

North West Scarborough Local Immigration Partnership

Cluster 4: Community Engagement & Social Inclusion Meeting - Minutes

Date: November 24th, 2010

Location: ACSA – ISAP - 1911 Kennedy Rd.

Attendees: Cynthia Dumont (WSNC), Ralph Gain (Youth Link), Adrianna Salazar (MNLCT), Adair Heath (City of Toronto), Rosa Pinto (Agincourt Library), Mani Mahadeva (NWS LIP), Rezwan Karim (NWS LIP), Michelle Davis (NWS LIP)

1. Welcoming

- Brief introductions of participants
- Rezwan gives briefing from the Community Summit

2. Appoint Chairperson/ Cluster 4 representative

- Adrianna Salazar candidate – not yet finalized

3. Worksheet Feedback

(Please refer to following chart for Cluster 4)

4. Next Meeting

- **Next Cluster meeting: December 15th, 2010 at ACSA-ISAP - 1911 Kennedy Rd. from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

Strategy	Major Activity	What services/ activities do we have in this area?	What opportunities exist for us to take advantage of?	Key Steps We Recommend	Who needs to lead? Who else needs to be involved?
Strengthening the capacity within faith-based and residents groups and other community based organizations (not including service providers) to help newcomers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community capacity building through training and coaching to enhance their capacity to support newcomers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Way has various workshops for residents provided through ANC City of Toronto has a Development network training for Community groups 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointing a committee to coordinate Inventory of faith-based and community groups that serve newcomers and assess their capacity Develop training guide or customize available guides Facilitate selection and training of different faith-based groups and resident group 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies expand existing community resource pool of volunteers to approach and connect newcomers with relevant service providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There community members serve as volunteer with various organizations to outreach newcomers There independent volunteers help newcomers in their area to start their life in Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect residents with agencies that are interested Connect with downtown volunteering centre Connect with the CIC Inter-Action Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to ethno-media to promote volunteering Recruit, screen, and properly train volunteers Organize volunteer forum Collaborative training sessions for volunteers provided by Agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limitations in resources to sustain volunteers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to educate community groups on political / civic awareness and promote community groups to engage newcomers in the political process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCAN and Civic Awareness Project offer through ACSA Training provided by MNLCT that offers Certifications for newcomers public speaking and activities that play a role and aid civic engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the upcoming provincial election to take advantage of engagement Connect newcomers to Councilors Civic awareness program through ACSA Use locality based organizations (e.g. SLYE, ANC,) to incorporate political and civic awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and support civic awareness programs and projects through providing opportunities to engage all stakeholders 	
Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify different 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAP organizes two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect with the NAP 		

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opportunities for newcomer service providers – community based organizations collaboration to support newcomers where they live	models for Settlement agencies to engage community groups and improve relationship with community based organizations	community gatherings within a year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ANC has community gatherings with residents 	and ANC to support their annual gatherings to help promote to newcomers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Connect with Ethno-specific organizations to 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newcomer Service Organizations identify and engage potential community stakeholders to disseminate information about their programs and services 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newcomer service providers connect with community churches, community centers and schools to secure space to bring community members together for cultural activities, community events, etc 				
Explore opportunities to promote active participation of community based organizations to welcome and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organize community led social gathering and cultural activities to connect newcomers with their neighbourhood 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a community network that promotes cultural events ▪ Use a blog to disseminate cultural events specific to neighbourhoods ▪ Facilitate annual / quarterly 	

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support newcomers' settlement process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore collaborating on facilitating community led neighbourhood tours, orientation sessions, host family program, etc. 			community meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Educate community based organizations to disseminate details about employment scam and immigrant frauds 				