

refugee RSTP Bulletin

June 15th, 2018

In light of **World Refugee Day**, RSTP would like to take the opportunity to stand in solidarity **#WithRefugees** and honour the courage, strength and determination of the **22.5 million refugees** who are forced to flee their homelands due to persecution, conflict and violence.

Introducing Our New Website!

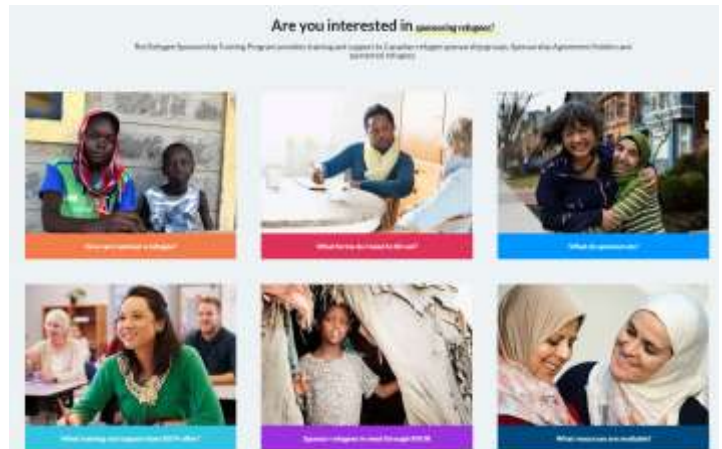
We've had a makeover!

Check out our revamped website www.rstp.ca with a contemporary look and feel, cleaner layout and overall improved user experience.

Most importantly, it's now easier to find the information you need by the kind of group you are: SAH, Group of Five, Community Sponsor or a Refugee!

New RSTP Videos!

Don't forget to check out our new RSTP videos too!



One outlines the support RSTP offers sponsors, and another focusses on the BVOR program. The third video looks at PSR sponsorship and settlement in Ontario. Find them on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RefugeeSponsorship>



The Refugee Sponsorship Training Program



The Blended Visa Office-Referred Program



Sponsorship and Settlement of Privately Sponsored...

Thank you for another successful National SAH Conference!



RSTP would like to thank all speakers, moderators, members of the SAH Council, members of the Conference Organizing Committee, IRCC, UNHCR and IOM Representatives, the RSTP advisory Committee, Settlement Services Providing agency reps and other SAH representatives for their contribution and participation in making the 2018 National SAH Conference a success!

Thank you

World Refugee Day 2018 Events

British Columbia

World Refugee Day: Information Fair!

Wednesday June 20, 2018,

At the [Vancouver Public Library](#) (Central Branch,
350 W. Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC Canada).
From [10:00 am – 4:00 pm](#)



Alberta

World Refugee Day Events

Wednesday June 20, 2018

At the [Festival Hall](#) (4214 58 Street, 200 Red Deer,
Alberta T4N 2L6)
From: [10:00 am – 7:30 pm MDT](#)

This event is organized by
Central Alberta Refugee Effort

New Brunswick

World Refugee Day Saint John

Theme: **Family Reunification**

Wednesday June 20, 2018

At [Mary Oland Theatre](#) (1 Market Square
Saint John, NB E2L 4Z6).
At [3:00 pm](#)

Saskatchewan

World Refugee Day 2018 Regina

Becoming Neighbours

Tuesday, June 19th, 2018

At [City Square Plaza](#) (2190 Victoria Ave, Regina,
SK S4M 0A1).
From [12:00 to 1:00 pm](#)

This event is organized by
The Regina Open Door Society (RODS)

Nova Scotia

Walk with Refugees

Saturday, June 16, 2018

At the [Garrison Grounds](#), Halifax, Nova
Scotia

From: [2:00 pm – 4:00 pm \(Atlantic\)](#)

All are welcome!
Bring your family!
Wear YELLOW
&
**Bring noise makers to show your
support!**

Ontario

“Refugees Belong” Walk!

Wednesday June 20 2018, in celebration of
World Refugee Day!

At [Yonge and Dundas](#) (in front of the Refugee
Law Office).
From [9:00 am to 2 pm](#)

This walk is organized by
FCJ Refugee Centre

On World Refugee Day, let us reflect on the
courage of those who have fled and the
compassion of those who welcome them!

**Together, let us work to give everyone
the chance to build a better future!**

Happy
world
refugee
day

Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program

There are **138** available BVOR Profiles in the RSTP Matching Database waiting for sponsors!

BVOR refugees have been identified overseas by the UNHCR, and have been approved by the Canadian government. They include:

- Refugees from Syria, Sudan, Eritrea, Iran, Democratic Rep. of Congo, Iraq, Burma (Myanmar), Colombia, Central African Republic, Uganda, Somalia, Ethiopia, El Salvador, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Guatemala.
- From LGBTQ2 community
- A survivor of violence and torture
- A woman at risk
- The majority of the cases have medium to no medical/resettlement needs



Under BVOR, the Canadian government will share half of the sponsorship costs of the refugees' first year in Canada. The refugee/refugee family will arrive within 6 to 12 weeks of your application. RSTP will help match you with a suitable refugee and guide you through the sponsorship process.

There are **113 SAHs** across Canada, and many more possible Groups of Five and Community Sponsors. If each of you could find a way to sponsor just **one BVOR** case this year, it would make a real difference in the number of refugees Canada will resettle this year.

Share the costs and save a life!

Contact RSTP at bvor@rstp.ca for more information.

Available BVOR Profiles Include

PROFILE #: 1147-04-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Toronto, ON

A 25 year old Syrian refugee with a Bachelor's degree and experience working as a Pharmacist. S/he is a survivor of violence and cannot return to his/her home country for fear of his/her safety stemming from sexual orientation. S/he has a partner in Toronto and would like to settle near him.

PROFILE #: 1146-04-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Had a child April 28th

Young Syrian couple. The principal applicant has worked as sergeant and for an electricity company, and is self-employed. They would feel more comfortable residing in an English speaking area. The family is afraid to return to Syria because they fear for their safety. They have no contacts in Canada, are seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during their resettlement.

PROFILE #: 1192-05-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Fredericton, NB

A young family of six from the Congo, currently residing in Kenya. The principal applicant is 33 years old, the spouse 27 and the children are 12, 4, 2, and 1 year old. They speak French easily and have some English language ability. Both parents have graduated from grade 12. The father has some storekeeping experience. The family has no major settlement/health needs. Fredericton, NB has been recommended as their resettlement destination. The family is eager to receive any assistance from sponsors towards their settlement in their new home.



PROFILE #: 1230-05-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Halifax, NS

This 34-year-old Syrian father and his 35-year-old wife have five young children. They currently live in Beirut, Lebanon. The PA has limited work experience. The father is a construction worker who can easily work in any community. He has friends in Halifax, NS that can help this family get established in their new community. Low settlement and health requirements. The family will be happy to have assistance from sponsors in the community of settlement.

PROFILE #: 1215-05-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Victoria, BC

A young Syrian family with a 31-year-old father, mother and two young children. The father has 9 years of formal education and work experience as an aluminum carpenter. They are afraid to return to Syria because they fear for their safety. The family would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada. The father has a cousin in Victoria, BC who could provide additional support.

Available JAS Profiles

JAS cases can only be sponsored by SAHs

There are currently **46 In-Canada JAS cases** waiting to be sponsored!

Including

PROFILE #: 1173-05-18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Vancouver BC

Syrian family of six, with four children 5 to 16 years old. The principal applicant, the father, is familiar with language support, health and housing services, and knows the city's transportation system. He has 12 years of education and experience as a baker.

Medical issues: Two of the family's children have significant medical conditions. Medical expenses, the cost of transportation to medical appointments and the time spent at doctor's appointments are hindering the family's integration. The couple are worried about the cost of their children's medications. These will be required throughout their lifetime and are not completely covered by their medical plan.

JAS will allow the father to focus on his settlement needs and provide him and his wife with the peace of mind necessary to integrate fully and give back to the community.

Sponsorship needs: The family would feel more secure with the assistance of a sponsor. They will benefit physically, emotionally and socially from relationships with trusted people who can help them with their new life in their community.



Syria's smallest refugees
© Bulent Kilic

For more information on the JAS, VOR or BVOR program, contact our Refugee Resettlement Project Worker at bvor@rstp.ca or click on: http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Blended-VOR-FAQ_2017-1-1.pdf

Upcoming RSTP Webinars

Introduction to Canada's Refugee Sponsorship Programs

Date: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm CDT

Description: This webinar provides an overview of Canada's refugee sponsorship programs; the history and launch of the PSR program; and, the PSR program as part of global resettlement efforts.

For registration, please click on:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3520855426311884034>

The PSR Program: Who Can Sponsor and Who Can Be Sponsored

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm CDT

Description: This webinar will cover topics such as: an overview of the application process; recent updates and changes to processing; who can be included in one application package; what supporting documents need to be included in the application package; completing the forms for Groups of Five; completing the forms for Community Sponsors; proof of funds requirements; and, completing the refugees' forms.

For registration, please click on:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1539556363780581890>

The PSR Program: How to Prepare and Submit a Successful Application Package

Date: Friday, June 22, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm CDT

Description: This webinar will cover the following: an overview of the application process; recent updates and changes to processing; who can be included on one application package; what supporting documents need to be included in the application package; completing the forms for Groups of Five; completing the forms for Community Sponsors; proof of funds requirements; and, completing the refugees' forms.

For registration, please click on:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5779516192555805955>

The PSR Program: Adding Dependents Post-Submission and Updating Applications

Date: Monday, June 25, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm CDT

Description: This webinar covers: the importance of keeping IRCC informed of any changes in circumstances; who to contact and when; and, how to add dependents post-submission.

For registration, please click on:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9195694422009954051>

The PSR Program: Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm CDT

Description: This webinar will cover: a recap of sponsors' settlement and financial responsibilities under the PSR program; the importance of connecting newcomers with a settlement agency; managing expectations; power imbalances; and, ethical considerations.

For registration, please click on:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8838664304773486339>

The PSR Program: Preparing for Month 13

Date: Friday, June 29, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm CDT

Description: This webinar will cover topics such as: when should sponsors start preparing for Month 13; what to consider when preparing newcomers for Month 13; services available for sponsored newcomers in Month 13; evaluating the sponsorship; and, the post-sponsorship relationship.

For registration, please click on:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4541007603332046595>

Upcoming RSTP Workshops

Introduction to Private Sponsorship and the BVOR Program

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm MDT

Where: Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
1111-11 Ave SW (Room 315), Calgary, Alberta

Description: This is a free public training session about the Private Sponsorship of Refugees and the Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program. This training session is for new sponsorship groups and interested community members who would like to learn about private sponsorship under the BVOR program.

Please review the attached poster and register via this [link](#)

Review of updated IRCC forms for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors

Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm MDT

Where: Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
1111-11 Ave SW (Room 315), Calgary, Alberta

Description: This webinar will review the updated IRCC refugee sponsorship forms for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors. The topics will include: a review of the three main applications for Principal Applicants/Refugees; a review of the updated forms to be completed by sponsors; and, a review of the new IRCC regulations and requirements for sponsorship.

Please register by clicking on this [link](#) or contact Anoush Newman at 403. 515-5868 or mnewman@rstp.ca.

Sponsoring Refugees as a Group of Five or Community Sponsor

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm MDT

Where: 2946 - 32 St. NE, Calgary, AB

Description: This webinar is for Groups of Five or Community Sponsors. Topics covered will include: the application process; who can be included; application forms; recent IRCC updates; and, a sponsor's settlement support responsibilities.

For registration, please click on this [link](#) or contact Anoush Newman at 403. 515-5868 or mnewman@rstp.ca.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/>

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