



### **Summary of the Francophone National Immigration Week 2016 in the Central-South-West of Ontario**

For the 4th Annual Francophone National Immigration Week, which took place from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Francophone Immigration Network and its partners were mobilized to celebrate Francophone immigrants and the welcoming communities.

To begin the week, an official launch took place at Collège Boréal of Windsor and was broadcast live at the following locations of the Collège Boréal: Hamilton, London and Toronto. This ceremony, attended by around 100 partners and members of the community, was honored by the presence of Marie-France Lalonde, Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs.

Subsequently, twenty activities were carried out by our partners throughout the Central-South-West region of Ontario. One of the new initiatives this year was the launch of a Recognition Award for Employers Champion in Francophone Immigration. The objective of which was to recognize the contribution of employers in the hiring and retention of Francophone immigration workforce.

The closing ceremony was held at the Marconi Club under the theme: "Francophone from five continents". Nearly 150 partners and members of the community from Central-South-West attended, shared a meal, participated in various cultural demonstrations and attended the Awards Ceremony for the five (5) Employer Finalists of this edition. Thank you to our partners and sponsors!



*Le Cercle de l'Amitié, gagnant dans la catégorie  
Entreprise sociale / winner in the Social Enterprise  
category*

### Bilan de la Semaine nationale de l'immigration francophone 2016 dans le Centre-Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario

Pour cette quatrième édition de la Semaine nationale de l'immigration francophone qui s'est déroulé du 30 octobre au 5 novembre 2016, le Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone et ses partenaires se sont mobilisés pour célébrer les immigrants francophones ainsi que les communautés qui les accueillent.

Pour commencer la semaine, un lancement officiel a eu lieu au Collège Boréal de Windsor, diffusé en direct aux sites suivants du Collège Boréal: Hamilton, London et Toronto. Cette cérémonie, regroupant une centaine de partenaires et membres de la communauté a été honorée par la présence de l'honorable Marie-France Lalonde, ministre déléguée aux affaires francophones.

Par la suite, une vingtaine d'activités ont été menées par nos partenaires sur tout le territoire du Centre-Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario. Une des nouveautés cette année a été le lancement d'un *Prix de reconnaissance des employeurs champions en immigration francophone* dont l'objectif était de reconnaître l'apport des employeurs dans l'embauche et la rétention de la main d'œuvre issue de l'immigration francophone.

Lors de la soirée de clôture sous le thème: "des francophones originaires des 5 continents" qui s'est déroulé au Marconi Club de London, près de 150 partenaires et membres de la communauté de tout le centre-sud-ouest se sont réunis pour partager un repas, participer à des démonstrations culturelles variées et assister à la remise des Prix aux cinq (5) finalistes employeurs de cette édition. Merci à nos partenaires et commanditaires!



## WindsorEssex Express Entry Events December 8 and 9, 2016

WE LIP member organizations came together to organize Express Entry events on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness of the Express Entry System. This system was implemented by the Federal Government to manage how people with skilled work experience take the first step to immigrate to Canada permanently under the:

- Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP)
- Federal Skilled Trades Program (FSTP)
- Canadian Experience Class (CEC)
- A portion of the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

Working with Steven Owen, an Employer Liaison Officer (Ontario) with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, planning committee members developed a two day agenda.

### **December 8th - Employer Meetings:**

Planning Committee members identified local employers who were interested in meeting with Steven Owen and required specific support in using the Express Entry system. Individual meetings were set up with five employers.

### **December 9th - WindsorEssex Express Entry Employer Breakfast:**

Eighty plus attendees, including 42 employers, participated in the WindsorEssex Express Entry Employer Breakfast to learn more about the Express Entry system.

Steven Owen was the keynote speaker for the event. He explained his role with the Employer Liaison Network (ELN) which helps Canadian employers learn about the Express Entry system and connect with skilled workers overseas, including French-speaking or bilingual candidates. ELN officers provide employers with useful and up-to-date information on Express Entry and permanent economic immigration programs.

### **December 9<sup>th</sup> - International Student Express Entry Information Session:**

New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc. hosted an information session facilitated by Steven Owen for 18 University of Windsor international students to learn more about the Express Entry System.

### **The following organizations participated in the planning of the Express Entry events:**

- The Municipality of Leamington
- New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc.\*
- Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone du Centre-Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario
- WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation\*
- Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Workforce WindsorEssex

\*Event sponsor

# WindsorEssex Express Entry Events

## December 8 and 9, 2016

### WINDSOR ESSEX EXPRESS ENTRY EMPLOYER BREAKFAST

**DECEMBER 9, 2016**  
 REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM  
 PROGRAM: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
 FOGOLAR FURLAN  
 1800 N SERVICE RD, WINDSOR, ON N8W 1Y3

Express Entry is a new system to manage how people with skilled work experience apply to immigrate to Canada. Express Entry is now the first step to immigrate to Canada permanently as a skilled worker under the:

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FEATURING:



Steven Owen, Employer Liaison Officer,  
 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

Born and raised in Ottawa, he studied international relations at the University of Toronto and the London School of Economics before joining IRCC as a foreign service officer in 2004. He has served in positions in Canada and overseas, including as a team lead at the Case Processing Centre in Ottawa, as a visa officer in Beijing, and on temporary assignments in New Delhi, Buffalo, and Cairo. Since summer 2016 he has been based in Toronto as part of IRCC's Employer Liaison Network, responsible for the Ontario region.

Please register for this FREE event at:  
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