Toronto Immigrant Employment Data Initiative:

The Community Perspective

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General Thoughts on the TIEDI Model

- Widespread appreciation
- Partnership: Consultation vs. Collaboration

Use(fulness) of TIEDI outputs

- Public & staff education
- Organization-specific program & project planning and proposals
- Community-wide planning

Use(fulness) of TIEDI events and supports

- Forums
- Training
- Rapid response capacity & tailored info
- Research Support

Challenges

- Partnership, collaboration vs. consultation
- Getting the word out and maintaining a connection
- Limitations of the data
  - Up-to-date data
  - Missing data/information

Suggestions & Considerations for others

- Extent of existing relationship between community and academia
- Steering committee: community representation, frontline knowledge
- Forums
- Narrow vs. expanded scope
- Research support for agencies
- Training
- Webinars
- Policy implications and recommendations
- Student research placements, funding to place researchers IN agencies
- Data advocacy

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