



Pathways to Citizenship

What are the current pathways to Canadian citizenship for Toronto's residents? Are these changing? What are the barriers and what supports can we put in place?

Supporting Civic Engagement and Community Capacity is one of the four pillars of the Toronto Newcomer Strategy, endorsed by the City Council in 2013. Citizenship plays a significant role in facilitating civic engagement and community capacity building.

Toronto Social Development, Finance & Administration (SDFA), in partnership with OCASI - Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants is organizing an Open Dialogue session to discuss the current pathways to citizenship and how they may change.

Join us for:

- opening remarks by Chris Brillinger, Executive Director, SDFA, City of Toronto
- panel discussion, moderated by Debbie Douglas, Executive Director, OCASI, highlighting perspectives of Councillor Ana Bailao, Ward 18, Davenport; Gillian Smith, Executive Director and CEO, Institute for Canadian Citizenship; and Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Clinic Director, Metro Toronto Chinese; Southeast Asian Legal Clinic.
- an open public discussion on the issue

This is the fourth in a series of Open Dialogue sessions, designed to start a conversation about a variety of social issues affecting our communities, and engage a broad range of community members including City Council, City staff, and community agencies.

Date:

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Time:

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.)

Location:

Toronto City Hall
Council Chambers
100 Queen Street West

RSVP:

To attend in person, please register at [eventbrite](#) or 416-392-3999

We will appreciate your early registration.

The event will be streamed live at:
<http://www.toronto.ca/opendialogue>