



Newcomer Organization Network (NCON) Sessions **2005 – 2015**

2014-2015

- 2015 Winter Session – January 15, 2015
 - Host: COSTI Immigrant Services, Mississauga
 - Presenter/Facilitator: 1) Jim Lamarche, Regional Coordinator, Alternative Career Pathways/NACC 2) Jim Crossley, Outreach Facilitator, Alternative Career Pathways/NACC
 - Theme: “Alternative Career Pathways: Your Future in Canada”
- 2014 Fall Session – October 9, 2014
 - Host: Region of Peel
 - Presenter/Facilitator: 1) Meredith Burpee, Supervisor, Human Services, Region of Peel 2) Bill Nicholson, Supervisor, Employment Services, Region of Peel 3) Will Stratton, Manager, KPMG’s Management Practice, Strategy & Operations 4) Stephanie Procyk, Manager of Research
 - Theme: 1) “Changes in Ontario Works” 2) “Canadian Learning Bond” 3) “Precarious employment: engaging employers in an agenda for change”
- 2014 Summer Session – July 10, 2014
 - Host: Newcomer Information Centre, CET
 - Presenter/Facilitator: 1) Nicola Graviano, Program Manager AVRR Pilot Programme, International Organization Migration (IOM) 2) Natalie Rosecky, Inland Enforcement Officer, Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA)
 - Theme: “Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)”
- 2014 Spring Session – May 1, 2014
 - Host: Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services
 - Presenter/Facilitator: 1) Elena Rakitskaya, Regional Coordinator, Alternative Career Pathways, National Association of Career Colleges 2) Beckie Tanaka, Director of Admissions, triOS College 3) Betty Scott, Senior Education Consultant, triOS College
 - Theme: “Alternative Career Pathways”

2013-2014

- 2014 Winter Session – January 16, 2014
 - Host: Costi Immigrant Services, Brampton
 - Presenter/Facilitator: 1) Adriane Beaudry, Manager, Volunteer Engagement and Programming, Volunteer MBC 2) Shaminda Perera, Assistant Manager, Community Engagement at Volunteer MBC
 - Theme: “Building Your Capacity Through Volunteering”
- 2013 Summer Session – August 16, 2013
 - Host: Region of Peel
 - Presenter/Facilitator: 1) Ranjana Mitra, Executive Director, Community Environment Alliance, 2) Chaya Chengappa, Manager, Programs & Operations, Community Environment Alliance



- Theme: “Share-IT Reducing the Digital Divide” and “Green Skills Competency Assessment Tool”

2012-2013

- 2013 Winter Session - Jan. 17, 2013
 - Host: Polycultural Immigrants & Community Services
 - Keynote: Mark Patterson, Director of Research & Partnership Development, Ryerson University
 - Theme: “Who Plus You Program”
- 2012 Fall Session – Nov. 8, 2012
 - Host: Sheridan College, Mississauga Campus
 - Presenter/Facilitator: Rodell Imbarlina-Ramos, Mgr. of Corporate & Stakeholder Relations (Peel/Halton) TRIEC Rachel Crowe, TRIEC Rose De Veyra, Mgr. of Learning Initiatives, TRIEC
 - Theme: "Introducing TRIEC Campus"
- 2012 Summer Session - July 12, 2012
 - Host: Centre for Education and Training, Newcomer Information Centre
 - Keynote: Racquel Sevilla, Mgr, Program Development, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC) Nestor Perez, Founder and Managing Director of NJP Resources Inc. Sophie Duan, Chairperson and Co-Founder of the M-Bridge Culture Integration Society for Profes
 - Theme: Professional immigrant networks: immigrants helping immigrants gain meaningful employment
- 2012 Spring Session - April 18, 2012
 - Host: Family Services of Peel
 - Keynote: Stephen G. Largy, Program Coordinator, The Practice Firm for Persons with Disabilities.
 - Theme: Working – and disabilities – in the Canadian Workplace

2011-2012

- 2012 Winter Season - January 19, 2012
 - Host: Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre
 - Keynote: Stuart McAslan, Team Lead, IEHP Advisor Program ACCESS Centre, Healthforce Ontario, Marketing & Recruitment Agency
 - Theme: "Overview of the licensing process for International Medical Graduates (IMG) in Ontario" Website: Health Force Ontario
- 2011 Fall Session - October 13, 2011
 - Host: COSTI Immigrant Services
 - Keynote: Gina Alexander, Director, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto
 - Theme: Untangling the prickly path to practice: the journeys of internationally trained lawyers in Ontario
- 2011 Summer Session - July 14, 2011
 - Host: Region of Peel
 - Presenter/Facilitator: Kirsten Barnes, Strategic Planning, Human Services Dept., Region of Peel



- Theme: Consultation on Homelessness in Peel Website: www.peelregion.ca 2011 Spring Session - May 5, 2011 Host: Newcomer Information Centre Keynote: Karen Dobbie, HR Manager, Trillium Health Centre Theme: "Purple Cow"

2010-2011

- 2011 Winter Session - January 13, 2011
 - Host: Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services
 - Keynote: Laureen Reenie, Director, Peel Newcomer Strategy Group
 - Theme: "Peel Immigration Labour Market Survey "
- 2010 Fall Session - October 14, 2010
 - Host: Mississauga Library System
 - Keynote: Dr. Valerie Preston, York Director for Ceris - The Ontario Metropolis Centre and Professor of Geography at York University
 - Theme: "Immigration and Employment - Current Trend and Emerging Issues"
- 2010 Summer Session - July 8, 2010
 - Host: Sheridan College
 - Keynote: Colette Rivet, Executive Director, BioTalent Canada
 - Theme: "Connect to opportunities in the Canadian bio-economy" Website: Biotalent
- 2010 Spring Session - April 8, 2010
 - Host: Newcomer Information Centre
 - Keynote: Kevin Maynard, CAE, Executive Director, Canadian Supply Chain Sector Council
 - Theme: "The World is flat but Career Growth in Supply Chain is not" Website: Supply Chain Canada

2009-2010

- 2010 Winter Session - January 21, 2010
 - Host: Mississauga Library System
 - Keynote: Marco Campana, Online Development Coordinator, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)
 - Theme: Media Modernization, Millenials: "What is the future of Settlement work" Website: Settlement At Work
- 2009 Fall Session - October 8, 2009
 - Host: Carine Strong, Director, Volunteer MBC (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon)
 - Keynote: Carine Strong, Director, Volunteer MBC (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon)
 - Theme: "Introducing Newcomers to Volunteering - using their unique gifts to give back to their community, creating opportunities to socially integrate in their new homeland"
- 2009 Summer Session - July 9, 2009
 - Host: The Centre for Skills Development and Training
 - Keynote: Jeny Wallace, Director Workforce Development, London Economic Development Corporation



- Theme: "A Community Approach to Newcomer Strategies"
- 2009 Spring Session - April 16, 2009
 - Host: Newcomer Information Centre, Centre for Education & Training
 - Keynote: Rodel Imbarlina-Ramos, Manager, Corporate & Stakeholder Relations (Peel/Halton), Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC)
 - Theme: "Hire immigrants Roadmap," A new online resource enabling employers with strategies and tools to integrate immigrants more effectively."

2008-2009

- 2009 Winter Session - January 15, 2009
 - Host: Sheridan College
 - Keynote: Rekha Lakhani, Project Content Lead, Peel Immigration Web Portal, Region of Peel
 - Theme: "Web Immigration Web Portal"
- 2008 Fall Session - October 2, 2008
 - Host: Ontario Inter-Cultural Community Services (OICS)
 - Keynote: Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist, Canadian Centre of Policy Alternatives. Honored first recipient of the Atkinson Foundation Award for Economic Justice. Received the Morley Gunderson Prize from the University of Toronto in 2003.
 - Theme: "The Growing Gap and What We Can Do About it. Trends in Incomes, Jobs, Public Policy & Poverty Reduction"
- 2008 Summer Session - July 10, 2008
 - Host: Mississauga Central Library
 - Keynote: Don Mills, Director of Library Services, Mississauga Library System
 - Theme: "Your Library - Today and Tomorrow, A Guide for Agencies Serving Immigrants"
- 2008 Spring Session - April 3, 2008
 - Host: Mississauga Community Connections
 - Keynote: Donna Messer, President, ConnectUs Communications Canada, former Broadcast Journalist and Entrepreneur
 - Theme: "Collaboration, Communication & Perseverance - Making it Work"

2007-2008

- 2008 Winter Session - January 24, 2008
 - Host: YMCA Employment Community Services, Mississauga
 - Keynote: Paula De Coito, Executive Director, The Social Planning Council of Peel
 - Theme: "Diversity in Peel/Halton/Dufferin"
- 2007 Fall Session - October 11, 2007
 - Host: Gateway Centre for New Canadians



- Keynote: Golnaz Golnaraghi, Manager, Corporate & Stakeholder Relations, Peel & Halton Regions, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council
- Theme: "Building Sustainable Relationships Toward Corporate Engagement"
- 2007 Summer Session - July 5, 2007
 - Host: YMCA Employment & Community Services, Mississauga
 - Keynote: Nuzhat Jafri, Executive Director, Global Experience Ontario
 - Theme: "How Can Newcomers Qualify for Professional Practice in Ontario"
- 2007 Spring Session - April 12, 2007
 - Host: YMCA Employment & Community Services, Brampton
 - Keynote: Wendy Loat, Senior Admissions Policy Advisor and Manager, Comparative Education Service, Admissions and Awards, University of Toronto
 - Theme: "Helping New Immigrants: Making Sense of How Overseas Qualifications Fit into the Canadian System"

2006-2007

- 2007 Winter Session - January 11, 2007
 - Host: Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Social Services (ICNSS)
 - Keynote: Bonni Titgemeyer, Managing Director, Employer's Choice
 - Theme: "Opening Doors - A perspective on Improving Employment Prospect for Newcomers to Canada"
- 2006 Fall Session - October 5, 2006
 - Host: Sheridan College
 - Keynote: Robb Till, Janet Gambrell, Sue Carpenter, Alice Li, Gary Closson
 - Theme: "Sheridan College Programs & Services, Language and Assessment Programs & Services, Job Connect/Job Finding Club/Mentorship Program, New initiative to fast track internationally trained individuals into technology occupations"
- 2006 Summer Session - July 6, 2006
 - Host: COSTI Employment Centre
 - Keynote: Sohail Khan, Project Manager, Skills International/Dorothy Solate, General Manager, COSTI
 - Theme: "The New skillsinternational.ca Website"
- 2006 Spring Session - April 16, 2006
 - Host: Malton Neighbourhood Services
 - Keynote: Nancy Millward, Manager of Employer Outreach, World Education Services (WES)
 - Theme: "How WES helps employers identify top global talent"

2005-2006

- 2006 Winter Session - January 12, 2006
 - Host: Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre
 - Keynote: Sangeeta Subramaniam, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC)



- Theme: "How to work with stakeholders & employers to open up employment/co-op/mentoring opportunities for Internationally Trained Professionals"
- 2005 Fall Session - October 6, 2005
 - Host: Multicultural Inter-Agency Group of Peel
 - Keynote: Sharon Douglas, Assistant Director, Community Investment, United Way of Peel Region
 - Theme: "How community agencies can work together"
- 2005 Summer Session - June 23, 2005
 - Host: Four Corners Employment Centre
 - Keynote: Paula De Coito, Executive Director, The Social Planning Council of Peel
 - Theme: "The Focus & Purpose for the Newcomer Organizations Network"