

Learning Journeys is launching online trainings and facilitated sessions to support immigrant and refugee women's leadership and participation in co-designing services

We are looking for Instructors & Facilitators!

Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) is seeking **Instructors & Facilitators** in a variety of subject areas to support the on-going research and development of **Learning Journeys'** and to build the capacity of immigrant and refugee women as co-designers and emerging leaders.

Background:

Since 1975, Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) has been helping immigrant and refugee women integrate and grow into Canadian society. We are a caring community dedicated to creating learning programs that are responsive to our participants' unique needs. PIRS is currently delivering Learning Journeys: Pathways for and with Immigrant Women, a 2-year participatory research project funded by Immigration Refugees Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

Learning Journeys main goals are to:

- **Increase knowledge** and deepen understanding of immigrant women's experiences and perspectives in the contexts of their settlement programming;
- **Engage stakeholders'** experiences and perspectives to imbed user-centred design principles into settlement programming;
- **Test out and provide outcomes-based evidence** for new or adapted models or interventions that support women in their goals related to economic participation.

We are guided by the journeys of immigrant women and fuelled by collaborating with inspiring partners who share our goals and values. Together, we are learning, supporting each other to be courageous, responsive and impactful, and re-defining the roles that immigrant women can play in our communities and workspaces.

An initiative Led by Immigrant Women:

Learning journeys is led by **The Immigrant Women's Advisory Committee (IWAC)**. IWAC members are collaborating across conventional roles, identifying the most significant challenges for immigrant women on their settlement path towards meaningful economic participation, and applying their skills and strengths to dig into finding solutions.



Some are mothers, daughters, wives, widows, nurses, teachers, dentists, settlement workers, film makers, volunteers, employees, business owners and students; while all are courageous, generous, committed, skilled and hopeful.

Learning Journeys is looking for Instructors and Content Facilitators

To support and expand IWAC members' capacity to lead new projects, we are looking for Instructors and Facilitators interested in offering sessions on the following topics:

- Indigenous World View
- Medicine Wheel
- Advocacy
- Trauma-informed facilitation
- Media training
- Digital Storytelling

Format of our online sessions:

Two to four engaging online sessions; depending on the topic, a series of presentations or workshops may be offered

1.5 hour per sessions; in some cases, one 3 hour session may be offered

Targeted audience: Immigrant and refugee women leaders, professionals from the settlement sector, community advocates and community members passionate about fostering immigrant women's social and professional participation.

of participants: 18-50

Timeframe: From November 2020 to January 2021

To help catalyze our mission to re-define the roles that immigrant women can play in our communities and workspaces, please submit a letter of interest, a proposed session(s) outline and a quote to:

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Thank you for your interest!

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