

Minutes: SISC Working Group

Thursday June 4, 2020 - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

Present: Paulina Wyrzykowski (TSLIP - The Neighbourhood Group), Cyril Ayeobore (TDSB), Adriana Pena (TSLIP – WoodGreen Community Services), Corina Carvallo (Skills for Change), Tahir Khan (TNLIP – TNO The Neighbourhood Organization), Acel Clemente (Central YMCA), Timothy Maxwell (Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services), Pam Cardwell (TWLIP-Job Start), Hafiz Khan (TNO-Toronto), Sheeba Colvine (Toronto North LIP), Ruth Lee (CARE Center for Internationally Educated Nurses), Grace Macdonald (HWTC), Cindy Kwan (Mothercraft), Trudy Small (COSTI), Isobel Goddard (Warden Woods), Gem Lee-Herder (UHN), Isabell Yan (Toronto North LIP), Mariam Chevrier (Madison Community Services).

Regrets: Catherine McNeely (University Settlement), Adeena Niazi (AWO), Rakesh Bhardwaj (CultureLink), Valentina Briceno- Strocchia (Urban Matters), Kaitlin Murray (JVS Toronto), Nestor Abdon, Nooria Amiri (AWO), Sharifa Sharif (University Settlement), Andrew Ssawe (SRCHC), Maimuna Gaye (City of Toronto), Jeanie Son (YSM)

Minutes: Adriana Pena (TSLIP – WoodGreen Community Services).

I= Information Di=Discussion Dc=Decision A=Action

	Agenda Item
I	<p>Summary of Last Meeting: Issues, approaches and allies (led by Adriana)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had discussed policy directions to focus on in the coming year – technology and worker’s rights. • Brainstormed possible actions. • Today we want to clearly define outcomes: what do we want to achieve as a WG in the next 6-8 months? • Majority of group indicated they are interested in access to technology – only 3 or 4 members indicated interest in worker’s rights; should we therefore focus on one issue only? • Shared priority themes matrix: impact vs. urgency. We want to focus on high impact, high urgency activities.
DI	<p>Group Discussion:</p> <p>What do we want to achieve over the coming 3-6 months under the access to technology category?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Digital Literacy Survey – see where we’re at to ensure we’re not addressing a non-existent issue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals: are two surveys needed? One reaching out to settlement sector, one reaching out to newcomers directly, to capture those not accessing services currently. • If targeting those marginalized and not tech savvy newcomers, how do we go about it? Ideas: via food banks, text based. Other groups such as Workers Action Centre and the 15 and Fairness Campaign have experience reaching out to those demographics. • Some members of the WG might have experience conducting text based surveys, should tap that. • Realistically we may not have the capacity to reach out to newcomers directly, especially those who are not already connected to services. For those connected to services we will likely run into consent issues around gaining access directly to client information. Perhaps we should focus on conducting the settlement agency focused survey first. • 211 Could be an ally, since they may already have an idea of what the needs are in the broader community. • It's worth doing a quick scan to see if any of this work has already been done- Marco Campana did a quick scan early in the pandemic focused on access to technology. • We could seek donations for this project from entities such as the Toronto Community Foundation or Trillium, or the TTC.
I	<p>Priorities over next two weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a service provider focused survey, including coming up with specific survey questions. • Follow up re different platforms that can be used to run surveys to the broader public using text – Isobel • Members will submit survey questions to Adriana by end of next week for editing – each member will e-mail at least one question. <p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, June 18th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.