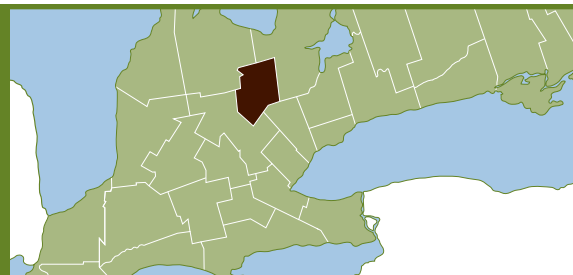


# Newcomer Engagement and Social Capital in Rural Communities

## DUFFERIN COUNTY



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PARTICIPANTS



### METHODS USED:



## SOCIAL CAPITAL ASSESSMENT IN DUFFERIN COUNTY

### PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Main sources of support that helped newcomers integrate into the community.



Neighbours and friends



Community groups, churches, and recreational activities



Business networks

### ONLINE RESOURCES

Useful tools that helped newcomers navigate services and recreational activities in the community.



Social media

- Shelburne Q&A, Orangeville Q&A



County websites

- Official website of Dufferin County

### SOCIAL SERVICES

Local agencies and organizations who provide services, information and referrals.



Ontario Early Years Centre

### IMMIGRANT NEWCOMER SUPPORTS

Extraordinary efforts taken by the community to address the specific needs of immigrant newcomers.



Formation of committee to determine needs and provide assistance



One-on-one professional and social services



ESL classes



Volunteer drivers

### BEST PRACTICES



Comprehensive online resources



Newcomer-to-newcomer supports



Transportation assistance