



Highlights from recently published RSTP materials

RSTP has recently published and distributed two essential resource materials: ***Sponsorship Disputes & Breakdowns*** and ***The Rights of Privately Sponsored Refugees***. The latter has also been translated into Arabic while the former document is only available in English. Listed below are some key points addressed in these two documents:

SPONSORSHIP DISPUTES & BREAKDOWNS

- What is a sponsorship dispute?
- What is a sponsorship breakdown?
- What is a sponsorship default?
- Why do sponsorship breakdowns occur?
- What should be done if there is a sponsorship dispute or breakdown?
- What are the consequences of sponsorship breakdowns for newcomers?
- What are the consequences of sponsorship breakdowns for newcomers?
- How can sponsorship disputes, breakdowns, and defaults be avoided?
- Where can I find more information and support?

Go to this link below to access the document:

<http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Sponsorship-Breakdown-Info-Sheet-RSTP-Final.pdf>

THE RIGHTS OF PRIVATELY SPONSORED REFUGEES

- Who are private sponsors?
- How long is your sponsorship period?
- What should you receive from your sponsors?
- What are your settlement responsibilities?
- What happens if you choose to move to a different city in Canada?
- What are sponsors not allowed to do?
- What should you do if you are not receiving enough support from your sponsors?
- What should you do if you are being mistreated, exploited or abused?
- What will happen to you if you report your concerns to IRCC?
- What are your rights?

You can download the document from the following links:

English version - <http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/RSTP-Rights-of-PSRs-National-Updated-Nov.-4-2016.pdf>

Arabic version - http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Final-Rights-of-PSRs-Oct-14-2016-generic_Arabic_rev_final.pdf

Are you waiting for BVOR Syrian refugees? There are available Syrian Family Links Cases.

Profile # 475

Summary: This is a family of four; the principal applicant (53 year old) , his spouse (48), his son (19) and his daughter (17)

Country of Asylum: Lebanon

Education: Post-secondary

Professional experience: Accountant

Relatives in Canada: Son

Type of vulnerability: Medical needs (fractured vertebrae due to car accident)

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Translation, social and emotional support

Profile # 1068

Summary: The principal applicant is a 21-year old woman living in Azraq Refugee Camp with her 27-year old spouse and 1-year old daughter

Country of Asylum: Jordan

Education: High School

Professional experience: Wool knitting

Relatives in Canada: Father

Type of vulnerability: Camp refugees

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Social and emotional support

Profile # 1058

Summary: The principal applicant is a 25 year old father caring for his 18 year old wife and 1 year old son

Country of asylum: Jordan

Education: N/A

Professional experience: Information Technology

Relatives in Canada: Brother living in St. John NB

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Translation and Social support

Profile # 2025

Summary: The principal applicant is a 58 year old male living in a refugee camp and caring for his wife 50 yrs., and a 14 year old daughter

Country of Asylum: Jordan

Education: Elementary

Professional experience: Ambulance Driver

Relatives in Canada: Son living in Moncton

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Social & Emotional Support

Profile # 1556

Summary: The principal applicant is a 34 year old male living in a refugee camp and caring for his wife and 3 children ages; 6 (F), 5 (F) & 2 (M)

Country of Asylum: Jordan

Education: Elementary Education

Professional experience: Masonry

Relatives in Canada: Brother living in Moncton

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Translation, Social, Emotional & Settlement Support

Profile # 1109

Summary: The principal applicant is a 31 year old father caring for his 4 family members

Country of asylum: Jordan

Education: Some Post-Secondary Education

Professional experience: None

Relatives in Canada: Brother living in St. John NB

Support offered by relative in Canada upon refugee's arrival: Social and Emotional support

If you are interested in these or other families, contact the FLI team via fli@rstp.ca or 416-290-1700 ext. 408.

UPCOMING RSTP TRAINING SESSIONS

WORKSHOPS

1. Learning Forum for Private Sponsors

This forum is designed to give Ottawa-based private sponsors an intensive learning and sharing opportunity, featuring the RSTP, the Coalition in Ottawa for Refugees (COR) and Local Agencies Serving Immigrants (LASI). The forum will include workshops, a peer-learning forum and an information fair.

Date: Thursday 1 December, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm EST

Venue: OCISO, 945 Wellington St W, Ottawa, ON K1Y 2X5

Registration URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/learning-forum-for-private-sponsors-tickets-29121182240>

2. Managing Expectations in the Context of Refugee Sponsorship and Support

Private sponsors in the Fraser Valley are invited to attend this workshop that will cover topics including: Managing expectations; Code of ethics for privately sponsoring groups; Power imbalance; and Preparing for long-term.

Date: Saturday December 3, 2016

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm PST

Venue: Fleetwood Christian Reformed Church
9165, 160 St, Surrey, BC V4N 2X7

Registration URL:

<https://workshopdec3.eventbrite.ca>

3. Toronto Private Sponsor Discussion Group: Sharing Experiences & Lessons Learned

All Toronto-based private sponsors are invited to attend an upcoming discussion group to share lessons-learned, challenges, successes, resources, and helpful tips about sponsorship.

Date: Monday December 5, 2016

Time: 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm EST

Where: Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd, Toronto, ON M4R 1B9 (Yonge St & Eglinton Ave)

Registration URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/private-sponsor-discussion-group-sharing-experiences-lessons-learned-tickets-29494587104>

For more information, please contact Nadine at 416-290-1700 ext 404 or email: torontorss@rstp.ca.

Free Webinar on Virtual Collaboration for Volunteer Managers and Boards of Directors

Date: Thursday December 8, 2016, **Time:** 10:00 am–11:00 am PST

Great for managers of volunteers who regularly work with virtual volunteers and boards of directors who meet and/or collaborate virtually - even if it is just on occasion due to bad weather! It will also be of interest to organizations with multiple locations and managers of virtual employees.

For information on registration, please click:
<https://charityvillage.com/free-webinar-virtual-collaboration-for-volunteer-managers-and-boards-of-directors.aspx>

Have you registered in the RSTP BVOR Matching Database?

Kindly register for the RSTP BVOR matching database if you have not done so. If you are experiencing any technical difficulties registering or if you have not received an invitation to register, please contact Parastoo (BVOR Worker) at paznavehzadeh@rstp.ca.

Note: we are expecting to receive the new BVOR profiles sometime in Mid-December and we will be sharing them through the RSTP matching database.