

African Community Council



LONDON NEWCOMER EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

AGENDA



- What is the African Community Council (ACC)?
 - Mission
 - Services
 - Projects
- London Newcomer Employment Initiative (LNEI)
 - Objectives
 - Delivery
 - Impact
- Community Connections

What is the ACC?



- **Mission Statement**
- **Social & settlement service agency**
- **Services provided:**
 - Education, counseling and housing
 - Developing and implementing projects
 - Language instruction and translation
 - Information programs on Canadian culture and life

Our Past Projects



Current Project & Partners



- *Making Connections for African Women and Girls*

- **Project Partners**

- Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex
- London Cross Cultural Learner Centre
- Literacy Link South Central
- London and District Distress Centre
- London Community Resource Center
- London InterCommunity Health Centre
- Sexual Assault Centre London
- Women's Community House
- My Sisters' Place



What is the London Newcomer Employment Initiative?



- LNEI will assist newcomers to gain employment
- Objectives
 - Develop organizational capacity
 - Partner with local community organizations to enhance service use by newcomers
 - Build relationships with existing employment agencies to assist in their development of better serving newcomers

LNEI In Action



- **Outreach**
 - Focus groups
 - Youth aimed strategies
- **Collaboration & Exchange**
 - Identifying and developing relationships with organizations offering employment support services
- **Linking**
 - Assisting clients to appropriate services based on individual needs
- **Evaluation**
 - Gauging client and service provider satisfaction

Why LNEI?



- Need from newcomers
 - Community conversation – July 2013
 - ✦ Discrimination
 - ✦ Lack of experience
 - ✦ Lack of connections
- Centralized agency to assist with developing skills and finding employment
- Exit strategy of Ontario Works
- ACC
 - Cultural sensitivity
 - Social experience
 - Aware of gaps
 - Individualized assistance



Community Connections



- Build partnerships with local agencies
- Strengthen existing networks
- Creation of standards and practices



For more information



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