

# Annual Report

2015 - 2016



# Thank You to Our Funders

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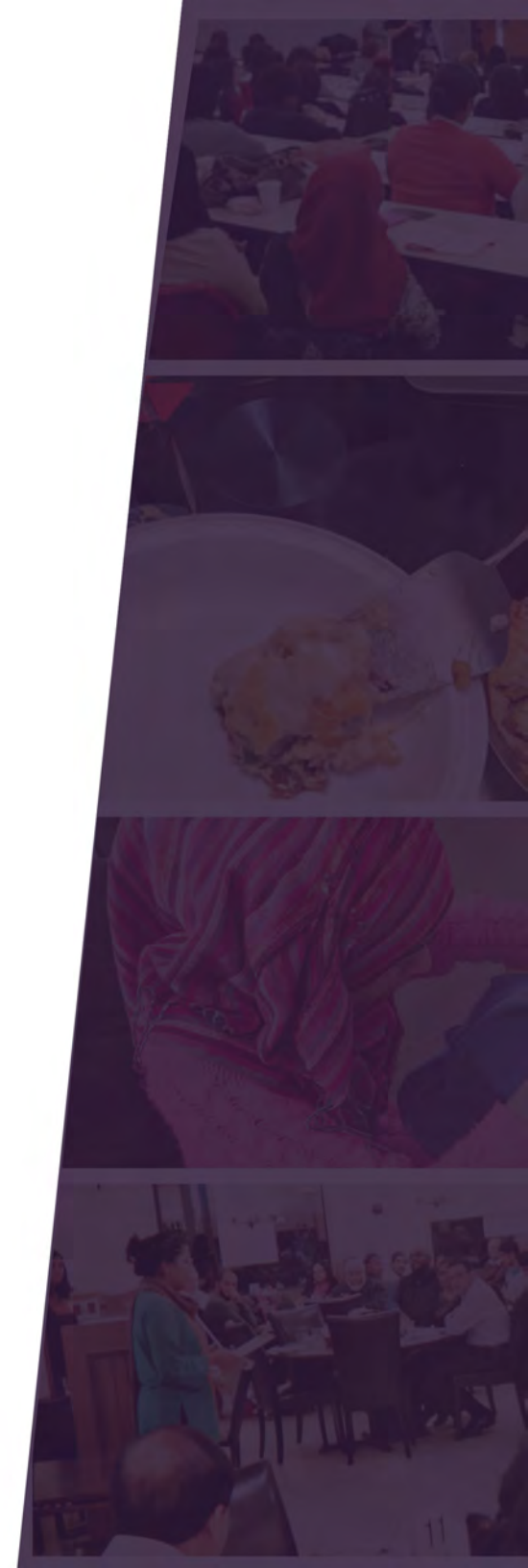
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# Message from the Executive Director

This year was a phenomenal year for Newcomer Women's Services Toronto. We witnessed significant change, through the inception of the Black Lives Matter movement and the national response to support refugees from Syria.

As an agency we expanded our youth programming through the Youth Job Connection Program and explored new ways of supporting mental health through the Cook It! program. Our upcycling and entrepreneurship program, SEW IT! hosted pop-up shops and supported women with starting their own online businesses.

A huge thank you to our hard working staff - without them these programs and services would not be possible. Their commitment and dedication is unparalleled.

Another thank you to our funders for supporting the agency. Their investment ensures that the agency grows and evolves.

We look forward to another year of continued partnership.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Roy'.

Maya Roy,  
Executive Director

# Women, Power and Change

To Support Newcomer Women And Their Families To Contribute To Political, Social And Economic Life In Canada.

**719**

newcomer women were connected to one-on-one supports around their immigration and unique needs.

**1109**

new immigrants participated in settlement-related workshops that helped them adjust to their new lives in Canada.

**232**

job seekers found part-time and full-time work.

**632**

recently arrived women improved their English language skills through the English Language Program.

APR 2018



Storytelling for Elder Rights

## Under the Mango Tree

NEW brought together a Council of Elders to make art, share stories, and develop a coloring book for children that encourages discussion of elder rights in families. After 6 weeks of interactive workshops on elder rights and storytelling, each newcomer senior was paired up with a peer to document a traditional story about elder rights from their culture and create artwork to illustrate the story. Some of these stories make you laugh, and some of them just break your heart.

ReShaped & Relmaged Clothing

## Sewn and Assembled Free of Exploitation (SAFE)

Newcomer women with home based sewing businesses were hired as consultants for the SAFE initiative. They exchanged sewing skills by teaching one project to other women in the group. They also explored ways to market their businesses online to new customers.



JUN 2015



SEW IT!  
**Sewing Entrepreneurship  
for Women in Toronto**

In this 12-week program, women with an idea for a beauty product or fashion business learned how to develop their business ideas and plan. They worked on sewing projects using recycled clothing and got connected with the community supports they need to pursue their career goals.

ReShaped & Reimagined  
**Fashion Entrepreneurship  
Program for Youth**

Newcomer and racialized girls created their own fashion brand for social change at this 10-week fashion boot camp. They explored the ways fashion can be used to stop racism, homophobia and gender violence.



SEP 2015



Neighbours, Friends and Families

## These Hands Don't Harm Community Dinner

We invited families and friends from South Asian communities to join us for a gala dinner where we celebrated how neighbors, families and friends can stop gender violence together.

Scan the QR code  
to watch videos



## Storytelling for Human Rights Human Rights Video

In partnership with Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), NEW produced 3 educational animated videos around racial profiling, refugee and immigration policy, and rights of LGBTQ youth.



FEB 2016



Cooking & Stress Management

## Cook It! for Single Moms

In this 12-week program, single moms get together to prepare meals, work on stress management techniques, create a personal well-being plan and work on a self-care journal with staff at NEW.

Women, Power and Change

## SheSpeaks 2 Conference

Over 80 like-minded women, girls and trans\* folk came together for a full day of inspirational talks and interactive discussions with newcomer women thinkers and doers in the community.

