

Talking Points is a series of facts and information about settlement in New Westminster.

Welcoming and Inclusive New West (WINS) Local Immigration Partnership

Our vision: A diverse, inclusive and caring community where all feel welcome and valued.

Timeline

- 2007 Welcoming and Inclusive New West (WIN) Working Group established.
 - Funded by the provincial government.
 - Activity themes: Greet, Inform and Connect.
- 2012 The WIN Working Group became the WINS Community Partnership Council.
 - Focus: Inclusive Workplaces, Welcoming Spaces, and Receptive Communities.
- 2014 Federal funding for a Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) is awarded.
 - Enables community members, agencies and organizations to work together to address the needs of newcomers.
 - Focus: Settlement; Employment; Community Inclusion and Receptivity; Support.
 - Working Groups address key areas such as employment and belonging.
- 2020 Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada award funding through 2025.
 - Education is added as a focus.

Some of our efforts

- ✓ Explored available resources for newcomers
- ✓ Identified gaps in services
- ✓ Mapped assets
- ✓ Inventory of Settlement-Related Services
- ✓ Research Workshops
- ✓ Collaborative Agreement
- ✓ New Westminster Discrimination and Hate Crime Response Protocol
- ✓ *Trash your Prejudice* campaign
- ✓ *Speak out Speak up* campaign
- ✓ *Myths and misconceptions* campaign
- ✓ How to (safely) respond to prejudice and bias
- ✓ Disputing myths about employing newcomers
- ✓ Employment workshop
- ✓ Profile of New Westminster

Goals

Newcomers in New Westminster

- are supported with streamlined and integrated opportunities that promote healthy outcomes and successful settlement.
- can access the appropriate educational resources, supports, and opportunities needed for their success.
- can access appropriate employment and supportive work environments.
- are supported by a community which is invested in immigration, sees strength in diversity, fosters equity and inclusion, and where all feel a sense of belonging.
- are supported by a strong, collaborative Council.

Our mandate is to work collaboratively and creatively to break down barriers, ease access to settlement-related services, promote social and economic equality, and develop opportunities for and with newcomers.

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