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What is OLIP and How to Participate

OLIP Open House for Immigrants

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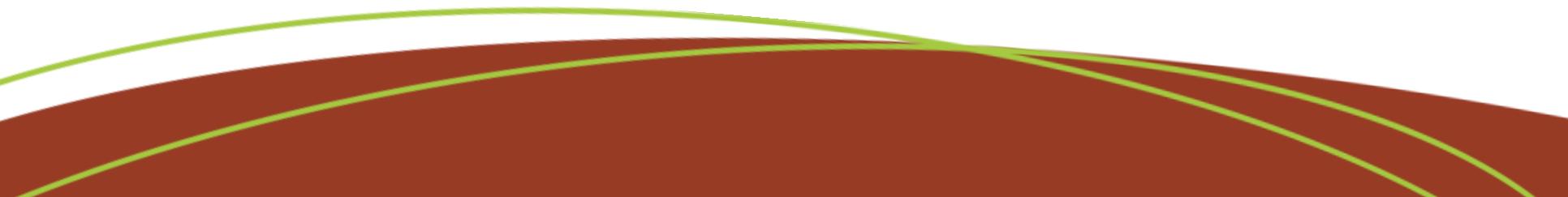


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Purpose of the OLIP Open House for Immigrants



Facilitating immigrants' participation in the OLIP process



Connecting immigrants with opportunities



Strengthening & sustaining communication with immigrants and immigrant communities



OLIP Vision:

A More prosperous, inclusive and vibrant national capital, strengthened by immigrants



- **a more prosperous city** through improved economic integration of immigrants
- **a more vibrant city** achieved through improved cultural, intellectual, and artistic engagement of immigrants
- **a more inclusive national capital**, by building community and institutional capacity to be more welcoming to immigrants .

The OLIP Partners & Milestones

- OLIP is Co-founded by the City of Ottawa and Local Agencies Serving Immigrants (LASI) Coalition in 2009.

OLIP Partners represent the community:

- The four school boards
- local universities and colleges
- health and resource centres
- settlement service providers
- business and employer associations
- social service agencies
- regional planning bodies
- immigrant civic organizations
- multiple City of Ottawa departments.

OLIP Milestones

- *OLIP began operations in October 2009*
- *The Ottawa Immigration Strategy approved by the OLIP Council in September 2010*
- *Public launch of the Ottawa Immigration Strategy in June 2011*
- *Implementation of the OIS is since September 2011*
- *First annual Ottawa immigration forum – October 1st, 2012*

The Ottawa Immigration Strategy: Comprehensive, Collaborative Directions

- The Ottawa Immigration Strategy (OIS) was developed collectively and collaboratively, based on extensive consultations and research. It sets long term strategic directions for 6 areas.

• Settlement	• Language Training & Supports
• Economic Integration	• Health and Wellbeing
• Education	• Community & Institutional Capacity Development

- Dynamic - with built-in mechanisms for adjustment: governance process, the Ottawa Immigration Forum
- Allows for the development of lenses for subgroups of immigrants: youth, francophone immigrants; seniors; women; visible minority immigrants...etc
- The Ottawa Immigration Strategy can be accessed at www.olip-plio.ca

Power of Partnership: Action Highlights in Only One Year

- Ottawa's Equity Project is Launched
 - Francophone Lens on the OIS being developed
 - Civic training for immigrants
 - Entrepreneurship Awards
 - Micro-loan programs for immigrants
 - New resources & tools to improve greater access to jobs in trades
 - Work experience program for immigrants
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Role of Immigrant Leaders

- Contribute knowledge and perspectives
- Act as connectors to new immigrants
- Help broadcast opportunities to immigrants in own networks

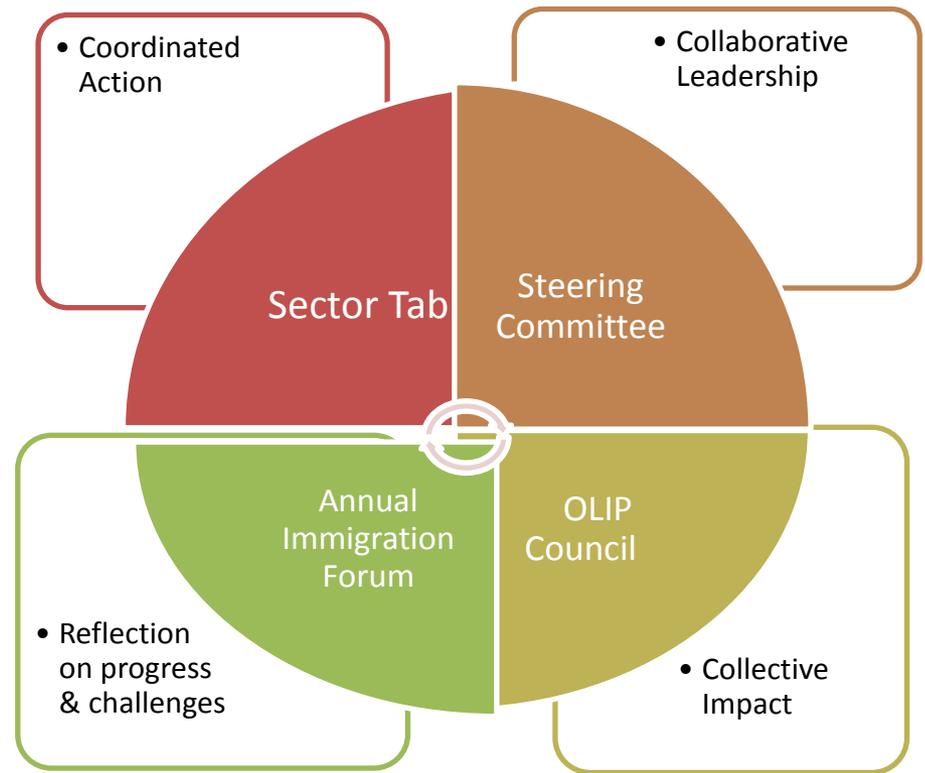


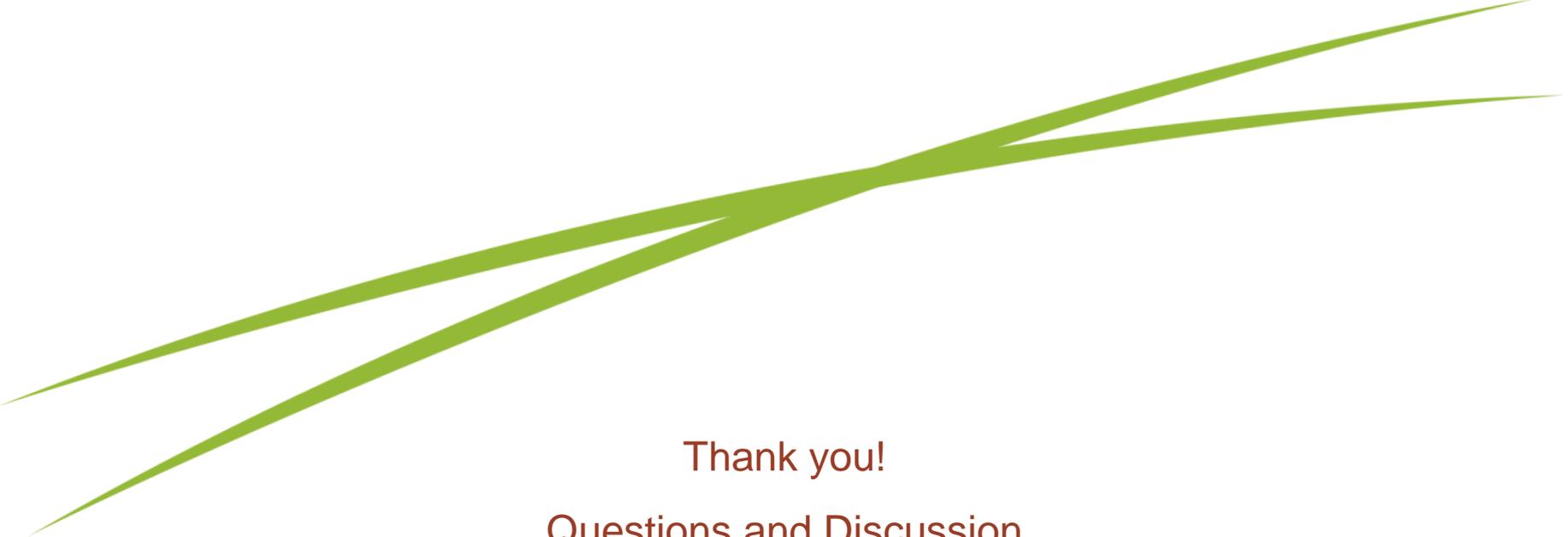
“Strong bridging connections between immigrants and the public service institutions and host communities that welcome them are essential for improved access and inclusive participation”

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How to Participate

- Assist OLIP Council meetings
- Join the planning of the annual immigration forum (see updates on the OLIP Website: www.olip-plio.ca)
- Volunteer for OLIP
 - Organizers;
 - Researchers
 - Communicators
 - Artists
- Contribute to the OLIP Newsletter and “in the community section of OLIP Website - send us images and stories in the community related to the integration of immigrants
- Your key contact: sherri@olip-plio.ca





Thank you!

Questions and Discussion



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