

SURREY LIP HAS TURNED ONE YEAR OLD

Surrey Local Immigration Partnership is led by the City of Surrey and governed by the Surrey LIP Committee drawn from 30 community organizations working together to improve newcomer integration in Surrey. These are the highlights of our work in 2014-2015.

QUICK ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES FACTS

3 Research & consultations projects

1. Immigrant Integration Research
2. Settlement Service Mapping
3. Refugee Settlement Priorities Research

9 Community sectors are involved in the Surrey LIP Committee

1. Business & Employer Associations
2. Community Services
3. Education & Skills Training
4. Health Authority
5. Police
6. Newcomer Serving Agencies
7. Faith Organizations
8. Newcomers
9. Municipal Government

4 Surrey LIP Newsletters "Engaged & Inclusive"



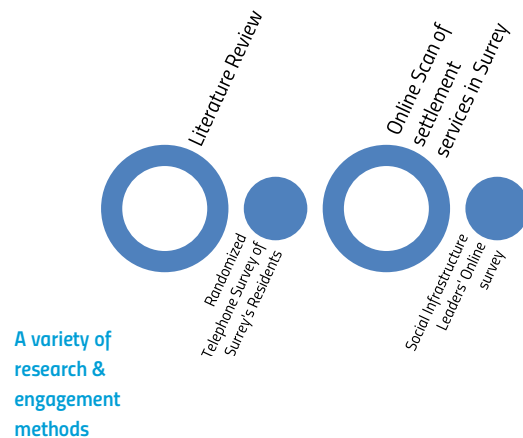
4 Surrey Demographic/Immigration Trends Fact Sheets



GOALS:

- ✓ Enhancing service coordination & collaboration
- ✓ Increasing engagement of multiple sectors of the community
- ✓ Supporting community-level research & strategic planning

QUICK RESEARCH & CONSULTATION FACTS



7 Focus Groups

3 Public Consultation Events

4 Youth Engagement Advisors hired

4 Surrey LIP Committee /Stakeholder Consultation Workshops

<230

Settlement Services & Programs identified in Surrey

<500

Surrey residents & community stakeholders participated in consultations

SURREY IMMIGRANT ADVISORY ROUNDTABLE

QUICK FACTS

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Immigrants / refugee residents were selected to serve on [the Surrey Immigrant Advisory Roundtable \(IAR\)](#).

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Countries of origin are represented on the Surrey IAR. Immigrants & refugees come from different professional and immigration backgrounds.

My vision of the welcoming and inclusive Surrey is ...

where every member of our community feels a sense of acceptance, belonging and purpose ... where newcomers have a say in making this city a better place ... where we respect & listen to each other

-Voices of the Surrey IAR members

The main objectives of the Surrey IAR are as follows:

- ✓ Provide input in the development of the Surrey Immigrant and Refugee Settlement Strategy
- ✓ Act as Cultural Ambassadors and assist in the outreach to ethnic communities
- ✓ Develop immigrant leadership capacity in Surrey

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Members **promoted** consultation events through their social media & professional networks
- ✓ The group has identified **top FIVE priority** areas for Surrey to become a more inclusive community
- ✓ One of the chairs created and moderates the **Surrey IAR LinkedIn group** to initiate online discussions
- ✓ Two members **presented** at the SFU-Surrey Newcomer Employment Dialogue and one member **acted as an MC** of the event
- ✓ One member **has applied** & was accepted into the SFU-Surrey Igniting Change Leaders Program
- ✓ One member **was appointed** by Mayor & Council to the City's Social Policy Advisory Committee
- ✓ The group has **provided input** to the City's application process to start a community garden
- ✓ **The group applied and received a Neighbourhood Small Grant to host a Welcome to City Centre block party**



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