# Newcomer Engagement and Social Capital in Rural Communities

# **DUFFERIN COUNTY**



97
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





