

Indigenous-Newcomer Relations in Toronto

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Indigenous-Newcomer Connections

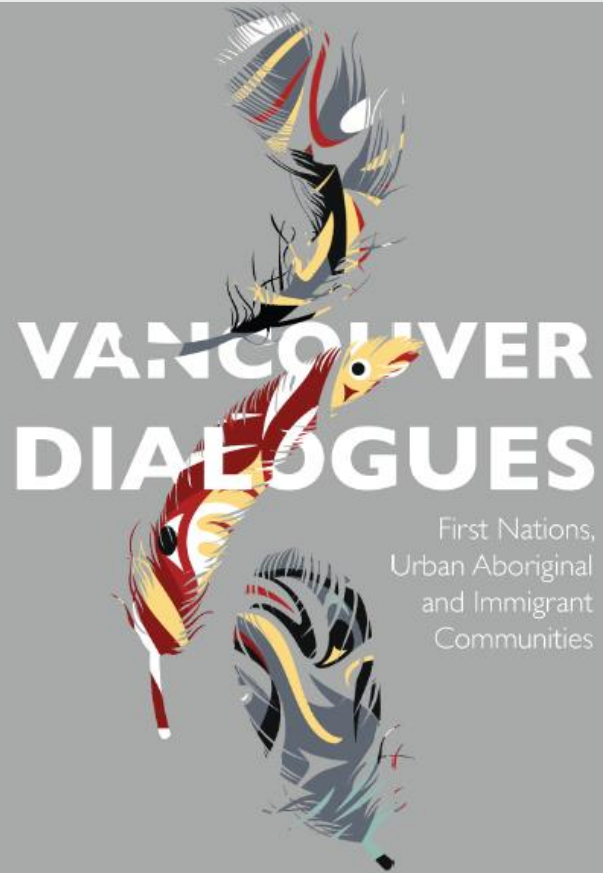
- The Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action #93 and #94 “**Newcomers to Canada**”
- As guests on these lands, newcomers need and want to learn the truth and history of the land they now call home
- In line with the strategic pillar “*Supporting Civic Engagement & Community Capacity of newcomers*” of the Toronto Newcomer Strategy
- Newcomers are often disadvantaged when it comes to learning about First Peoples due to language barriers, limited resources and information

Indigenous-Newcomer Connections

- Two of the fastest growing populations in Canada
- Newcomers often under-informed (if not misinformed) about Indigenous history, perspectives and issues, and may reinforce negative stereotypes
- Common experiences - poverty, un/under-employment, discrimination, trauma from displacement, loss of language and land due to colonial histories in countries of origin, similar worldviews with a focus on ***the collective instead of the individual***
- The spirit of allyship and the genuine interest to learn

Source: City of Toronto. 2016 Census Backgrounder: Housing, Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity, Aboriginal peoples.

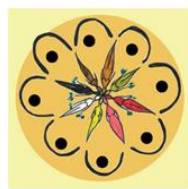
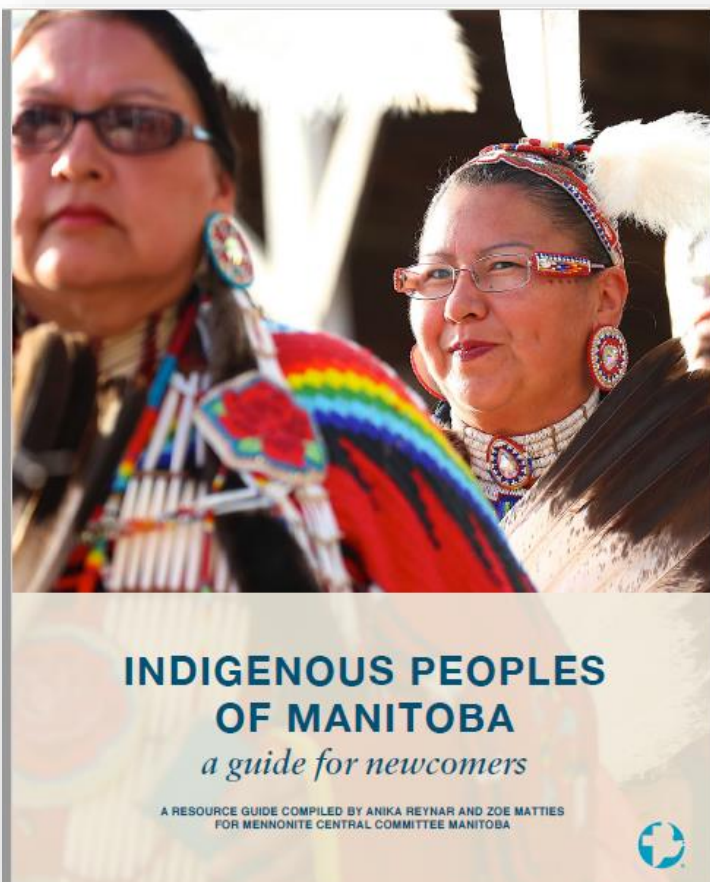
Indigenous-Newcomer Relations: British Columbia



Welcome to our Homelands

STUDY GUIDE:
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Indigenous-Newcomer Relations: Manitoba



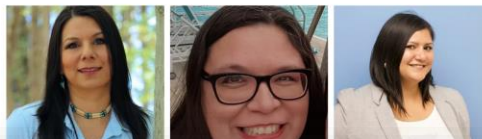
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Indigenous and Newcomer Relations

We are currently updating our sector table biographies. We appreciate your patience.



Indigenous and Newcomers Engagement Sector Table

- Create and maintain bridges between the Indigenous and newcomer communities through the creation of new opportunities and the further development of current practices that allow for cross cultural learning, understanding and support.
- Increase opportunities for learning and understanding between newcomer and indigenous communities.
- Find creative ways to integrate Indigenous education into newcomers' experiences

Fostering Safe Spaces for Dialogue and Relationship-building Between Newcomers and Indigenous Peoples

By Aliraza Alidina,

Darrien Morton

& Jenna Wirch

January 16, 2020



English

Francais

This report discusses wise practices for the relationship-building process between Newcomers and Indigenous Peoples, as well as recommendations for the development of an orientation toolkit for newcomers. The project was sponsored by The Winnipeg Foundation through the Emerging Leaders Fellowship (ELF) program with the requirement to work with a local registered charitable organization – in this case, Immigration Partnership Winnipeg – to help build

Indigenous-Newcomer Relations: Alberta; Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FOR NEWCOMERS

The first of its kind in Calgary, the Indigenous Education for Newcomers program at the Centre for Newcomers creates opportunities through various activities, including dialogue circles and storytelling, to bring newcomers and indigenous participants together. These activities promote discussions, in order to honour different historical and cultural perspectives; to create bridges of understanding and appreciation on both sides.

New Cree language app targets students, teachers and newcomers



More than 150 elders in northern Alberta recorded words and phrases for the app
Madeleine Cummings · CBC News · Posted: Jan 19, 2020 8:00 AM MT | Last Updated: January 19



Cree-speaking elders from five First Nations contributed to the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority's new language-learning app. (Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority)



People from all walks of life gathered in the Paul O'Regan Hall at the Halifax Central Library to share their languages with one another as part of Halifax's first Multilingual Language Fair. (Chris Muise)

'Indigenizing settlement': Building bridges between newcomers and Indigenous people in Sask.



Saskatoon students from different parts of the world say their friendship contributes to reconciliation

Omayra Issa · CBC News · Posted: Feb 27, 2019 5:00 AM CT | Last Updated: March 1, 2019



Indigenous-Newcomer Relations: Ontario



Rivers Rising showcases community-led, neighbourhood walks, through our parks ravines, and watersheds, where you can learn the stories of people, place, and the politics that shape the neighbourhood over time. Grounded in historical connections of the place to indigenous, settler, and immigrant communities, we travel through time to envision a future for the city that connects us all.



Indigenous Walking Tour of Toronto

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Indigenous and Newcomer Friendships – for a just and inclusive community

KAIROS NEWS

A collage of three photographs showing community events. The left photo shows a large crowd of people at an outdoor gathering. The middle photo shows a group of people sitting on the ground, some holding drums, in a traditional or cultural setting. The right photo shows a large white teepee structure set up in an urban park area with people around it.

Indigenous-Newcomer Relations: A Vision for Toronto

- TNO partnered with OCASI - Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants and the City's Indigenous Affairs Office to:
 - develop a resource guide for newcomers on Indigenous history, cultures and perspectives
 - facilitate dialogue circles, to encourage learning and sharing to build meaningful relationships between the two communities; and
 - create an online orientation tool to educate settlement service providers, ESL instructors and staff who work with and for newcomers

Indigenous-Newcomer Relations: Considerations and Asks

Respecting the spirit of “nothing about us, without us” we are seeking:

- your input and feedback on the proposed plan
- support of Indigenous communities, agencies, and elders to co-create and implement our vision, e.g.:
 - your support to identify whether Indigenous communities are already engaged in similar initiatives
 - your support in recommending Indigenous scholars, community agencies, and leaders who can join this work
 - opportunities to build on existing initiatives or resources created by Indigenous communities that can educate newcomers (TCFNCC IRSS Legacy events)
- your support and advice in establishing of an Indigenous-Newcomer Advisory Table
- your engagement in an open dialogue to identify mutually beneficial priorities

Indigenous-Newcomer Relations: Next Steps

- TNO & OCASI with support from IAO are hosting ***An Open Forum with Toronto's Settlement Sector and Indigenous Partners***
- A half-day dialogue, learning and sharing between Toronto's settlement sector, Indigenous community partners, and academia to:
 - Take stock of initiatives that foster understanding between newcomer and Indigenous communities
 - Map existing partnerships between settlement and Indigenous agencies
 - Identify a sector-wide collaborative approach to strengthening Indigenous-newcomer relations, and
 - Seek feedback on the proposed approach

Indigenous-Newcomer Relations:

An Open Forum with Toronto's Immigrant Sector and Indigenous Partners

Date: Thursday, February 20th, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (tentative)

Location: The 519 Grand Ballroom

519 Church St. (just north of Wellesley St. E), Toronto

RSVP: Please register by February 14, 2020

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THANK YOU!

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