

## Life Strategies Feature of the Month: May 2014

### MAPLE 2.0 Wins IQN Workplace Integration Award

Over the years, Life Strategies has had the privilege to work with a number of high-calibre and innovative programs serving diverse clients. We've worked with a variety of immigrant serving agencies supporting their programs through research, workshops, and training. We know the impact these programs have on supporting the needs of new immigrants in finding meaningful work and successfully integrating into the Canadian workplace.

One such program was [MAPLE 2.0 - Mentorship in Action](#) offered through the Immigrant Services Society (ISS) of BC. The program sought to bridge the gap between employers and immigrants through facilitating internships. There were benefits for both internationally-trained professionals (ITPs) and employers. ITPs were able to get that elusive "Canadian work experience" and expand professional networks. On the other hand, employers were able to access training and support to adapt more inclusive hiring practices and imbed more multicultural and diversity-focused practices into their workforce.

Life Strategies played a role in facilitating a number of diversity training sessions for local employers. These sessions addressed diversity management basics and introduced strategies to recruit, orient, and include diverse workers.

The MAPLE 2.0 program was recently awarded an International Qualifications Network (IQN) award for Workplace Integration for their work providing "support for labour market integration to help newcomers integrate quickly and fully." [Click here](#) to read more.

Congratulations, ISS. The work you do is important and impactful.

