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P2P 2026 National Conference

Navigating Change Together: Strengthening Resilience and Innovation in a Shifting Migration Landscape

November 23-24, 2026: P2P 2026 National Conference
In Person and Virtual

November 25, 2026: P2P-FCFA Conference for Local Immigration Partnerships and Réseaux en immigration francophone
In Person and Virtual

Hotel Bonaventure Montreal

Pathways to Prosperity will hold its 14th Annual National Conference and the P2P-FCFA Conference for LIPs and RIF in Montreal on November 23-25, 2026. Virtual participation options will also be available on these dates.

The theme of this year's P2P Annual National Conference is **Navigating Change Together: Strengthening Resilience and Innovation in a Shifting Migration Landscape**. The conference will explore the changing immigration and settlement landscape, how the sector is adapting, and future directions for resilience, innovation, leadership, and partnership.

We are delighted to announce that acclaimed authors **Blaise Ndala** and **Dimitri Nasrallah** will join us for our keynote conversation, **Finding Home: Two Authors Reflect on Their Immigration Journeys**. Drawing on their personal experiences, Blaise and Dimitri will reflect on their immigration journeys, their experiences of finding home in Canada, and what their stories can tell us about navigating change.

The P2P 2026 Jean McRae Legacy Award for a Newcomer Youth

Deadline: August 28, 2026

Applications are still open for the Pathways to Prosperity's fourth annual Jean McRae Legacy Award for a Newcomer Youth. This award will support a newcomer youth in Canada to attend the P2P National Conference in Montreal on November 23-24, 2026. The award will include travel to Montreal for the conference, three nights accommodation, and conference registration. To qualify, applicants must have been born outside of Canada, currently be living here, and be between 18 and 30 years old.

We invite newcomer youth to apply by submitting:

- Your name and email address
- A one-page description of why you are interested in attending the conference and how it will benefit your career
- A nomination letter from an individual who has been in a supervisory role to you within the last three years – e.g., a work supervisor, research



Blaise Ndala



Dimitri Nasrallah

Blaise Ndala moved to Canada in 2007 after studying law in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Belgium. The author of four novels, he is a prominent voice in the Francophone literary world in Canada and abroad. His award-winning novel *In the Belly of the Congo* (2021) was followed most recently by *L'équation avant la nuit* (2025). Blaise has also worked with Avocats sans frontières Canada and in the federal public service, and lives in Ottawa.

Born in Lebanon, **Dimitri Nasrallah** moved to Canada as a child in 1988. He is the author of four novels, including *Blackbodying* (2004), *Niko* (2011), *The Bleeds* (2018), and his most recent national bestseller, *Hotline* (2022), which received multiple major literary nominations. Dimitri teaches creative writing at Concordia University and lives in Montreal.

Our two plenaries will bring together perspectives from within and beyond the settlement and integration sector to explore how the sector is navigating change and what will be needed in the years ahead. Unlike traditional plenaries, this year's sessions will feature armchair discussions that invite speakers to exchange ideas, perspectives, and insights in a more dynamic and conversational format.

On Monday, November 23, the plenary **Leading Through Change: Lessons, New Perspectives, and Future Directions** will bring together senior and emerging leaders within the sector to reflect on changes shaping the sector, lessons from past and current periods of change, and the capacities needed for the future. On Tuesday, November 24, the plenary **Settlement and Integration in Context: Larger Forces, Shared Challenges, and Collaborative Solutions** will draw on perspectives from beyond the sector to examine the broader forces shaping newcomer settlement and integration and consider responses to shared challenges.

The conference will also feature an interactive activity that will provide an opportunity for all attendees to reflect on their own organizations, communities and roles, considering what should be maintained, where change is needed, and what concrete steps can be taken now. In addition, a poster session with an accompanying cocktail reception will facilitate networking, and a variety of workshops and

supervisor, volunteer organization leader

Applications should be submitted to admin@p2pcanada.ca with the subject line: Application for Jean McRae Award, by **August 28, 2026**.

Feature Your LIP or RIF in the 2026 LIP/RIF Accomplishments Booklet!

Deadline: August 28, 2026

Pathways to Prosperity is continuing its annual tradition of highlighting the many recent accomplishments of the LIPs and RIF. As part of this initiative, we will be showcasing your most impactful accomplishments at the 2026 P2P-FCFA Conference for Local Immigration Partnerships and Réseaux en immigration francophone in November. This is an opportunity to highlight your efforts, inspire collaboration, and share innovative practices that are making a difference in communities across the country.

We invite you to share one major accomplishment from your LIP or RIF within the last two years by completing the form linked [here](#) by **August 28, 2026**.

[Click here to view our 2025 booklet.](#)

Enter your accomplishment here

roundtables will take place over the course of the two days. All interested parties are welcome to attend this conference.

The P2P-FCFA Conference for LIPs and RIF on Wednesday November 25 will explore practical and strategic considerations for helping RIF and LIPs to navigate the changing migration landscape, respond to shared challenges, communicate their value, and strengthen their role in communities and the broader settlement ecosystem. This will be highlighted in the plenary **Navigating Change: Strengthening the Role and Impact of LIPs and RIF**, in which experienced LIP and RIF representatives will discuss their perspectives on achieving these goals. The event will also include workshops and roundtables, as well as an enhanced version of the P2P Hackathon, all aimed at offering a valuable opportunity for LIPs and RIF to gain new insights, share experiences and achievements, plan for the future, and develop new connections and collaborations. All interested parties are welcome to attend this event.

[Register Here](#)

2026 In-Person National LIP Network Summit: Building the Future Together

November 26, 2026
In Person

Hotel Bonaventure Montreal

On November 26th 2026, the National LIP Secretariat will host its fifth in-person National LIP Network Summit, as a safe and supportive space for LIP/ZIP leaders to hold strategic conversations about the future of the LIPs/ZIPs, the LIP Network and our collective role in the evolving newcomer serving sector. Through dynamic and candid conversations among LIP colleagues, we will tap into collective experience and capacity to face the challenges of the current moment and plan for the future. The summit is meant to complement the P2P-FCFA Conference for LIPs and RIF by offering a LIP-only space to discuss operational and strategic challenges and problem solve them together.

Due to space limits and to protect equitable representation of different voices in the Network, we invite only one representative per LIP/ZIP, to register for this event.

[Register Here](#)



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