



MINUTES

MEETING DETAILS

Committee/Work Group	French Language Services Work Group
Chair(s)	TBD
Date	October 10 2023
Time	2:30 – 3:30
Location	Zoom
Attendees	Anne Gravelle; Mattea Steacy; Mélissa Yakimishan ; Cathy Gladu; Bev Heuving
Regrets	Geneviève Jolicoeur

AGENDA ITEMS

Item	Owner	
<p>Volunteers to co-chair work group – For Decision</p> <p>Our draft terms of reference & the practice of other work groups are to have 2 co-chairs. The coordinator (Karynn) does not play this role, but will provide all administrative support including the scheduling of meetings; preparation of Agendas & Minutes; etc. There were no volunteers forthcoming at this meeting, but it is hoped we can have 2 chairs identified at our next meeting.</p> <p>Task(s):</p> <p>1. Volunteers for co-chairs</p>	All	Nov.14/23
<p>Terms of Reference – For Approval</p> <p>https://everykid.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/French-Language-Services-Terms-of-Reference-Draft-July-11-2023.pdf</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Task(s):</p> <p>1. Lead Table to approved</p>	Karynn	Nov. 8/23

<p>Work Plan – For Discussion</p> <p>We had a fulsome discussion about the initial goals of our new work group. Mattea hi-lighted that the United Counties has only 1 French speaking resource consultant, which limits their ability to provide services and programs in French. Hiring French speakers is a difficulty. UCLG is running a monthly French Story Time in Kemptville. Anne pointed out that there are some other French programs & story times going on in the Counties and asked about how EKIOC could partner to publicize this. Karynn asked that all information sent to her. Cathy expressed concern about the limited services available in French for children with special needs, be they mental health, developmental services, or even things like physiotherapy, doctors, and dentists. Bev explained that Big Brothers Big Sisters is seeking a Francophone mentoring communicator, but have had no applicants, which is highly unusual, so support and education for partners on hiring French speakers would be valuable.</p> <p>Task(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft work plan 2. Reach out to the Data Work Group for partnership 3. Reach out to the St. Lawrence Rideau Immigration Partnership 	<p>Karynn Karynn Karynn</p>	<p>Oct. 13/23 Oct. 13/23 Oct. 13/23</p>
<p>Next Meeting: November 14 2:30 – 3:30 By Zoom</p>		