

**ELIP AC meeting
January 22nd 2018
NorQuest College - 5 - 7pm**

Minutes:

Yearly calendar of events and Samim talking to kobot

Provincial anti racism strategy is being developed by min. Of education

- Premier appointment of education minister to head it
- Is curriculum development going to be affected by this policy?
- AAISA met with edu minister and
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ELIP as an influencer of policy, whatever it comes up with ensures that it has a space for newcomers

- Brings NGOs together and gets them talking about whats doable
- Bringing people together
- Pulling together a calendar for events
- AUMA - darren reedy - MAy conference on inclusion and diversity “come together conference”
 - ELIP/Samim should attend

COSI update

- Syrian refugee awareness and keeping an eye on them
- Adapt model to train grassroots community leaders from syrian community
- Family support office - 220 families being helped
- Samim - connect council to COSI mailing list
 - COSI coordinator the connect
- Bredin Center and BusinessLink as points of contact for Niga
- Language as integration into the workforce
 - Creative ways to get language and credits boosted for those families slipping into poverty
- Samim to connect with All Weather Windows and figure out that model

EPL

- EPL to assist newcomers as a project to integrate newcomers as a service
- Partnering with different agencies to figure this out
 - EISA
 - CSS
- EPL approaching in regards to gaps
 - Developing programs for language and kids combined class for adults with childcare
 - Utilizing partnerships and going from there

- Developing tools and resources for staff to use that's available, being aware of whats out there
- Staff training and things to keep in mind
 - Marketing team to get onboard
 - Get Chrissy and sentsetsa translation services from the newcomer guides (ask Charlene for info)
 - Refugee awareness workshop is on demand - CRC has that day and a half workshop → MCHB to give give samim the name of who runs the program
 - Wanting to connect newcomer youth into placements at the library
 - EMCN and EPL to connect over youth
- Samim to make list of who wants to be receiving this list from employment AG
- Youth employment at BIGS is a program thats booming - **BIGSS** to get in touch with program manager so it can be on the employment list

Arts Council

- Public consultation on arts and heritage plan in the city
 - 10,000 people to participate in this 10 year program
 - Public engagement process works closely with indigenous consultants to fit in the drop in model
 - Info on arts and heritage in the city
 - Asking questions on place and artistic memory
 - Matching the city's 10 year plan goal - vision 2050
 - Arts council wants to make sure thats in the core of changing and building the city
 - Growing trend of immigration and indigenous peoples coming to Edmonton
 - Outcomes investing model
 - City to also invest in the arts plan
 - Everyward will have an art model
 - Role out of a website → yegculture.ca - so we know where things will be showing up
 - Dedicated equity officer to make sure that there is newcomer artists who can also be a part of this whole process
 - Collective responsibility for arts and heritage, economic security of the arts, inclusion, excellence innovation and leadership
 - Focused approaches to partnerships and reframing how art is public

AB Labour

- Integrated service program and IRCC have split
- 2017 guidelines and proposals called for
 - Different projects from diff areas to demonstrate need for newcomers and being flexible in response to needs
 - 20 projects that started that IRCC couldn't support

- Funding to support refugee initiatives
- Employment
- This year's stakeholder's session combines last years and the program guidelines and principles for pulling it all together and looking at areas of focus to look at:
 - Necessary info for newcomers
 - Building capacity
- This will inform the next wave and call for proposals (2018/19)
- AB Labour is a yearly funding cycle, questions being asked if it can be longer than a year. Not sure how this'll go at this time

Metropolis

- Samim going and presenting with Researcher from ELIP's work
 - Outcomes - how are we measuring outcomes and how are we measuring impact
 - Innovation - bringing people together
 - AC wants to know what CLIP

Next meeting date; TBD