

Equitable and Inclusive Practices for Engaging Newcomers and Refugees in Designing Pathways to Healthcare and Social Services

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Ibukun Abejirinde

A paradigm shift in newcomer and refugee health- who is the expert in the room?

- Need to shift from a deficit-oriented language to one of shared expertise
- Transformative knowledge networks growing within informal spaces
- Newcomers and Refugees as nodes of transformation in the settlement sector



Jessica Kwik

Centering people with lived experience in defining regional strategies for access to health: a journey in progress



- Incremental improvements to engagement
- Amplifying personal insights into strategies
- Learning and educating across sectors



Nancy Clark

A gendered perspective on engaging people with lived experience: Lessons from working with Syrian Refugee men

- Gender-Based Analysis for thinking about exclusion and marginalization
- Navigating relationships and partnerships across sectors
- Creating spaces for inclusion on multiple levels for knowledge generation



Kyla Lee

Co-creation and Knowledge dissemination through comics: Working with Community Peer Researchers to tell two stories on Virtual Health



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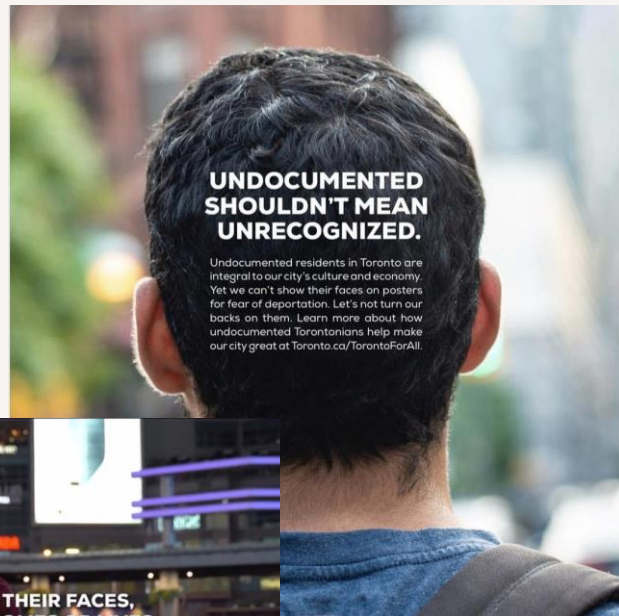


- Collaboration and co-creation can be iterative and non-linear
- The value of a strengths-based approach
- Going from patient to partner to colleague

Jesus “Tony” Villarreal Herrera

Nothing for us without us: A viewpoint on empowering through engagement

- My experience as a newcomer with virtual care
- Precarious status shouldn't mean precarious health
- Imagine healthcare without exclusions



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