



THE WAY WE LIVE

Welcoming Communities

TRANSFORMING | **EDMONTON**

BRINGING OUR CITY VISION TO LIFE

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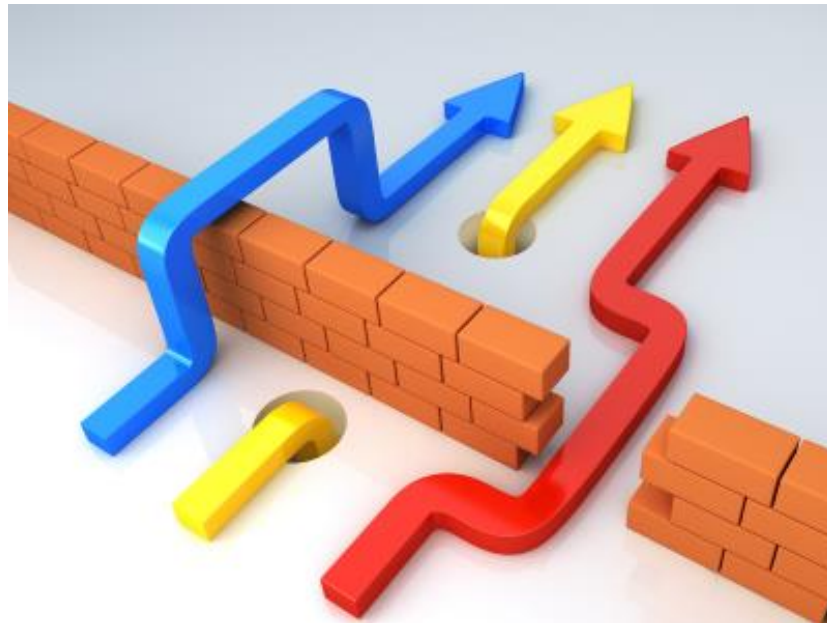


Goal One:

Provide and support training, education, and awareness initiatives that create an internal City of Edmonton (COE) culture that is educated and responsive to diversity.



Goal Two: Reduce barriers to equitable access and improve responsiveness of COE policies, programs, and services to meet the varied needs of Edmonton's diverse communities.



Goal Three:

Support and facilitate multi-sector efforts towards inclusion and cohesion.



Goal Four: Support community members and organizations in accessing, operating and/or managing welcoming spaces for newcomers



Goal Five: Promote and support intercultural appreciation, learning and engagement between community groups.





EDMONTON LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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- Local Immigration Partnerships are the mechanism through which Citizenship and Immigration Canada supports the **development of local coalitions and community-based planning around the needs of newcomers.**
- Local Immigration Partnerships exist in several municipalities throughout Canada and are created to engage various stakeholders in **a locally-driven strategic planning process to identify assets and gaps** within the immigration and settlement experience.

VISION OF LIPs

- Integrate newcomer needs into the community planning process;
- Identify community specific strategic priorities;
- Implement a settlement strategy and action plan to improve newcomer outcomes

Other initiatives

Diverse Voices:

<http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/women-in-local-government/diverse-voices-for-change.htm>

Supporting Syrian resettlement:

http://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/welcoming-refugees.aspx



SIX GAME CHANGERS

Research indicates that there are six key areas of actions that will make a significant difference to individuals and families struggling with poverty:

1. ELIMINATE RACISM
2. LIVABLE INCOMES
3. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
4. ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE TRANSIT
5. AFFORDABLE & QUALITY CHILD CARE
6. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

THESE ARE CRITICAL PLACES TO START AND ALONG WITH OTHER LONG-TERM ACTIONS **WILL END POVERTY.**

THANK YOU!

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