

# RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on Canada's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Programs

## Inquiries

### You Asked

#### What is local integration?

##### Answer

Local integration is one of the [three durable solutions](#) for refugees. It involves the long-term settlement of a refugee in the country of asylum and the legal, social and economic integration of the refugee in that country.

Refugees may be locally integrated if they have similar rights and opportunities given to the citizens of that country, such as:

- Freedom of movement;
- Protection from *refoulement* (i.e., return to a country where they are at risk of persecution); and,
- The right to work, access public healthcare and social services, and send their children to school.

Local integration can either be legal or *de facto* (i.e., the conditions in the country enable refugees to have access to rights and opportunities, but they are not necessarily given to them by law).

If refugees have rights and opportunities in the country of asylum but widespread discrimination prevent real access and enjoyment, then local integration may not have occurred.

### You Asked

#### Why is assessing the availability of local integration and other durable solutions important when sponsoring refugees to Canada?

##### Answer

To be eligible for sponsorship and resettlement to Canada, refugees must demonstrate that they do not have another durable solution available to them within a reasonable period of time (other than resettlement to Canada).

Before submitting a refugee sponsorship application, sponsors must assess the situation of the Principal Applicant (PA) in the country of asylum to see if they are locally integrated or have any other durable solutions available to them. This is to ensure the PA meets the eligibility requirements for sponsorship and resettlement to Canada.

### You Asked

#### Are refugees in X country considered to be locally integrated?

##### Answer

Local integration should be assessed on a case-by-case basis using country condition information and information provided by the PA about their situation in the country of asylum.

Please [click here](#) for information on key factors to consider when assessing local integration and the availability of other durable solutions.

This [questionnaire](#) may be of assistance when assessing the availability of local integration as a durable solution.

The latest country condition information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Please [contact](#) your nearest RSTP Trainer if you have any questions on assessing local integration or the availability of other durable solutions.

# UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

## NOUVELLE série de webinaires sur le parrainage de réfugiés: octobre 2021

### Augmentez les chances de succès de votre demande

**Date:** Mardi 12 oct. 2021  
**Heure:** 15 h à 17 h (HAE)  
**Inscription:** [Inscription \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

### Se préparer pour l'arrivée et l'orientation

**Date:** Jeudi 14 oct. 2021  
**Heure:** 15 h à 17 h (HAE)  
**Inscription:** [Inscription \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

### L'accomplissement des obligations et l'assurance

**Date:** Jeudi 21 oct. 2021  
**Heure:** 15 h à 17 h (HAE)  
**Inscription:** [Inscription \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

### Conclure une année de parrainage réussie

**Date:** Mardi 26 oct. 2021  
**Heure:** 15 h à 17 h (HAE)  
**Inscription:** [Inscription \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)



Photo: Rabiaa Al Soufi (left), a Syrian newcomer, speaks with sponsor Cindy Murphy at the weekend farmer's market in Antigonish, NS.

## Information Sessions on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM MDT  
**Registration:** [Zoom](#)

**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM MDT  
**Registration:** [Zoom](#)

## Are you a Group of Five or a Community Sponsor expecting an Arrival?

We can match you with a settlement worker who is trained to support sponsors & sponsored refugees - today!

Contact May Amouri, the project facilitator at RSTP, to learn more and receive support:

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## Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

**Date:** Saturday October 30, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Zoom](#)



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