

Brantford Immigration Partnership 2020-2025



April
2020

Official Launch of the Brantford Immigration Partnership (BIP)

The City receives federal funding from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to support the development and operation of a Local Immigration Partnership in Brantford over a five year period.

November
2020

Who We Are Video Series

BIP launches an introduction video for newcomers in our community and how to get involved which was translated into six other languages.

January
2021

Healthy Kids Celebrate Culture Campaign

In acknowledgement of National Multiculturalism Day, the City of Brantford's Healthy Kids program and the BIP proudly showcases diverse cultural traditions through a collection of photos and videos submitted from community members.

March
2021

Anti-Discrimination and Inclusion Campaign

Action Table is formed to enhance training opportunities for local agency staff, promote public education initiatives and encourage the involvement of newcomers in community activities.

Spring
2021

Launch of the Community Connections Action Table

Action Table is formed to create accessible resource lists for newcomers in Brantford-Brant to highlight on BIP website.

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May
2021

Launch of the Newcomer Connections Webpage

Newcomer Connections Brantford webpage launches to inform newcomers about what Brantford has to offer including arts and culture, housing, health and employment information as well as a services map.



August
2021

Join the Network Campaign

The Brantford Immigration Partnership (BIP) invites residents, businesses and organizations to "Join the Network" to share experiences, voice ideas, and help launch new initiatives that empower newcomers.



March
2022

First Annual BIP Summit

The first Annual BIP Summit provides an opportunity where the Brantford Immigration Partnership and Network can reflect on the successes of the past year and plan for the coming year.



March
2022

Ukrainian Relief Working Group

In response to the growing number of Ukrainian refugees, the BIP establishes the Ukrainian Relief Working Group to ensure that interested local parties are engaged, informed, and connected to opportunities to assist Ukrainian nationals arriving in Brantford.



May
2022

Your Language, Your City Campaign

The Your Language, Your City Campaign is created to increase access to public services and events for newcomers by providing and promoting translated documents and informational videos.

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Summer
2022

Employment Toolkit for Newcomers

The Newcomer Employment Toolkit is released to provide useful information to help new Canadians and new residents to Brantford navigate Brantford's local workforce and find employment.



June
2022

City of Brantford becomes a member of UNESCO's Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

The UNESCO Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities is a network of municipalities who strive to improve policies against racism, discrimination, exclusion and intolerance.



August
2022

First Annual Newcomer Welcome Day

This family-friendly event features an information fair where attendees learn about key programs and services available across all public sectors.



June
2023

Launch of Inclusive Community Plan 2023-2026

The Inclusive Community Plan launches to facilitate full community participation across all aspects of economic, political, social and cultural life, guided by three principles: Listen to Each Other, Stand Up for Each Other and Celebrate Each Other.

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June
2023

Telling Our Stories Video Series & Campaign

To strengthen the voices of new Canadians in Brantford, Brantford Immigration Partnership (BIP) invited several newcomers to Brantford to share their stories and highlight their newcomer experiences through a series of videos.



November
2023

Launch of Pieces 4 Peace Series

Through a concept proposed by Imam Abu Noman Tarek with the Muslim Association, and in collaboration with the Laurier Hub for Community Solutions, Pieces 4 Peace launches and brings community members together to share in learning and connection across cultural and social differences.



January
2024

Launch of International Film Series

In partnership with Wilfrid Laurier University, this initiative allows residents to come together to share, reflect, and celebrate diverse cultures, languages and cinematic art.



April
2024

Build Belonging wins OMSSA Local Champion Award

The "Build Belonging" project was recognized for its success in fostering inclusivity within EarlyON programming, particularly for diverse families.

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June
2024

Newcomer Mental Health & Addictions Action Table

The Newcomer Mental Health & Addictions Action Table in Brantford is formed as a collaborative community partner effort to enhance service coordination, promote collaboration, and ensure accessible, client-centered services for all newcomers.



June
2024

Newcomer Employment Action Table

Action Table launches to create connections between newcomers and employers and to determine creative way to engage with local employers and educate them on benefits of hiring newcomers while responding to newcomer needs.



September
2024

Launch of Flavours of Brantford Cooking series

In partnership with Grand River Community Health Centre, this initiative offered sessions to newcomer seniors where they could share, connect and learn through recipes from different countries.



Winter
2025

Development of 'Destination Brantford' Campaign

This campaign will showcase Brantford, highlighting its services, employment, economic development opportunities and other aspects of community life available in the city to newcomers and prospective newcomer immigrants who are considering Brantford as a destination to settle and visit.