

**Working Group Updates**

<b>Working Group Name</b>		Social Inclusion		
<b>Facilitation</b>	<b>Name:</b> Haweiya Egeh	<b>Organization:</b> WoodGreen Community Services		
Date of Last Meeting: December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	# of members: 18	# attended: 7	# of regrets: 4	
<b>Main Items</b>				
<b>Item 1: Online Inventory of Education resources for newcomers</b>				
<p><b>Brief Summary:</b></p> <p>Given previous feedback from members, the domain name was shortened to <a href="http://www.ernp.ca">www.ernp.ca</a>, which stands for “Education Resources for Newcomer Parents”. This will likely be URL pending discussion with the Toronto West LIP.</p>		<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWLIP has suggested a joint TWLIP &amp; TSLIP meeting to speak with members about options for sustaining the website (i.e. maintenance, content control, etc.) – the date of this meeting has been set for Monday January 26<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>		
<b>Item 2: Inclusion Checklist</b>				
<p><b>Brief Summary:</b></p> <p>The Inclusion Checklist was discussed and a pilot audit of the Social Inclusion workgroup was conducted. The group went through the checklist and answered the listed questions as well as gave feedback and suggested changes to the checklist.</p>		<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p>The suggested changes will be made to the checklist and an update copy will be presented to the group.</p>		
<b>Item 3: Potential Projects for the workgroup</b>				
<p><b>Brief Summary:</b></p> <p>Discussion continued around the Civic Engagement and Newcomer Leadership Development project. The idea of this project is to empower newcomers by building basic skills and knowledge around civic engagement and to facilitate this knowledge being disseminated more widely in various newcomer communities by developing newcomer leaders.</p> <p>One member presented the newcomer civic engagement and leadership model that their organization has been using. Another member mentioned that the Canadian Index of Well-being is interested in meeting community organizations about opportunities to promote civic engagement to members in the community, and perhaps the group should approach them to participate in this discussion.</p>		<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group will approach Canadian Index of Well-being to participate in the discussion</li> <li>• There will be a discussion about how a joint civic engagement program or framework could potentially look</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Steps for Future Meeting(s):</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will be taking place on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• The group agreed to do a broad scan of the settlement sector, as well as others, that have developed civic engagement and leadership programs. Organizations such as Maytree, Samarra, ODSP Action Coalition and Houselink were all mentioned. We are interested in assessing what type of content of these programs will work for our idea.</li> </ul>				