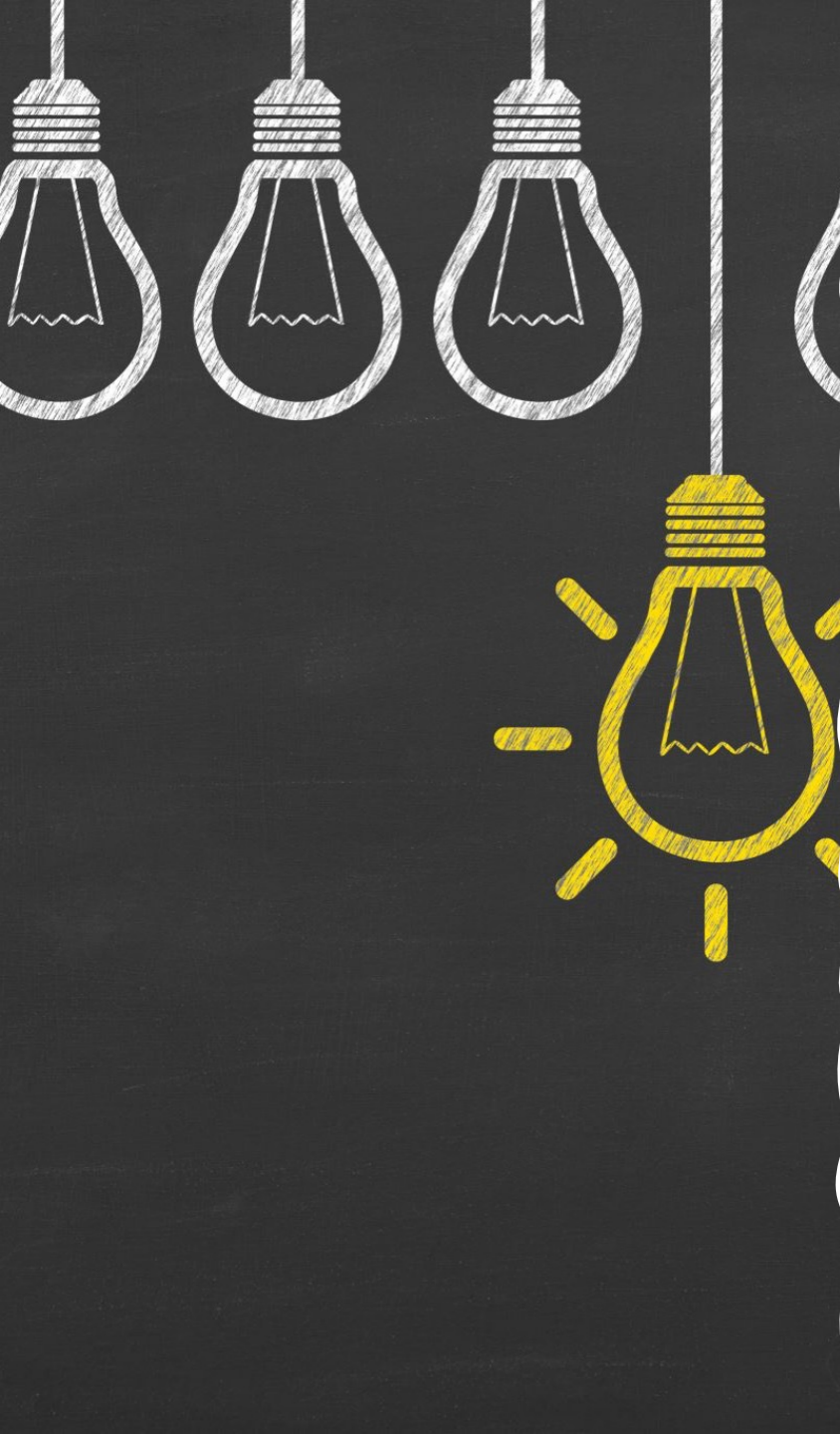


INTRODUCING THE ICE COMMITTEE

January 2024



Vehicle for Cross-Government Collaboration

- Unique group cuts across program-specific silos to advance economic & labour force development in Toronto
- Integrates labour-supply and business-demand considerations
- Helps policy & program developers leverage relationships between their separate mandates
 - Identifies opportunities for collaboration & knowledge-sharing
 - Identifies policy & program gaps
- Commissions and publishes independent non-partisan research
- Hosts discussion forums for the broader sector



Membership

- Canada, Ontario and Toronto Municipal employees responsible for supporting economic development, newcomer settlement or workforce development (*currently from 15 different offices*)
- Members:
 1. Advise on Committee priorities and activities
 2. Contribute subject matter expertise and connections
 3. Conduit between Committee and their Office (2-way sharing)
 4. Promote ICE activities to colleagues and networks
- An independent Chair hired by the Committee facilitates its activities

Partners

- ICE liaises and collaborates with other organizations
- Partners may:
 - Co-host or volunteer as speakers & panelists at Discussion Forums
 - Co-fund and advise on Research projects
 - Volunteer as guest speakers at Committee Meetings
 - Staff can attend free Discussion Forums



Committee Background

ORGANIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intergovernmental Committee for Economic and Labour Force Development• Unincorporated organization active since 1997 (>25 years)
FUNDERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada (IRCC)• Toronto Economic Development & Culture Division• In-kind contributions from other government offices and organizations
CURRENT BUDGET <i>(April 2023-March 2024)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• About \$42,800

Committee Accountability

- Activities guided by published terms of reference, conflict of interest policy & code of ethics
- Members review monthly meeting minutes & financial statements
- Reports annually on work plan and past year activities & performance metrics
- Maintains publicly accessible website:

<https://www.icecommittee.org>

Recent Research

- Reports and Discussion Forum Webcasts and details at <https://www.icecommittee.org>
 - Remote Work – Urban Panacea or Curse?
 - *Drs. Shauna Brail & Tara Vinodrai, University of Toronto (2024)*
 - Supporting International Students enrolled in Toronto-area Colleges
 - *Dr. Marshia Akbar, Toronto Metropolitan University (2023)*
 - The Gig Economy and its Effects on Racialized and Immigrant Populations in Toronto
 - *MDB Insights Consultants (2022)*
 - Advancing a Workforce Development Agenda for Toronto
 - *Tom Zizys (2021)*



Other Recent Discussion Forums

- Details and webcasts at <https://www.icecommittee.org/events>
 - Supporting Workforce Development to Advance TransformTO Net Zero Strategy (2023)
 - Strengthening Pathways to the Skilled Trades for Women, Youth and Newcomers (2022)
 - Bridging the Digital Divide for Equitable Educational Opportunities (2021)
 - Use of Labour Market Information by Students and Job Seekers (2020)
 - Newcomer Entrepreneurship and Export Development (2019)



Neighbourhood Action: What Works Locally
Peter Sloly, Staff Superintendent, Toronto Police Service
St. Lawrence Hall, May 26, 2006

Toronto's Agenda for Prosperity: Learning from Glasgow, Scotland
Eddie Friel, former Chief Executive of Greater Glasgow Tourist Board
Canada's National Ballet School, May 5, 2008



Strengthening Pathways to the Skilled Trades for Women, Youth and Newcomers
Moderated by Colleen Dignam, Workforce Development Management Consultant, City of Toronto Employment and Social Services (moderator)
Webinar, Friday, March 11, 2022



HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
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