



# Niagara Local Immigration Partnership Spring 2019 Newsletter

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## Niagara LIP “-About-Town”

### Niagara LIP Council Meeting March 27, 2019



A special thank you to our host, the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre



### March 18-22, 2019 Cultural Pass and Information Packages Disseminated to the region’s Settlement agencies



**March 21, 2019**  
**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**  
Niagara LIP supports efforts to [#fightracism](#) today and every day.



### March 8, 2019 International Women’s Day

Over 720 attendees packed the beautiful Grand Hall at the Fallsview Casino Resort for this Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce event.

The keynote address was delivered by Charmaine Crooks, a 5-Time Canadian Olympian and Olympic silver medalist, a Member of the Order of Canada, entrepreneur, speaker, moderator and advocate for sport and athletes in Canada and internationally.

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Charmaine Crooks



Melissa and Lisa at the Niagara LIP vendor booth.

## March 6, 2019 Mental Health Symposium - Breaking Barriers



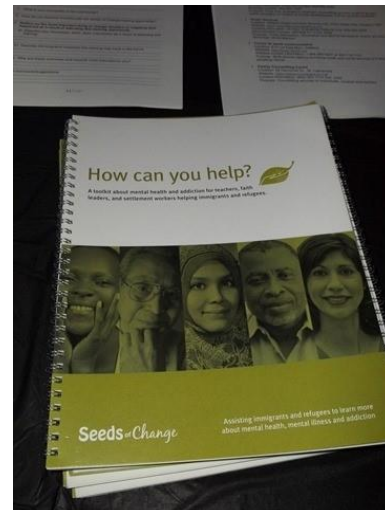
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre event focusing on newcomer mental health support and exploring inter-sectoral possibilities, partnerships and collaborations that can assist in addressing the current gaps in service provision.

## March 1, 2019 Seeds of Change

Niagara LIP and the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre hosted Seeds of Change, a free training opportunity for service providers and front-line staff to enhance community response to immigrants and refugees that are struggling with mental health and addiction issues.

Michele Manocchi, PhD., Intercultural Education Specialist with the Cross Cultural Learner Centre in London, Ontario facilitated the workshop. Topics included:

- ✚ Mental Health and Addictions through Cultural Lenses
- ✚ The Meaning of Culture
- ✚ Health, Mental Health, Addiction and Well-Being
- ✚ Risks and Protective Factors
- ✚ Tools and Strategies to Help





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## February 22, 2019 Focus Group for the [Welcome Niagara Canada](#) website



Approximately 60 English as Second Language (ESL) students from the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre conducted some basic usability testing on key website tasks for newcomers to Niagara.

Next Steps for the Portal in 2019-Exploring updates based on user feedback and experience.

## Welcome Home-Citizenship Ceremony February 20, 2019



The Niagara LIP team celebrated with 29 new Canadians from 15 countries as they took their final step in becoming Canadian citizens.



Find out if a ceremony is open to the public and attend. It is a wonderful experience!

Thank you, Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre for hosting this ceremony.



## IRCC's National Call for Proposals 2019

**A Settlement Vision:** The successful settlement and integration of newcomers benefits Canada by building a more inclusive, diverse and productive nation. This is achieved through a shared effort that helps all reach their economic and social potential.



Good Luck with submissions for the 2019 CFP to build a more inclusive, diverse and productive Niagara!

### Important Dates

- **February 18-April 12, 2019**  
National CFP 2019: Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programs
- **March 27-April 30, 2019**  
National CFP 2: National Capacity-Building and Coordination Services (Indirect)



Niagara LIP is on **Twitter**.  
We look forward to sharing information on upcoming events and initiatives that support newcomers in Niagara. Follow us **@NiagaraLIP**.

### Get Involved:

If you or your organization would like more information about Niagara LIP, or you would like to become a part of a working group or have a success story to share, please contact [lisa.garlent@niagararegion.ca](mailto:lisa.garlent@niagararegion.ca) or call 905-641-9960 Ext. 6159