



## **Social Inclusion Working Group**

### **Meeting Minutes**

July 12, 2021

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Zoom

### **Attendance**

Nadia Umadat -TSLIP, Jassi Ranauta- TSLIP, Natasha Rollings -FCJ, Najib Alamyar- Woodgreen Community Services, Craig Carter- Edwards- Welcome Home TO, Shakira- Culturelink, Alisha Griffith- East York/Don Valley Cluster

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Land Acknowledgement**
- 2. Welcome & Introductions**
- 3. Grassroots Support Update**
- 4. Update Strategic Plan**
- 5. Closing and Next Meeting Date**

#### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

TSLIP staff read Land Acknowledgement

#### **2. Welcome and introductions**

Each member was welcomed by LIP staff, members were thanked for attending the meeting. Members introduced themselves and gave small updates on their organizations.

#### **3. Grassroots Support Update**

Recapped from the previous meeting, and the consensus fell on forwarding an electronic survey to share with grassroots groups to learn about the supports they require for improved engagement.

Survey has now been drafted and distributed and a few responses for groups have already been received. It is very brief with about 5 questions. An email will also be circulated through TSLIP partnership so that organization can outreach to grassroots groups they are in contact with.

This initiative has been supported with the help of the East York/Don Valley Cluster. Survey was linked in the chat for attending group members and it was promised it would go out widely to all members.

#### **4. Strategic Planning Update**

The strategic planning will continue over summer 2021. TSLIP is working on a 4 year plan that will be developed primarily with input from the Council but will also include consultations, roundtable discussions and surveys. Members were updated with results from the needs assessment at the virtual Council meeting on June 29 2021. Needs assessment in the form of a survey (linked in zoom chat) had a total of 35 respondents. A slide with the feedback from working groups was also presented with a mixture of broader themes and specific projects. Plenary divided into smaller groups to flesh out priority ideas. Introduced summer focus group schedule that had been set up to gain specificity on themes. Topics to be explored are youth in the sector, health and mental health, employment, hybrid/sector concerns and anti-racism. Invited all working group members to take part in at least 1 focus group, if not more.

#### **5. Closing**

Advised group that no meetings will take place in August and will be in touch for next group meeting in September 2021.