



**THE WAY WE LIVE**

# LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS (LIPs)

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- Local Immigration Partnerships are the mechanism through which Citizenship and Immigration Canada supports the **development of local coalitions and community-based planning around the needs of newcomers.**
- Local Immigration Partnerships exist in several municipalities throughout Canada and are created to engage various stakeholders in **a locally-driven strategic planning process to identify assets and gaps** within the immigration and settlement experience.

- **LIPs** focus on what is currently available to newcomers and make recommendations on how to strengthen the system to **promote settlement and inclusion for all newcomers.**

## VISION OF LIPs

- Integrate newcomer needs into the community planning process;
- Identify community specific strategic priorities;
- Implement a settlement strategy and action plan to improve newcomer outcomes

## LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS

- Encourage dialogue and information sharing between sectors;
- Identify gaps and align services;
- **LIPs do not provide direct service delivery, nor do they make funding decisions.**

# WHAT DO LIPS LOOK LIKE

- **LIPs** are directed by broad-based coordinating councils.
- The main goal of the partnership council is to oversee the development of a LIP strategy and develop an action plan to create a more **welcoming and inclusive community**.

- **STEERING COUNCIL**
- **WORKING GROUPS**
- **ADVISORY GROUPS**



LIP COORDINATOR



## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

CITIZENSHIP  
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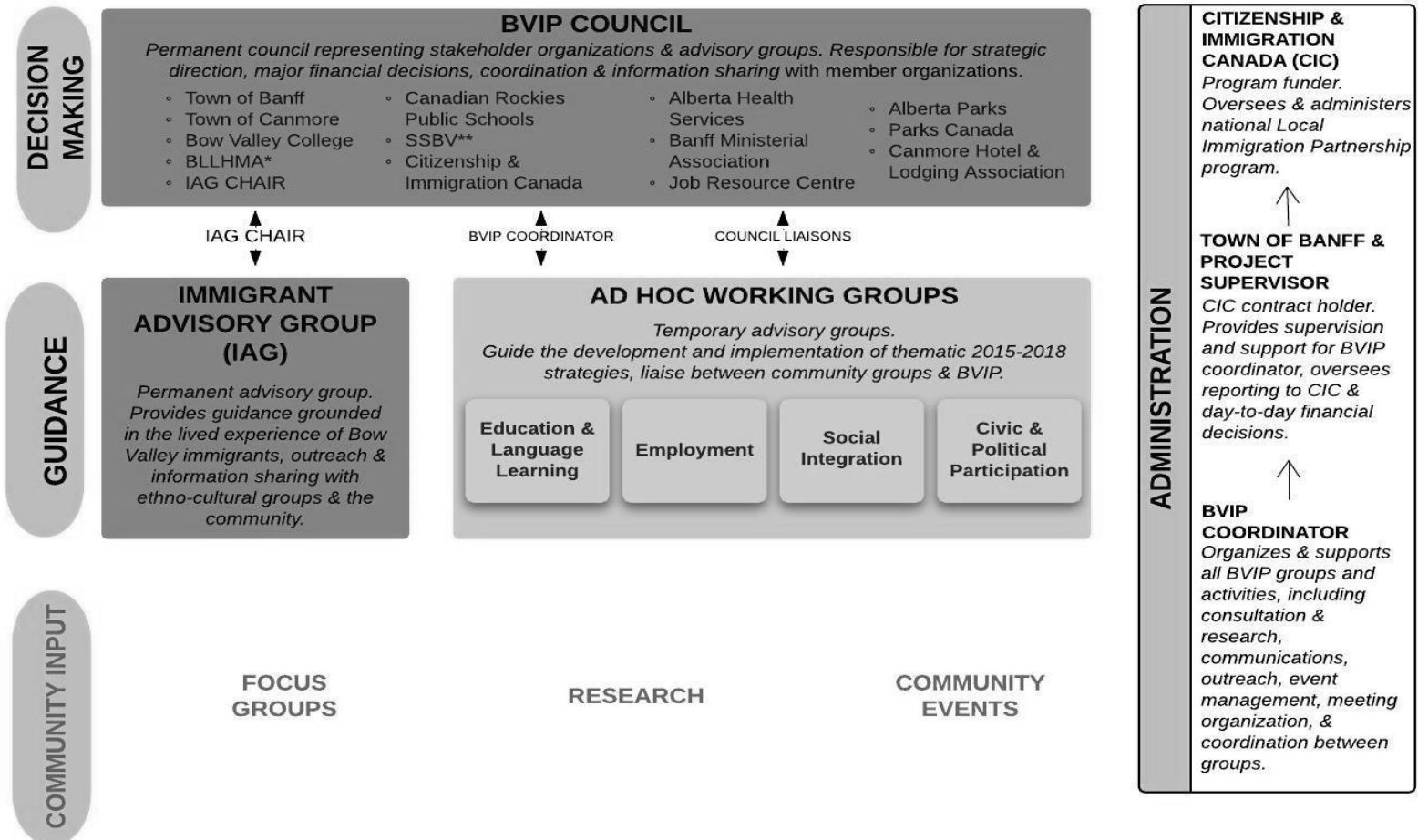
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**CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA:** LIP program funder. Oversees and administers national LIP program.

**CITY OF EDMONTON:** Holder of the CIC Contribution Agreement. Provides support for LIP through City Council and administration.

**MULTICULTURAL RELATIONS OFFICE:** Organizes, develops, and supports all LIP related activities. Responsible for the delivery of all projects as outlined in the CIC contribution agreement; Responsible for reporting program and financial activities to CIC (as required by the CIC contribution agreement).

## Bow Valley Immigration Partnership (BVIP) Governance Structure



\* Banff Lake Louise Hotel Motel Association

\*\* Settlement Services in the Bow Valley

- **Examples of LIP projects include (but are not limited to):**

- Newcomer needs assessment
- Strategic / action planning
- Increase collaboration between stakeholders

- Coordinate services at community level
- Improve accessibility to services
- Increase awareness of settlement services

## THE WAY WE LIVE

### EDMONTON'S PEOPLE PLAN

Approved by Edmonton City Council, July 2010



#### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

***The Way We Live | Goal #1 - Edmonton is a vibrant, connected and engaged welcoming city.***

Meets objective 1.4 The City of Edmonton connects individuals, families, groups, cultures and communities to the services they need to thrive and realize their potential.

***The Way We Live | Goal #2 – Edmonton is a caring, inclusive and affordable city.***

Meets objective 3.2 The City of Edmonton increases opportunities to improve the lives of its vulnerable population.

# SIX GAME CHANGERS

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Research indicates that there are six key areas of actions that will make a significant difference to individuals and families struggling with poverty:

1. ELIMINATE RACISM
  2. LIVABLE INCOMES
  3. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
  4. ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE TRANSIT
  5. AFFORDABLE & QUALITY CHILD CARE
  6. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
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**THESE ARE CRITICAL PLACES TO START** AND ALONG WITH OTHER LONG-TERM ACTIONS **WILL END POVERTY.**



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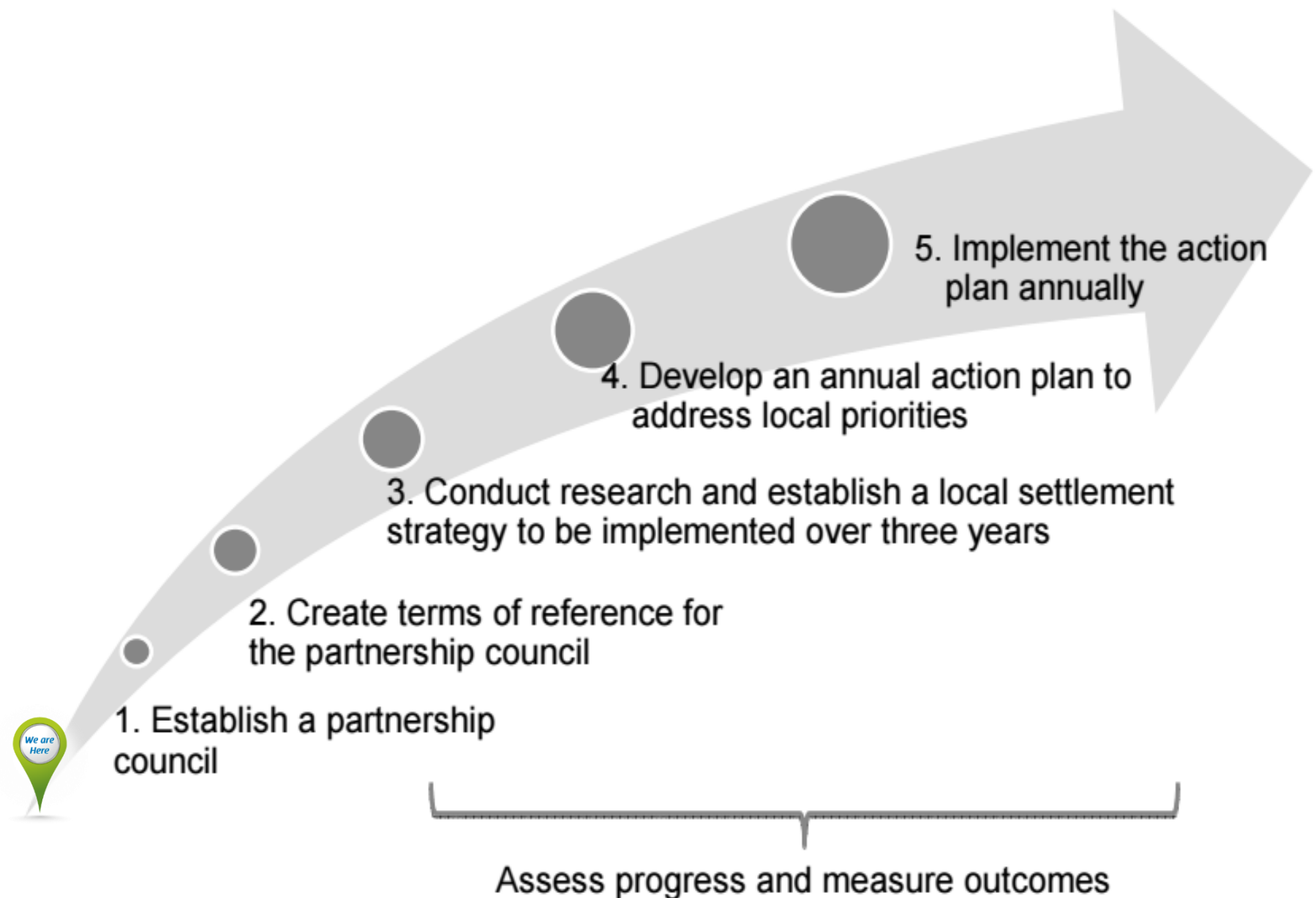
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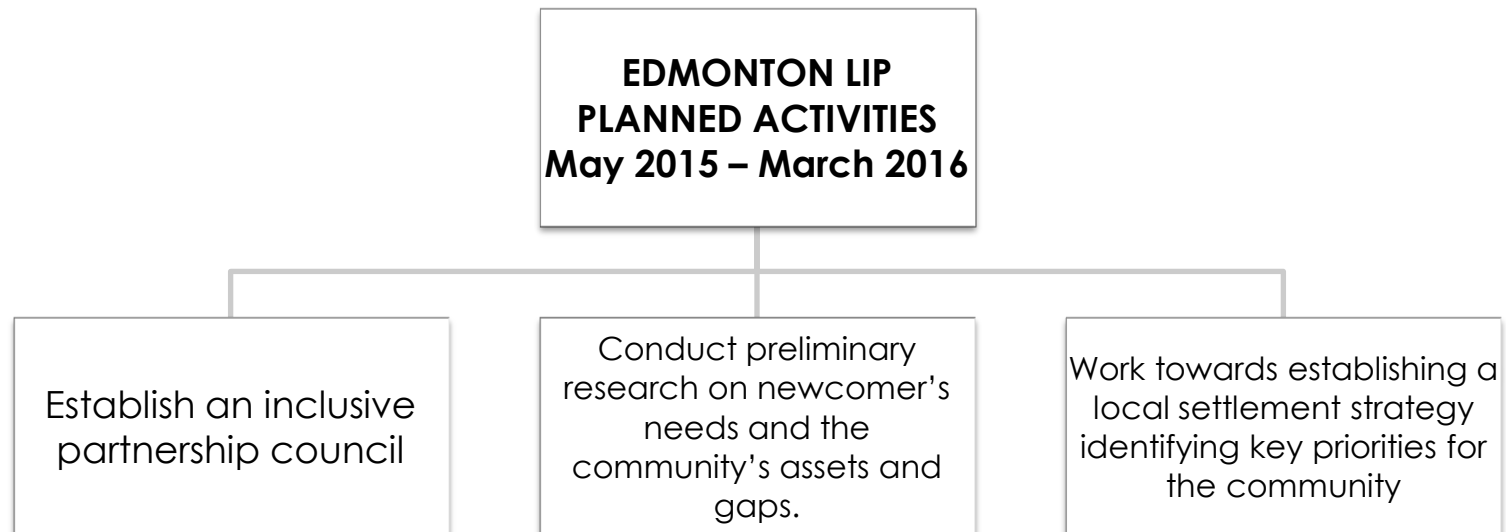
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# WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS



# Steps in the LIPs process



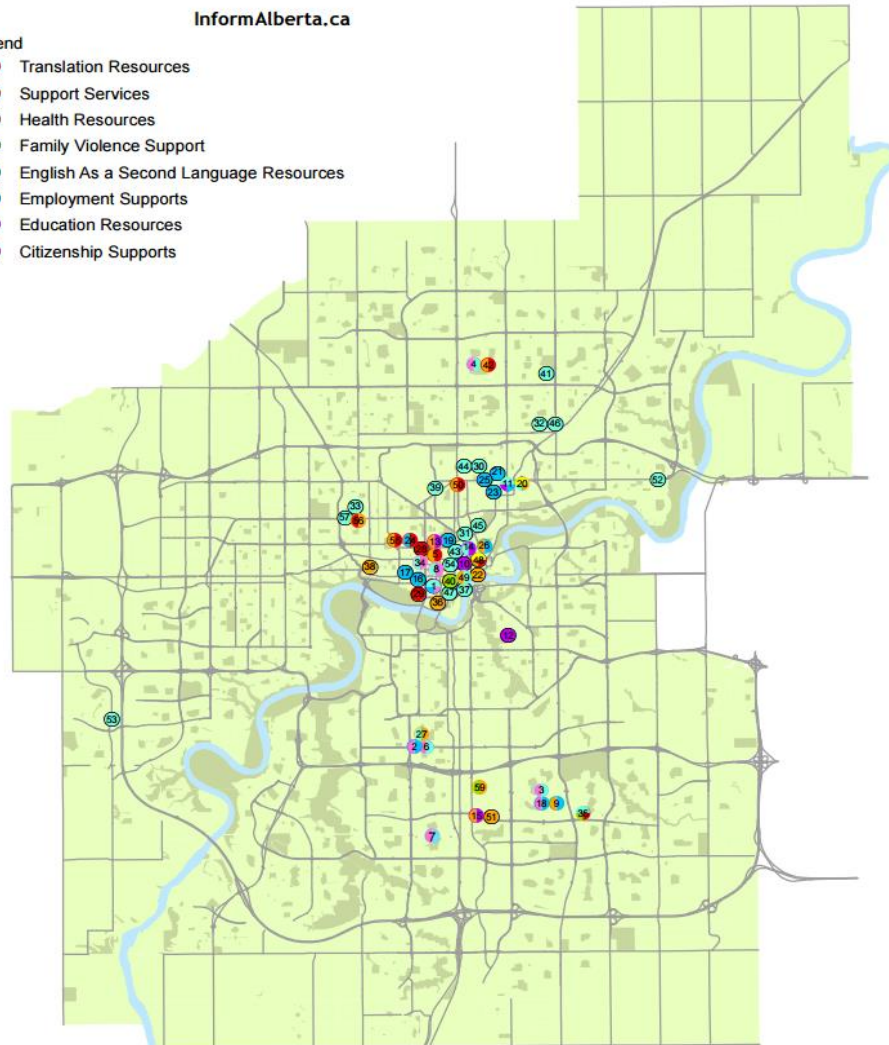


## Resources for Newcomers

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### Legend

- Translation Resources
- Support Services
- Health Resources
- Family Violence Support
- English As a Second Language Resources
- Employment Supports
- Education Resources
- Citizenship Supports



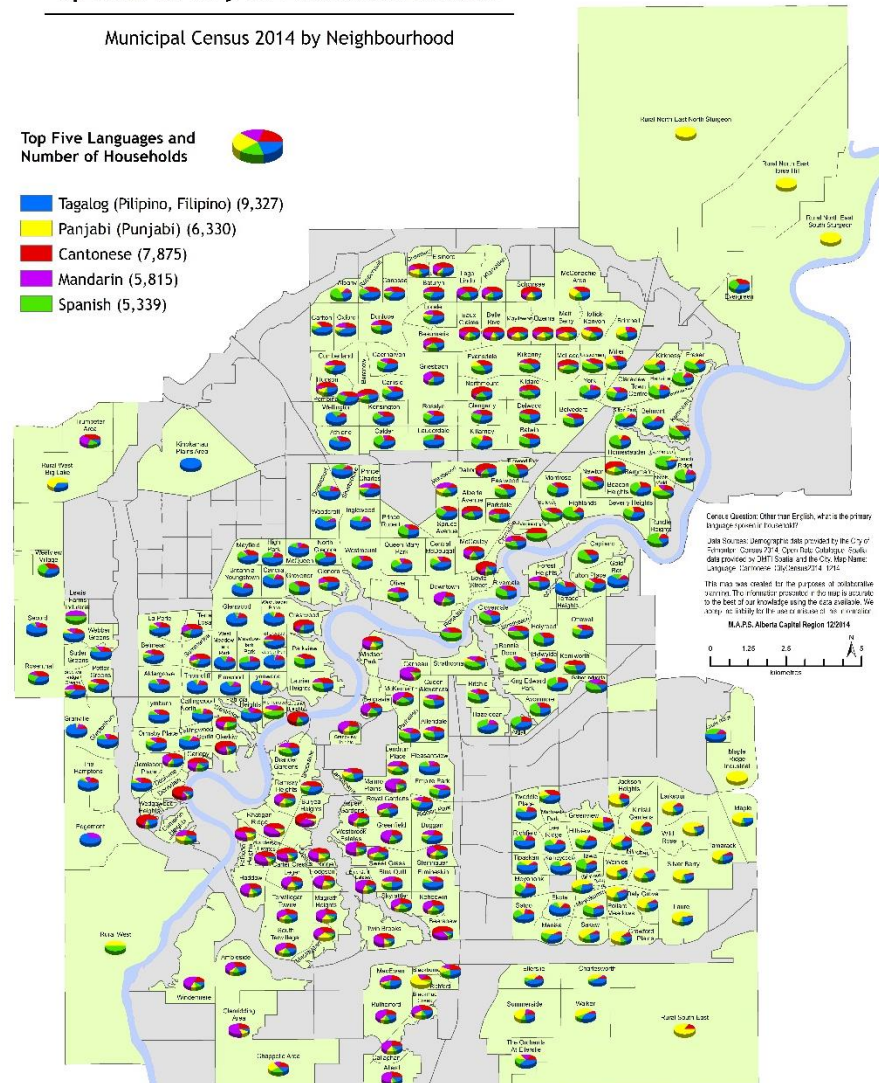
## Top 5 Non-Official Primary Languages Spoken in City of Edmonton Homes

Municipal Census 2014 by Neighbourhood

Top Five Languages and Number of Households



- Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino) (9,327)
- Panjabi (Punjabi) (6,330)
- Cantonese (7,875)
- Mandarin (5,815)
- Spanish (5,339)



- Research focusing on the lived experience of newcomers to help shape the focus of the Edmonton LIP.

# THANK YOU!

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