



Cities of Migration



CITIES OF MIGRATION aims to improve the integration of urban migrants through information sharing and learning exchange internationally and to become a catalyst for city leadership on migration issues.

THE VISION

Cities of Migration seeks to improve local integration practice in major immigrant receiving cities worldwide by providing accessible information about promising local practices that are innovative, practical and exportable. Through its virtual hub and learning exchange, Cities of Migration engages a wide range of stakeholders, including foundations, city government officials, community sector organizations, colleges and universities, employers, labour unions and resident and business associations. Cities of Migration will help these city-level actors develop stronger ties, build capacity and increase the effectiveness of local practices and the policy frameworks that support them.

BACKGROUND

The twin forces of urbanisation and global migration have created a rich field of action and experimentation in cities around the world on integration strategies for migrants. When integration is successful, the result is a strong economy, inclusive communities and a vibrant 'cosmopolia'; when

they fail, the result can be poverty, segregation and social tension.

Migration policy is often determined nationally, but the lived reality of settlement and integration is uniquely local and urban. While integration projects and city networks exist they tend to be research and policy focused and rarely global in scope. As a result, it is difficult for Toronto to learn from Lisbon, or for Auckland to learn from Stuttgart.

Cities of Migration links the variety of players involved in the practical day to day business of making integration work. Cities of Migration will:

- Showcase promising practices in city-level integration that offer new approaches and practical solutions to common problems and challenges. Under the themes of **Live, Work, Learn, Connect** and **Plan**, users will find integration ideas that can be adapted locally or inspire new thinking.
- Strengthen connections and facilitate information sharing between key actors in urban integration.
- Provide an essential resource for anyone working to strengthen cities through migration – foundations, government, community and private sector organizations and urban citizens.
- Help cities and city actors advocate effectively for appropriate state, national, and international policies through increased understanding of common integration issues.

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family foreign future growth



KEY ACTIVITIES

The Cities of Migration website features a set of integrated online tools to help city-level practitioners, community and funder networks in urban migration and integration become more knowledgeable and effective in their work. The major tools include:

- **100 Good Ideas in Integration.** A curated collection of promising practices thematically organized in city-level integration that includes related resources and contact information to inspire good thinking and learning exchange.
- **Integration Learning Exchange.** Virtual seminars and city-to-city exchanges to help practitioners learn about good practice from peer networks. Participate directly or browse our archived events and learning modules.
- **Conversations on Integration.** News from the field and a blogging space for discussion and information exchange by practitioners working in immigrant receiving cities worldwide.
- **Awareness Campaign.** Cities of Migration actively promotes efforts to accelerate integration activities and outreach that can increase the effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the initiative.
- **E-Library.** An easy-to-search e-library of selected resources, tools and links to broaden your research into good integration practice in cities.

Please contact citiesofmigration@maytree.com about how you can participate.

PARTNERS

Through Cities of Migration, the Maytree Foundation is working with an international group of partners and consulting broadly with government officials, migration organizations and related NGOs to sustain its ongoing applicability and relevance. These partnerships also serve to strengthen the coalition of private foundations working to accelerate the integration of urban migrants world-wide.



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