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PARTNERING TO PROMOTE YOUTH INTEGRATION

Vision

A community where all can belong and grow

Mission

Helping immigrants build a future in Nova Scotia





Who We Are

- 7,563 clients served last year
- 728 active volunteers
- **259** qualified staff
- **100**+ countries of client origin
- 100+ NS communities served
- 64 countries of staff origin
- 73 languages spoken by staff

- Staff who are dedicated, diverse, highly professional, qualified and experienced in their field
- Serving immigrants for over 38 years
- Connecting immigrants with employers
- Connecting immigrants with the community



Social Justice in Focus Project Team



3 universities

2 NGOs

2 students

+1 coordinator

Project team

















ISANS' Criteria for Participating in Research

1. Relevance of the research

- ✓ Benefit to clients?
- ✓ Aligned with / helps with our work?
- ✓ Experienced and reputable researchers?
- ✓ Methodology that is ethically sound and respectful of newcomers?
- ✓ How will outcomes be used?



ISANS' Criteria for Participating in Research

2. Our Role and Capacity

- ✓ Are we the most appropriate partner?
- ✓ Were we invited from the design stage?
- ✓ Is there a role for us throughout?
- ✓ Will participation raise our profile / help build and strengthen our partnerships?



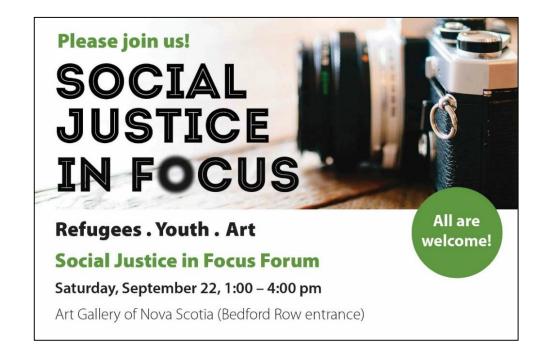
ISANS' role

- Team member
- Project design
- Recruitment
- Facilitation
- Support throughout





Challenges & Surprises







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Benefits

- Youth stepped up and expressed themselves
- Youth connected and built their networks
- Youth challenged us
- Partners introduced youth to different organizations, locales and ways of interacting
- Partners learned flexibility
- New partnerships developed
- Partnerships provide new opportunities for next steps for youth and for us



Final Forum – new partnerships







Questions?

Thank You