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I. Letter from the Co-chairs

April 1 2022

As the current Strategic Plan ends in March 2022, over the last few months, the five Sub-councils, the Central Council and the various work groups have worked closely to identify the gaps and opportunities for the next three years. The Community Capacity Report of 2022 as well as a number of reports including the Report on Discrimination commissioned by the LMLIP, were also used to further identify gaps and opportunities. The following five priorities will continue to guide the work of the LMLIP Strategic Plan 2022-2025:

- Welcoming community: Encouraging the London & Middlesex community to appreciate diversity and actively work to attract, support, and retain immigrants. All residents welcome the full participation of immigrants into Canadian society and work together to eliminate racism and discrimination in all its forms.
- ➤ <u>Communication and access to information</u>: Enhancing communication between and among immigrants, the London and Middlesex community, service providers and government.
- ➤ <u>Coordination and collaboration</u>: Optimizing outcomes for immigrants through improved coordination and collaboration among service providers.
- Access to supports and services for immigrants: Providing immigrants and immigrant families timely, clear, and relevant information and tools to access and navigate supports and services.
- Reduction of systemic barriers: Engaging all levels of government, funders, and institutions to reduce systemic barriers that impede immigrants' ability to successfully participate in the London and Middlesex community.

On behalf of the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Council and its five sub-councils, we are pleased to present the *LMLIP Strategic Plan 2022-2025*. The new plan outlines our community's objectives in supporting the successful integration of immigrants in the community.

We are hopeful to continue the partnerships with all the sectors including system partners, settlement organizations, ethno-cultural associations, interested residents and faith groups to address issues that impede and/or slow down the integration process of immigrants in our region. We sincerely thank our volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jill Tansley LMLIP Co-Chair Dev Sainani LMLIP Co-Chair

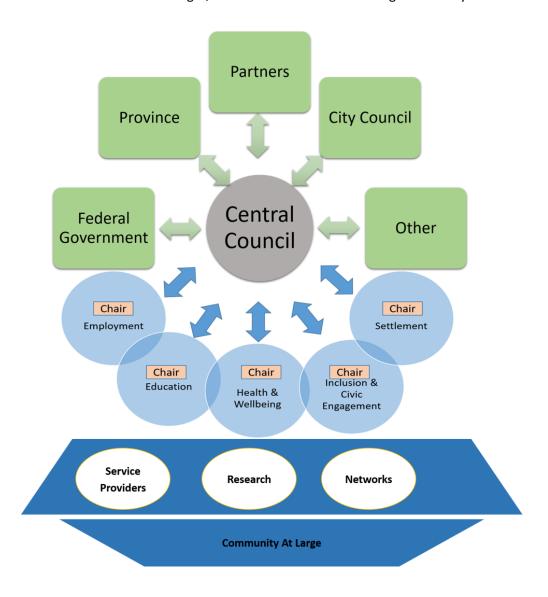


II. About the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership (LMLIP)

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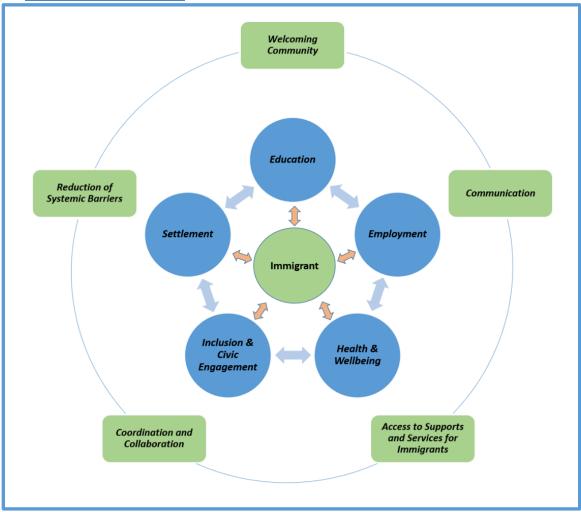
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- ☐ Supported by the Province of Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- ☐ Co-led by the City of London and a community member;
- ☐ Guided by a Central Council and five issue specific Sub-councils and supported by post-graduate institutions, community services across sectors and volunteers as outlined in the following image;
- ☐ Is a collaborative framework to facilitate the successful integration of immigrants;
- ☐ Strives to create a stronger, healthier and more welcoming community





a. Overarching Themes



The five overarching themes will continue to guide the work of the LMLIP with the support of the community, for the coming three years.

b. <u>Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes</u>

LMLIP Council and Sub-councils will strive to align their activities with the following Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) outcomes, for the successful integration of immigrants:

- ➤ Immediate Outcome: Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services
- ➤ Intermediate Outcome: Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
- Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network



III. Highlights of LMLIP Strategic Plan 2019-2022

Hundreds of volunteers and organiziations supported the implementation of the activities in the last three years. A number of partnerships have been strenghtened and or created to faciliate the integration of immigrants. LMLIP coordinated sessions and events to address major issues that emerged, such as the Afghan crisis. Some key highlights include:

- ➤ With the financial support from the settlement sector, namely South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Carrefour communautaire francophone de London, London Cross Cultural Learner Centre, LUSO Community Services, Collège Boréal, North London Resource Centre, Western University and community volunteers, organized the three *Annual All Are Welcome Here* events and the fourth Annual Setting Immigrants Up for Success;
- Established partnerships among faith institutions and coordinated virtual coffee times and one potluck dinner between two faith groups;
- ➤ LMLIP Fact Finding Work Group produced six outputs (based on data from Statistic Canada) on percentage of immigrants in the region, the education level of immigrants compared to non-immigrants, income of qualified immigrants as compared to the income received by qualified non-immigrants, immigrants helping through the pandemic, success of immigrants and visible minorities in universities and colleges and finally on the growth of London population due to immigration;
- ➤ Hosted three *I am London* social media campaigns;
- > Strengthened the partnership with Immploy WIL Connections, and the South Western Ontario Local Immigration Partnerships and organized five webinars to engage employers in the region;
- > To raise awareness about the settlement services during COVID-19 and accessibility, presented at three webinars organized by the Refugee Settlement Training Program;
- Presented on Anti-racism activities undertaken by the LMLIP at the National Settlement Council;
- Presented to fifteen elementary school classes at the Thames Valley District School Board on the significance of creating welcoming communities;
- Commissioned the Anti-Discrimination Survey to study the experiences of discrimination in the region and shared results with the community through five presentations;
- > Presented on immigration matters and the results of the Anti-Discrimination to the Kiwanis Senior Centre
- Compiled stories of immigrants who made a difference in the lives of Londoners during the pandemic and shared their stories widely;
- Coordinated training for seniors on using Zoom and one training for Nepalese speaking seniors;
- > Engaged students from Western University to assist with the creation of a marketing plan for the 1000actsofwelcome.ca website;
- Expanded the distribution sites for the #All Are Welcome Here Lawn signs; four branches of the London Public Library have joined the distribution list along with the settlement sector.



IV. Executive Summary: London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Strategic Plan April 2022-2025

In the next three years, LMLIP and its community partners and volunteers will continue to work together to create a more welcoming community in the region. This will be done by mobilizing the community in all its sectors to find innovative ways of addressing issues that impede the integration of immigrants.

The LMLIP Central Council will continue to engage the three levels of government, policy makers, funders and institutions to support the successful integration of immigrants in the region. LMLIP will continue to work on issues of discrimination in all its forms and create the tools needed to combat racism in all its forms. The five issue specific sub-councils will look into strengthening relationships between and among immigrants, Indigenous Peoples and non-immigrant residents. Educating the public on issues related to immigrants is one of their activities moving forward.

LMLIP Sub-councils will continue the interfaith conversation among faith groups by coordinating coffee times and potluck dinners. The annual *Setting Immigrants Up For Success* will be organized. The Fact Finding Group will continue sharing facts about immigrants and immigration to educate the public and counteract myths. Stories of successful integration of immigrants will be shared and celebrated. LMLIP and its partners will continue to respond to issues as they emerge.

LMLIP will continue to raise awareness about services, events, opportunities for engagement and job postings thought the LMLIP biweekly Round Up.

V. LMLIP Strategic Plans 2022-2025

In this section, the plan for the Central Council and the five issue sub-councils are outlined.

LMLIP Central Council 2022-2025

Members at this table include:

LMLIP Co-Chairs
Sub-council Chairs
Members-at-large
Middlesex County
Research Liaison, Western University
Réseau de soutien à l'Immigration Francophone
United Way Elgin Middlesex
WIL Employment Connections



Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes					
Welcoming community: Encouraging the London and Middlesex community to appreciate diversity and actively work to attract, support and retain immigrants. All residents welcome the full participation of immigrants in Canadian society and work together to eliminate racism and discrimination in all forms.							
 Develop and provide antidiscrimination tools in collaboration with partners Work with partners, on the implementation of the City of London's Antilislamophobia Recommendations including the online reporting site and reports from that site Build relationship with media to educate community by counteracting myths with relevant stories and information, with a focus on the positive outcomes of diversity. Continue working on the All Are Welcome Here campaign and enhance its reach Continue to work with partners 	2022- 2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants					
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Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	organizations on events supporting welcoming communities, such as but not limited to the Journeys of Migration at Western University, Life as a Refugee led by the Cross Cultural Learner Centre, the City of London initiatives. • Continue to facilitate conversations and events to raise awareness and profile issues facing immigrants, such as challenges in employment, housing etc. • g communication between the communication between	_	immigrants, the London and
Enhance the role of LMLIP as a convener of information (within the LMLIP community and the general community) about services and supports	 Support the LMLIP sub-councils' activities (i.e., Central Council members to actively engage in promoting the work of the LMLIP and events) Engage with media outlets including those in Middlesex County 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	 Continue publishing the biweekly LMLIP Round Up to share current and relevant information with partners and newcomers 		
Align governance structure of LMLIP to most effectively meet the needs of our community	 Continue to review LMLIP governance structure to ensure alignment with community needs. Review Terms of Reference 	2022- 2025	All IRCC Outcomes ¹
		es for immig	rants through improved coordination
and collaboration among s	•	T	
Build and strengthen partnerships with service providers and LIPs and RIFs regionally and nationally	• Through the Service Delivery Improvement Project, work with partners to develop a model that uses an integrated community approach to settlement service delivery and funding.	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services
	 Continue participating in the Southwestern Ontario Local Immigration Partnerships and the National Council for Local Immigration 		

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Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	Partnerships meetings and activities, as well as in Pathways to Prosperity activities.		
Continue to educate service providers on available resources, services and issues related to immigrants and integration	Coordinate information sharing sessions on resources and issues related to integration	2022- 2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Immigrants increase participation in communities and social networks
Support ongoing relationships with Francophone partners to ensure inclusion of francophone perspectives and needs	Continue representation of the Réseau de soutien à l'Immigration francophone Centre-Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario, on the LMLIP.	2022- 2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	 Continue to engage local Francophone partners on relevant sub- councils. 		
			t, funders and institutions to reduce participate in the London and
Raise awareness among funders and engage decision-makers about the complexity and diversity of needs faced by immigrants	 Publicize findings of the discrimination survey. Continue to educate about immigration and public policies 	2022- 2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	Conduct community capacity survey.		



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	Publicize local and relevant reports such as the labour market participation report to support service providers in their planning.		
	Raise the profile of key issues faced by immigrants in the region, such as supports in housing, mental health, language training, employment, and discrimination, through events and participation at different tables		
Foster cross system relationships and collaboration	Continue to facilitate conversations among system partners, government, and other partners to explore opportunities for collaboration in maximizing services for immigrants	2022- 2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Continue to develop an integrated & supportive system of services and supports for immigrants	Develop an evaluation to obtain feedback from service providers on how resources	2022- 2025	All IRCC Outcomes ²

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Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	developed and provided by the LMLIP are used.		

LMLIP Education Sub-council 2022-2025

Planning Table Participants:

Brescia University College, Western University
Carrefour Communautaire Francophone de London
Conseil scolaire catholique Providence
Conseil scolaire Viamonde
Fanshawe College
Investing in Children
London District Catholic School Board
LUSO Community Services
Thames Valley District School Board
YMCA Southwestern Ontario

Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
and actively work to att	Encouraging the London and Middlesex coract, support and retain immigrants. All retains into Canadian society and work togethes.	sidents wel	come the full
Promote an environment that encourages victims of discrimination to report their experiences" and engage in effective initiatives to prevent and reduce discrimination	 Promote "Bystander Intervention Tips" in both languages Educate immigrants on using available tools to report discrimination Support the collation of reported incidents 	2022- 2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Improve understanding and acceptance of newcomers and	In collaboration with the Inclusion & Civic Engagement Sub-council, compile a book with "I am London" stories to be shared widely. Resource to be	2022- 2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
immigrants across the school community	 promoted via the City of London's Anti-Racism Directorate. Develop a Human Library toolkit in French that may be used as a guideline for school staff and guest speakers. 		Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	Explore organizing Human Libraries at the two French School Boards.		
Support school community understanding and acceptance of newcomers and	Promote all bilingual campaigns and resources that welcome newcomers within the school community eg: Tous Sont les Bienvenus Içi.	2022- 2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services
immigrants	 Participate in planning the annual All Are Welcome event Support settlement workers in Anglophone and Francophone schools as needed 		Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Build positive relationships between immigrants and Indigenous students	Organize the first Youth Forum and share the learning	2022- 2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	g communication between and among immig	rants, the Lo	ndon and Middlesex
Community, service provice Optimize communication strategies in order to facilitate the work of the LMLIP within the LMLIP network, which includes the Central Council and the Sub-Councils	Leverage existing communication channels, which include LMLIP Roundup, Central Council reports, social media platforms Establish communication channel with other sub-councils about relevant issues	2022- 2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	ation: Optimizing outcomes for immigrants th	rough impro	
collaboration among all se Support school community understanding and acceptance of	Develop collaborative initiatives between service providers and school communities to increase understanding	2022- 2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
newcomers and immigrants	and acceptance of newcomers and immigrants.		
The state of the s	rvices for immigrants: Providing Immigrants an		and the second
Address parents'/ caregivers' understanding of the Canadian education system Reduction of systemic bar	 Support and promote webinars on understanding the Canadian education system organized by SWIS and TÉÉs for newcomer parents and caregivers. Educate immigrant parents about post-secondary pathways. Collaborate with Brescia University College to provide opportunities for students to meet and greet professionals. riers: Engaging all levels of government, funderede immigrants' ability to successfully participed. 	2022- 2023	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
community.			
French newcomers and immigrants have access to support and resources	 Promote francophone events, services and French resources through the LMLP Roundup, events, networks and settlement agencies. Continue to provide translations of LMLIP resources into French. 	2022- 2025	All IRCC Outcomes ³
Collaborate on assessing dietary needs of immigrants in hospitals	Collaborate with the Health & Well Being and Brescia University College to explore researching the dietary needs of immigrant patients	2022- 2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants

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Employment Sub-council

Planning Table Participants

City of London Community Employment Choices IMMPLOY - WIL Employment Connections London Economic Development Corporation Pathways Employment Help Centre Middlesex County

Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
appreciate div		attract, supp of immigrants	ort and retain immigrants. All s into Canadian society and work
Develop and collaborate with key initiatives to reduce discrimination	 Identify and support strategies and initiatives underway to strengthen diversity and inclusion for all job seekers. 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
and racism in all forms in the community and its workplaces	Support and develop communication strategies that highlight the importance of continuing to welcome newcomer skills and experiences to labour market and economic recovery post COVID-19.		
Communication	on: Enhancing communicati	ion between	and
among immigi	rants, the London and Midd	llesex comm	unity,
service provid	ers and government.		
Enhance communicatio n between	Examine the results of the 2021 census	2022-2023	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services
and among immigrants,	Review, update and share fact sheets		
service providers, employers and government	Seek ways to promote labour market information to immigrants through services providers		
	 Translate newcomer and community fact sheets into multiple languages. 		
Enhance communicatio n within LMLIP, including LMLIP's Central	 Identify parallel or aligned activities of other Sub-councils and how information can be shared and promoted to broaden knowledge base within LMLIP and community. 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Council and Sub-councils	 Invite Chairs or designated guests from other LMLIP Sub- Councils to attend an 		



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	Employment Sub- Council meeting for a presentation or discussion where there are areas of alignment/shared objectives.		
	nd collaboration: Optimizing o		
coordination ar	nd collaboration among all ser	vice providers	š.
Increase service providers and community partners knowledge of available resources in community to support immigrants' successful employment	Organize and host a professional development virtual session for service providers and community partners from all sectors on available resources that supports employment.	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
Support initiatives that address issues of Education for Employment	 Increase collaboration and communication with employment service providers and employer associations seeking to promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace Employment Sub-Council to share information on tools and resources with Ontario Works caseworkers. 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes		
Access to supports and services for immigrants: Providing Immigrants and immigrant families					
	ar and relevant information a	nd tools to acc	cess and navigate supports and		
services.					
Increase immigrant access to wrap-around employment, mentoring and licensure supports in the community to support successful labour market integration.	 Identify channels of information exchange in the community for newcomers seeking employment (inperson connectors or digital apps/websites) such as libraries, family centres, government offices, legal supports, faith groups, tourism, and health centres. Encourage service providers connected to the LMLIP to share 	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants		
	 information on their services with these connection points. Encourage service provides information (webbased and/or print) in multi-languages to increase access. Promote services that are available online to strongthon angoing 				
Doduction of au	strengthen ongoing access to services for newcomers during and after the pandemic.	avala of govern			
			nment, funders and institutions to successfully participate in the		
	ddlesex community.	ants ability to	successium participate in the		
Partner with government,	 Support all three levels of government and their agencies in 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services		



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and
			Citizenship Canada Outcomes
their agencies and institutions to champion immigrant labour market integration	London & Middlesex in hosting information sessions in English and French on opportunities for immigrants to access employment, internships, placements and mentorship opportunities in public institutions. Continue to review current services provided and identify who is excluded from those services and identify the ineligibility barriers. Share data on the impacts, trends and issues of concern of employment during and post pandemic on immigrants and racialized communities. Work with community agencies and others who identify systemic barriers to attracting and retaining immigrant talent in the workforce including barriers relating to government eligibility criteria.		Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants



LMLIP Health & Well Being Sub-council 2022-2025

Planning Table Participants

Addiction Services Thames Valley (French Services)
Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex
City of London
Freelance Interpreter
King's University College
London Cross Cultural Learner Centre
London Public Library
Muslim Resource Centre for Social Supports & Integration
Platinum Leadership Inc.
YMCA of Southwestern Ontario

Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	munity: Encouraging the London and Middlesex comr th to attract, support and retain immigrants. All reside		•
The state of the s	immigrants into Canadian society and work together		
discrimination in			
Impact of racism on health	 Work with other Sub-councils and/or the City on the development of a toolkit of strategies for reducing discrimination with the community that can be tested, fine-tuned, and utilized. Promote and share information on strategies to combat racism On a bi-annual basis coordinate Opening Doors workshops that address the issue 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Supports for newcomer seniors' health and wellbeing	 Coordinate Zoom training for seniors as per need Coordinate interfaith (and or multicultural) virtual coffee time for seniors and potluck dinners 	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	 Share information about seniors' programs across the region 		
in the second se	and access to information: Enhancing communication		
	London and Middlesex community, service providers	_	
Enhance communication within LMLIP,	Provide regular updates to Central Council and this sub-council	2022-2025	All IRCC Outcomes ⁴
including LMLIP's Central Council and	Continue to broaden knowledge base within LMLIP by sharing information.		
Sub-councils	 Work with other sub-councils on relevant projects 		
Increase outreach to the community	Hold a public event in collaboration with other Sub-councils, the City and Middlesex County to publicize LMLIP work and attract more community volunteers	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social
	 Promote information among immigrants about health issues 		network
Coordination and	d collaboration: Optimizing outcomes for immigrants	through imp	roved
coordination and	collaboration among service providers.		
Improve health outcomes for immigrant children and youth	 Explore opportunities with the community, family centres and settlement agencies to work on areas of alignment to support health outcomes for immigrants Promote health information in the LMLIP Roundup and social media outlets 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Increase collaboration with faith groups	 In partnership with faith institutions, coordinate the annual Setting Immigrants up for Success in collaboration with the Settlement and Inclusion & Civic Engagement Sub-councils 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and

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Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	Provide relevant information to the faith sector about immigrants and immigration		community services
	Support initiatives that enhance service providers understanding of immigrant needs		Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	rts and services for immigrants: Providing Immigrants	_	
_	I relevant information and tools to access and navigation		
Increase awareness of local health	 Coordinate and promote information sessions on health services 	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in
resources	 Promote information from the health unit and other local health sectors Share widely resources created through this 		communities and social network
	sub-council and relevant resources in the region		
Enhance awareness of and access to mental health	 Publish and disseminate information on mental health resources using latest census data to identify immigrant populations. 	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities
services	List available resources on addiction (in all its forms) and share widely		and social network
	Explore partnership with Ontario Health Team		
	temic barriers: Engaging all levels of government, fur		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	barriers that impede immigrants' ability to successfu	lly participate	e in the London
and Middlesex c	Share available interpretation tools with	2022-2025	Immigrants
awareness of the need for professional health interpretation services for	medical professionals in partnership with the Ontario Health Team	2022-2025	increase participation in communities and social network
immigrants			Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
Enhance awareness of housing as a key social determinant of health	 Explore literature review with students from Western to research impact of housing on immigrants and its impact on their health Share the recent research on housing once available widely and with Local Immigration Partnerships across the region 	2022-2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Assess dietary needs of immigrants in hospitals	Explore researching the dietary needs of immigrant patients in collaboration with Brescia University College and the Education Sub-council	2022-2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants

LIP Inclusion & Civic Engagement Sub-council 2022-2025

Planning Table Participants

Community Volunteers
Ethno-cultural Association
City of London
London Cross Cultural Learner Centre
London Public Library
Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration
Network for Economic and Social Trends
Pillar Nonprofit Network
Western University

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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	to attract, support and retain immigrants. All residents		
	nmigrants into Canadian society and work together to el	iminate racis	m and
discrimination in	all torms.		
Strengthen	 Continue activities of Ready to Volunteer Work 	2022-	Immigrants
community	Group in partnership with the Settlement Sub-	2025	increase
engagement by	council		participation in
immigrants at			communities
all levels (Social,	 Collaborate with agencies in sports and cultural 		and social
civic, political).	activities to encourage immigrant participation		network



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
Help immigrants find a sense of belonging	 Collaborate with London Arts Council Building Allyship Program and London Heritage Council Educate immigrants about elections 		
Improve leadership development and supports for immigrants	Explore collaborating with partners to organize sessions by immigrants to immigrants on leadership skills. Use the ICE Leadership Inventory resource to educate on mentorship/leadership programs in the community during these presentations.	2022- 2023	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
Enhance knowledge within the receiving community about engaging immigrants and about immigrants' contributions to our community	 Collate and disseminate facts related to immigrants and their contributions to the community and explore collaboration with the City of London Anti-Racismand Anti.\-Oppression Division Continue to implement, promote and support the annual <i>I am London</i> social media campaign and collaborate with the London Arts Council for inclusive musical entertainment for the annual <i>I am London</i> celebration. 	2022- 2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network Communities foster welcoming environment
Enhance supports for newcomer seniors	With the Settlement and Health & Well Being Sub- councils, continue to organize meet ups for seniors from different faith groups	2022- 2025	for immigrants Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
Increase newcomers knowledge about Indigenous history	In collaboration with the Education & Settlement Sub-council, liaise with the Indigenous community to provide presentations educating newcomers about Indigenous history	2022- 2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network

<u>Communication</u>: Enhancing communication between and among immigrants, the London and Middlesex community, service providers and government.



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
Raise awareness of and access to supports for immigrants about inclusion and civic engagement	 Continue with Seniors & Faith Work Group activities. Continue to collaborate with Age Friendly Network and other community partners to obtain and disseminate information at Faith/Ethno-Cultural Group gatherings and other events or venues that seniors attend. 	2022- 2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
Enhance Communication among networks which include Central Council and Sub-councils	 Continue to provide updates to Central Council and the Inclusion & Civic Engagement Sub-council. Continue to communicate with other sub-councils about issues, services, and events that are corelevant. Provide opportunities for other LMLIP Sub-councils' members to present on their projects and plans. 	2022- 2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	collaboration: Optimizing outcomes for immigrants thro	ough improve	d coordination
and service provi		2000	
Access untapped immigrant volunteer participation, training and resources	 Continue the activities of the Ready to Volunteer Work Group in collaboration with the Settlement Sub-council. 	2022- 2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
Increase knowledge about volunteerism in both the receiving community and immigrant communities	Coordinate with the London and Area Volunteer Association (LAVA) and other agencies to increase knowledge of volunteerism amongst immigrants and volunteering opportunities for immigrants.	2022- 2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
Increase collaboration with faith groups	In collaboration with the Settlement and Health & Well Being Sub-councils, organize the annual "Setting Immigrants Up for Success" event between faith groups and settlement services.	2022- 2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Access to support	s and services for immigrants: Providing immigrants and	immigrant f	amilies with

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Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
Inform and	Distribute printed and digital materials on	2022-	Immigrants
engage	community services to different community	2025	increase
immigrants	groups to share with their members and/or		participation in
	coordinate for service providers to provide these		communities
	materials to community groups.		and social
			network
	Inform and educate about cultural awareness		
	programs via LMLIP social media platforms.		Communities
	, -		foster
			welcoming
			environment
			for immigrants
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LMLIP Settlement Sub-council 2022-2025

Planning Table Participants

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John Howard Society of London & District
London Cross Cultural Learner Centre
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London Public Library
LUSO Community Services
Northwest London Resource Centre
YMCA of Southwestern Ontario

Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and
			Citizenship Canada
			Outcomes

<u>Welcoming community</u>: Encouraging the London and Middlesex community to appreciate diversity and actively work to attract, support and retain immigrants. All residents welcome the full participation of immigrants into Canadian society and work together to eliminate racism and discrimination in all forms.



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
Involve established immigrants	 In partnership with settlement agencies, continue to coordinate sessions for new immigrants by established immigrants on their settlement journey Explore collaborating with partners to organize sessions by immigrants to immigrants on leadership skills Support the Education Subcouncil's Meet and Greet sessions held in collaboration with Brescia University College that provide opportunities for students to learn about professions. 	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Engage receiving community in welcoming all	 Continue to participate in the Welcoming Communities Work Group Increase the profile of key issues faced by immigrants in the region, such as supports in housing, mental health, language training, employment and discrimination, through events and participation at different tables. Provide information sessions on immigration, the categories and the impact of immigration on 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Increase newcomers knowledge about Indigenous history	 individuals In collaboration with the Education & Inclusion Civic Engagement Sub-council, liaise with the Indigenous community to provide presentations 	2022-2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
	educating newcomers about Indigenous history		
Strengthen community engagement by immigrants	Continue activities of the Ready to Volunteer Work Group in partnership with the Inclusion & Civic Engagement Sub-council	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
Enhance supports for newcomer seniors	With the Inclusion Civic Engagement Sub-council and Health & Well Being Sub-councils, continue to organize meet ups for seniors from different faith groups	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
	 Provide information to families about seniors' services Connect seniors with ethno- cultural groups 		
Communication:	Enhancing communication between and	l d among immigra	ints, the London and
Middlesex comm	unity, service providers and governmen	t.	
Enhance Internal communications	Continue the joint Sub-council projects	2022-2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	 Continue visits between Sub- councils to share 		
Enhance awareness about services, targeted and	Invite guest speakers from the community to speak about the services they used		Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
universal, among newcomers	 Continue to share information about settlement services through webinars and the LMLIP Round Up 		
	I collaboration: Optimizing outcomes fo	r immigrants thro	ough improved coordination
	a among all service providers.	2022 2025	Immigrants increases
Strengthen relationships with ethnocultural and	Create partnership with ethnocultural groups Raise awareness among others	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network
religious groups to support them in helping immigrants	 Raise awareness among ethno- cultural groups on how to access supports that help newcomers succeed in Canada 		



Priority/Gap	Activity/Strategy	Timelines	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Outcomes
Enhance collaboration with resource centres, settlement agencies and schools	 Support newcomer parents by sharing information about Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Enhance collaboration with settlement services by sharing information about them with faith and ethno-cultural groups 	2022-2025	Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
	s and services for immigrants: Providin	-	_
	relevant information and tools to acces		
Increase awareness about housing issues	 Raise awareness amongst immigrants about housing in their own languages 	2022-2025	Partners deliver responsive and coordinated settlement and community services
	Recognize and acknowledge welcoming landlords through the annual awards		Communities foster welcoming environment for immigrants
Enhance Immigrant youth's and women's knowledge about the Canadian Justice System	 Provide information to immigrants on services, rights and responsibilities in their own language (brochures, videos, social media) Engage immigrant youth using platforms that they use to inform about the justice system and available resources. 	2022-2025	Immigrants increase participation in communities and social network

VI. Conclusion

Over the next three years, LMLIP Council and Sub-councils will continue to raise awareness on available resources funded by IRCC and universal services; highlight supports on mental health and accessibility; enhance coordination among service providers and engage faith groups, businesses, residents and ethno-cultural groups in the settlement process. Council will continue to strengthen existing partnerships and explore establishing new partnerships and collaborations that will focus on facilitating the successful integration of immigrants.

As the conduit for information, LMLIP will promote, share with and inform the community of opportunities that will strengthen the community's role in serving immigrants. As a convener, LMLIP will continue to bring stakeholders and communities together to address the identified priorities and find local solutions as a community. As a leader, LMLIP will engage stakeholders in the region to combat



racism, and explore creating tools that will be tested to prove their effectiveness and use to combat all kinds of discrimination.

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London Economic Development

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London Ecumenical Refugee Committee

London French Day Care Centre London Health Sciences Centre

London Heritage Council

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VIII. Appendices

Summary: 2022 Community Capacity Report and Perceptions of the LMLIP

- Level of participation in the 2022 wave of the "Community Capacity and Perceptions of the LMLIP" survey was somewhat similar to 2019.
- In the 2022 wave, close to 90% of the participating organizations provide universal services (all programs are for all residents) or mixed services (some programs are for all residents and some specifically for immigrants).
- The services most frequently offered by participating organizations specifically for immigrants were community connections services, whereas the services least frequently offered were housing services.
- Most respondents (73%) reported evaluating their services, and close to half (45%) reported having specific action plans to provide new services to immigrants. The plans focused on key issues such as education, youth programming, employment, housing, language training, resettlement, and antioppressive service provision. Their strategies to market their services to newcomers and immigrants include multimedia advertising, referrals and promotion, community partnerships, and resource development.
- 90% of respondents reported awareness of the services provided by other organizations, often through involvement with the LMLIP. 63% of respondents reported working with other organizations to run their programs.
- Perceptions of the LMLIP and its impact have remained consistently positive across dimensions since 2016 and in some cases increased in positivity since that time.
- New questions were added since the 2019 wave of the survey. Responses to these questions were compared between 2019 and 2022, indicating that:
 - Compared to 2019, respondents in 2022 were *more* likely to report that the LMLIP has
 increased their organization's capacity to deliver their services effectively and serve clients
 through collaborations with other organizations.
 - Similarly, respondents in 2022 were *more* likely to report that the LMLIP has significantly increased:



- Individual Canadian's engagement and community partnerships.
- Development of tools and competencies of service providers to better serve clients.
- Connections with other public organizations or institutions, and knowledge of what other organizations in the community are doing.
- Additionally, the community noted gaps in services for immigrants and newcomers to London and Middlesex, including the need to: 1) provide culturally and linguistically appropriate social services for mental health, education, employment, mentorship, and housing; 2) focus on equity, diversity, and social justice issues to reduce economic division; and 3) promote positive cultural relations between immigrants and Indigenous Peoples. Respondents reported a greater need for support from government-level and community organizations as well as educational institutions to increase advocacy, collaborations, consultations, funding, leadership, research, and training to aid in these services.
- The top three priorities that the LMLIP is recommended to focus on for the next 3 years are: (i) Equity, diversity, and inclusion-focused community and systemic initiatives, (ii) Physical and mental health services, and (iii) Resettlement and integration focusing on education, employment, housing, and post-pandemic recovery.