Building Welcoming Communities: Durham Libraries Engage Diversity

History
Durham Region libraries and the Local Diversity and Immigration Partnership Council (LDIPC) began working together to build welcoming communities across Durham Region.

Networking
Public libraries in Durham are intentionally engaging, supporting and learning from the diverse populations that make up the region (and beyond!).

Knowledge Sharing
Community information that impacts our clients and communities are explored through data exchange and guest presentation from local knowledge leaders.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
With an evolving demographic of diversity, the DLPD focuses on training opportunities relevant to the changing diversity of local communities.

Multiculturalism
Early focus on multilingual collections expanded to include multicultural programming. The group's name, the Durham Libraries Multicultural Alliance (DLMA), reflected that expanded focus.

Transformation
By 2015, the scope had expanded and the terms of reference were revised and the name of the collaborative changed to Durham Library Partners in Diversity (DLPD).

Collaboration & Community Engagement
The DLPD and Library staff come together, promoting library services, programs and membership across Durham Region to residents and local businesses.