

Collaborating across sectors to influence systemic change and results for the impactful integration and well-being of immigrants, refugees, and those new to Canada.



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COLLABORATIVE PRESENTATION FROM LIP NATIONAL SECRETARIAT & LIPS FROM WEST & EAST CANADA

The evidence-based workshop at P2P conference 2024 provided approaches to measure newcomer needs and outcomes on three levels - 1) Indices of compelling and measurable indicators for LIPs 2) Case studies of measuring newcomer needs and outcomes and 3) Data sources for LIPs to effectively measure newcomer needs, assets, and outcomes.

- Koyali Burman - Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership, and Kailea Pedley - Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership
- Dan Vandebelt - Waterloo Region Immigration Partnership, and Jasmine Calix - Saskatoon Local Immigration Partnership (IPSK)
- Michael Ditor - Community Data Program



HIGHLIGHTS FROM P2P CONFERENCE 2024

The Vancouver Local Immigration alongside with the Francophone and Anglophone sectors are fostering cross-cultural partnerships and collaborative efforts to enhance service delivery, promote inclusivity, and create a strong community environment.

An Inclusive stakeholder engagement strategy presentation at the P2P conference 2024 provided an overview of the role of VLIP and Francophone sector partners in addressing and bridging the cross-sectoral gaps to strengthen settlement services in BC. The workshop was presented by Koyali Burman, Manager VLIP & Nicolas Roux
Responsable des Communications & Relations Publiques,
Réso Santé

UPCOMING EVENT

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**VLIP
CONNECT
& REFLECT** **2022
2025**

**NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND
TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCELERATE OUR IMPACT**

Join us for a day full of:

- Connecting with VLIP stakeholders and building relationships.
- Reflecting on VLIP's work and sharing feedback.
- Exploring future opportunities and shaping the next steps together!

**MARCH 21, 2025
12:30 PM-4:30 PM**

**VPL Downtown
(Alice MacKay Room)
350 W Georgia St**

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STRATEGIC GROUP MEETINGS

Community of Practice Working Group (Nov 6, 2024)

- First meeting focused on defining “Community of Practice” and sharing goals.
- Key themes: collaboration, best practices, and advocacy.
- Future plans: professional learning webinars and action plans.

Research/Advocacy Working Group (Oct 25, 2024)

- Discussed a knowledge hub to bridge gaps between Anglophone and Francophone communities.
- Highlighted research projects to enhance resource sharing and newcomer support.

These meetings set the stage for collaboration and innovation within VLIP’s strategic priorities.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COLUMBIA COLLEGE BURSARIES FOR STUDENTS WITH REFUGEE BACKGROUNDS

Columbia College offers full coverage bursaries for eligible youth & young adults with refugee backgrounds in the Metro Vancouver Region.

Eligible students include:

- PR holders & citizens who arrived through refugee sponsorship programs
- Protected person
- Refugee claimants
- Ukrainian who arrived through the CUAET visa program ** (eligible for partial bursary)

Programs include:

- Senior Secondary Completion
- University Transfer
- Associate degrees (equivalent to first 2 years of a 4 year degree)

Applications are now open for the May term.

For more information: Sophie Roth (sroth@columbiacollege.ca)