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"London needs to be strategic, directed and action-oriented to continue to attract and retain the talent necessary to grow our local economy. Initiatives that help local companies attract top talent, and retain Londoners including international student Graduate populations of Western University and Fanshawe College should be strongly considered as we advance an economic prosperity agenda for our City."

Gerry Macartney, CEO London Chamber of Commerce

"Trudell is a medium sized enterprise which operates in a very competitive global environment in the medical device and healthcare sectors. Having ready access to a pool of candidates with the requisite skill set is critical to sustaining our growth and our competitiveness. The LMIEC Job Match Network initiative is a vital tool that will continue to facilitate our ability to continue to grow our operations in London, Ontario and region."

Joaquim Ballés, Vice President & General Counsel Trudell Medical Limited



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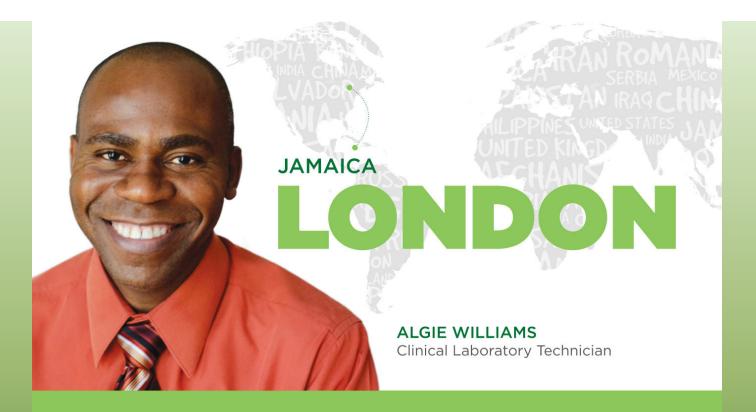
"The reality is that small to medium sized businesses (SMEs) in the London region don't all have the resources to spend the time to find qualified people. Meanwhile they are leading high growth companies in need of the right people to further their expansion.

The LMIEC Job Match Network plays a crucial role in putting the talent in front of companies in the region that are growing and who would otherwise not have the time nor the know-how on where to find the right people. The Job Match Network provides a needed service to SMEs and gets qualified people in the labour pool working. It's a win-win."

Vijai Lakshmikanthan, Vice President Starlim North America Corporation "Recruiting and retaining international talent is a critical aspect of our continued success in attracting new business and growing existing business for our economic livelihood.

Job Match Network is a leading-edge tool to developing a systematic approach to international talent recruitment and management. As we develop integrated approaches with less touch points but more responsive touch points, they will be widely and highly used. JMN is a forerunner in this area. It is a virtual Human Resource department."

Robert Collins
Director, Workforce Development
London Economic Development Corporation



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"We have an ongoing and increasing need for highly skilled, specialized and trained professionals. LMIEC Job Match Network helps us gain access to an amazing, but often hidden pool of immigrant talent. It expands and coordinates our access to top talent available in our community."

Vice President, Corporate Operations
Robarts Clinical Trials

"Leveraging the global skills and professional experiences of immigrants is vital to the economic livelihood of our member companies and industry sector. TechAlliance strongly supports LMIEC and the Job Match Network in the work it has done to enhance the capacity of small to medium sized enterprises to grow and prosper."

Allison Fisher Director, Programs and Engagement, TechAlliance



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"As an employer with direct experience hiring and mentoring new Canadians, I can say that the global skills and professional experience of immigrants is vital to the economic livelihood of our local companies, industry-sectors, region and province. This valuable source of talent is key to solving an emerging shortage of qualified labour."

Paul H Cocker, PHC Advisors
Retired CEO of McKay Cocker Construction

"The Job Match Network is a critical program for London as it supports and facilitates international student graduates' transition to the local labour market. It provides evidence that the London community cares about international talent and is welcoming of diverse and creative perspectives. The program helps newly graduated international students better navigate the option of staying in London and beginning a career in Canada, a phase that for many can be mysterious and intimidating."

Rose Aquino,
Director, International and Exchange Student Centre
Western University



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"The LMIEC Job Match Network and Western University work together to help Western International Graduates secure meaningful employment in London and surrounding area. By screening, matching, short-listing and marketing these graduates to London employers, LMIEC helps companies access extraordinary international talents in an effective and efficient way."

Snjezana Linkes, Career Counsellor
The Student Success Centre
Western University

"The LMIEC and its successes in matching International Students with opportunities with local employers is invaluable. As an economic region, it is in all of our best interests to retain and employ this talent with local employers. The outcomes of LMIEC projects demonstrate this success and should be financially supported."

Community Employment Services Fanshawe College