



Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership
Community Outreach Report

The Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WELIP) Council held their quarterly meeting on September 26th, 2019 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Representatives from HESI-IRG attended and delivered a presentation to WELIP audience about HESI-IRG. The council meeting took place at the Windsor Family Credit Union, Windsor ON, in the presence of 37 agencies and organizations who are stakeholders for immigrants and refugees across Windsor Essex. WELIP Council members range in their respective community roles; members include, frontline workers, management and leadership representatives, public and Catholic school boards, both English and French school boards were present, Windsor Police Services through Diversity Officers, and other roles. The meeting enclosed a few agenda proceedings, including WELIP Executive Elections.

Among other scheduled presentations and discussions for the meeting was the HESI-IRG presentation. Dr. Jayashree Mohanty, a HESI Faculty member, and Riham Al-Saadi, PhD Student and HESI Project Coordinator, delivered information on HESI-IRG. The presentation enclosed information about HESI-IRG formation, objectives of the group, current HESI faculty members, undergraduate and graduate students affiliated with ongoing HESI faculty research projects, an overview of past successful community events, as well as an overview of current research projects carried by each HESI faculty member. The presentation concluded with HESI-IRG next steps, highlighting the ongoing discussions regarding collaborations and partnerships and potential community engagements.

WELIP Council members were invited to connect for both community-based projects and research collaborations. Both Dr. Mohanty and Riham received multiple questions regarding current research on immigrant and refugee populations that Dr. Mohanty is currently the Principal Investigator on. As well, council members inquired about potential research collaborations which they can engage in. Dr Mohanty and Riham highlighted that the HESI-IRG website will be launched shortly, and that a communication will be sent to both WELIP Council as well as WELIP Newcomer Youth Table members on the launch of website, methods of connecting with HESI and updates as they arise. WELIP Council members were encouraged to reach out to Dr. Wansoo Park, Chair of HESI-IRG for further inquiries and potential collaborations with HESI-IRG.

Enclosed, please find the presentation that was delivered at WELIP Council meeting on HESI-IRG.