

Labour Market Planning: What Works Locally

Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Toronto Botanical Garden
777 Lawrence Avenue East (just east of Leslie), Toronto

Dear Colleague,

The Intergovernmental Committee on Economic and Labour Force Development in Toronto (ICE) invites you to a forum co-sponsored by the City of Toronto and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Employment Ontario Central Region on **Tuesday, October 7, 2008** from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The forum is called "**Labour Market Planning: What Works Locally.**"

The focus will be on local labour market planning within a large urban context and will be of special interest to members who are involved in social, economic, and labour force planning and development.

The complexities of the challenges Cities face today are demanding new locally-driven, bottom-up, integrated and comprehensive approaches to labour market planning. While presenting a welcome opportunity to remake services to better meet the needs of City residents and employers, new approaches mean new challenges. What do we know about conceptualizing, designing, developing and implementing labour market planning in a city of multiple labour markets and diverse communities? Are we aware of the key ingredients that typically inform *successful* local labour market planning?

Guest speakers Tom Corbett and Pamela Meadows will:

- Describe the theoretical and practical underpinnings of successful local labour market planning in the US, UK and Canada;
- Highlight a number of major concepts which have informed planning, including terms such as "distance from the labour market", "demand-led", "place-based" and "integrated"; and
- Show how these key ingredients can be translated into practice.

A panel of local experts will round out the discussion.

You are invited to take a self guided tour of the Toronto Botanical Garden while you are attending this event. Garden events are smoke free and "green", dedicated to minimizing environmental impact. Parking is free. See <http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/> for more information

There is no cost to participate in this forum. A continental breakfast will be provided. I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, October 7, 2008** at what promises to be an informative and exciting session. Seating capacity is limited so **please RSVP by fax** at 416-392-8931 or by **email** at jcarmic@toronto.ca by no later than September 29, 2008. Feel free to call me directly at 416-348-9935 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,
Enid Slack, Chair, ICE Committee