, visit <u>Tourism London</u> and <u>Tourism</u> <u>Middlesex</u> websites. For newcomers, learn about the <u>Citizen Culture Program</u>, an opportunity to explore London's arts and culture in and around the city.

## **Cultural Communities & Festivals**

Visit one of the many popular festivals being held in the upcoming months. Several of these multi-cultural events are held on an annual basis and each highlight one or more of the followings: arts, music, history and/or international cuisines. Check out each event for more details and if any admission fees apply.



Free Family Fun Night

**Date:** Thursday, January 23 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm **Location:** London Children's Museum, 21 Wharncliffe Rd



2020 London Chinese New Year Dates: Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 5 pm Locations: RBC London Place, 300 York Street



TD Sunfest Presents Nobuntu Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 starting at 8:00 pm Location: Aeolian Hall, 795 Dundas St. East



Salsa Night featuring Yani Borrell & Orchestra Date: Saturday, February 29 starting at 8:00 pm Location: London Music Hall, 185 Queens Avenue



Juno's Reward Date: March 16 – 21, 2020 Location: Grand Theatre, 471 Richmond Street



Grow Dates: April 14 to May 2, 2020 Location: Grand Theatre, 471 Richmond Street