

TORONTO NEWCOMER COUNCIL

The Toronto Newcomer Council is a group of active immigrant community members who work closely together with the Toronto Local Immigration Partnerships (LIP) and the Toronto Newcomer Office in identifying newcomer's needs and finding ways to support successful immigrant settlement in the city of Toronto. The Toronto Newcomer Council:

- Works alongside Toronto LIPs for newcomers and immigrants
- Raises awareness of needs of immigrants in their respective region and the city of Toronto as a whole
- Represents the voice of immigrants in Toronto LIP planning and activities as well as community, regional and municipal planning and policy development

Membership

Toronto Newcomer Council members are residents of the city of Toronto with lived immigration experience and a strong interest and passion for civic engagement, influencing change and addressing complex issues that affect newcomers. Members are representative of the diversity of immigrants' backgrounds and experiences, including

- Gender
- Age (including youth and seniors)
- Length of immigration experience (newcomers, established immigrants)
- Ethnic diversity
- Immigration status (landed immigrant, refugee claimant, non-status, temporary status)
- Membership of a particular social group (LGBTQ, persons with disabilities)

Commitment

Members commit to a two-year term with option for renewal pending funding renewal. Commitment involves:

- 5 meetings annually – 3 local and 2 city-wide
- Involvement and input in local, regional and city-wide planning processes
- Development and implementation of community change project, in collaboration with others

Benefits for Toronto Newcomer Council members

- Skill-building and leadership opportunities
- Access to training and capacity-building opportunities
- Opportunities to network and connect with diverse stakeholders, policy-makers and decision-makers
- Ability to create positive change for newcomers to Toronto, influence and participate in policy and planning
- Invitation to Toronto LIP events and activities for service providers
- Certificate after completing two years of the program
- Honorarium and TTC tokens provided for meetings

How can I become a member?

Fill out an application form and send it to grico@ccvt.org. All applicants will be contacted and invited for an interview as part of the selection process.

What happens after I apply to become a member?

- Selection process, including an interview
- Membership Agreement
- Local and city-wide training sessions
- Community Change Projects
- Ongoing participation and involvement