

# Migration. Diversity. Communities.

*Exploring the challenges of immigrant attraction and retention in Canada's small, medium and regional communities in an age of global migration.*

## Immigrant Futures Toolkit

A welcoming  
economies  
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community  
growth



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## Immigrant friendly? or immigrant-competent? What does our Immigrant Future look like?

Research suggests newcomer-friendly services and slogans aren't enough. Immigrant retention depends on positive labour market experiences and a robust local economy. What can local planning councils in non-traditional and new immigrant gateways do to attract and sustain immigrant investment in the social, economic and cultural growth of their communities and regions?

## Designing a welcoming economy

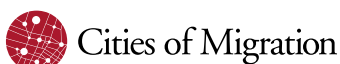
The Immigrant Futures project offers local stakeholders in 'small city' Canada a **whole-of-community** approach to designing a welcoming economy. Find out how smart cities **are aligning local strategies for economic growth to community health, wealth and well-being**:

- **Immigrant Futures Toolkit**  
A planning framework, tools and resources for local leaders
- **Immigrant Futures webinar series**  
Connecting people to ideas for peer learning exchange
- **Measuring up?**  
Doing the math on your community's immigrant future
- **Small Cities, Big Ideas**  
A curated collection of promising practices for inclusive community growth from cities across Canada and internationally

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