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**Toronto South Local Immigration Partnership Collaboration Award to be presented to the
“Guide for International Students in Toronto Secondary Schools”.**

Toronto, Ontario – The Toronto South Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) is excited to announce that the third annual **Toronto South LIP Collaboration Award** will be presented to the “*Guide for International Students in Toronto Secondary Schools*” project for the collaborative development of a guide to help both frontline staff and international secondary school students connect to resources and programs that support their academic, social and health needs. The guide can be found at bit.ly/TOinternationalstudents

This event will be taking place on **Tuesday May 16th, 2017** from **11:30 am – 12:15pm at CultureLink** (2340 Dundas St W., Suite 301)

A collaboration of CultureLink, ACCES Employment and WoodGreen Community Services, the “*Guide for International Students in Toronto Secondary Schools*”, addresses the questions students have about Toronto and about Canadians. The guide, based on guides developed by the York Region District School Board and the Newcomer’s Guide to Secondary School in Ontario, focuses on giving students information on transportation, work, culture shock, leisure activities, health care and post-secondary education.

"The Toronto South Local Immigration Partnership has the goal to respond to emerging needs of all kinds of newcomers to Toronto, and International Students in our high schools is one of the fastest growing populations - more than doubling in the last 10 years" says Bill Sinclair, Executive Director of St. Stephen’s Community House and Toronto South LIP lead. "This guide wins our annual Collaboration Award because it is a wonderful collaboration between community organizations who share common goals, but also because our working group sought help and guidance from other municipalities and school boards across Canada. CultureLink, ACCES Employment and WoodGreen are also three of the most innovative organizations in Toronto - always reaching for new solutions and resources to ensure success for newcomers coming to Canada."

The Toronto South Local Immigration Partnership (TSLIP) is a community partnership funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and consisting of over 60 community agencies. The LIP focuses on developing local settlement strategies that coordinate and enhance service delivery to newcomers while promoting innovation and efficient use of resources. The partnership is led by four (4) consortium partners: St. Stephen’s Community House, WoodGreen Community Services, Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) and Social Planning Toronto (SPT).