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## Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

# BULLETIN

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



### BVOR SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING REFUGEES ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On June 20th at 2 PM Eastern Time let's come together to celebrate the remarkable resilience of refugees, the power of hope, and the unbreakable bonds of unity. But that's not all – we're also commemorating ten incredible years of the Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) program!

2013 the BVOR program revolutionized refugee resettlement by forging partnerships between sponsors and the federal government. Fast forward to today, and the program has woven countless tales of triumph and enduring connections. In this extraordinary event, illuminate these inspiring stories and relationships.

Prepare to be moved as we hear from esteemed guests like UNHCR Canada, remarkable sponsors, and courageous individuals who have journeyed through the resettlement process.

Together, we'll delve into the impact of BVOR sponsorship, the transformation it brings to lives, and the collective strength it fosters in our communities.

Save the date and be part of this memorable occasion on World Refugee Day. Let's honour the spirit of resilience, embrace hope, and stand united in our commitment to building a brighter future for all.

Stay tuned for more updates, and mark your calendars for this unforgettable webinar experience!

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### UNITING FOR CHANGE: WORLD REFUGEE DAY EVENTS ACROSS CANADA

Explore the events honouring World Refugee Day - from inspiring webinars and thought-provoking panel discussions to vibrant cultural showcases and community engagements.

Join us as we unite to celebrate refugees' strength, resilience, and contributions worldwide. Discover the diverse range of events and be part of the movement for a more inclusive and compassionate world.

#### REFUGE(E)XPO: A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND CREATIVITY! (VIRTUAL)

On June 19th at 2 PM Eastern Time, experience a unique virtual expo featuring refugee businesses, authors, artists, and community organizations supporting newcomers. Engage in insightful panels, win prizes, and connect with like-minded individuals.

#### BVOR SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING REFUGEES ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY (VIRTUAL)

On June 20th at 2 PM Eastern Time explore inspiring refugee stories, discuss inclusivity, and learn about the transformative BVOR program.

#### SOUTH FRASER WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION (SURREY, BC)

Celebrate World Refugee Day in South Fraser! Join us on June 20th at 2:30 PM Pacific Time for an afternoon of community, performance, and delicious food. Learn about local services, engage in storytelling, and enjoy captivating performances by refugee artists. Don't miss this opportunity to honour resilience and unity.

#### FINDING FREEDOM: CELEBRATING THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE (SASKATOON, SA)

Visit Civic Square at 11:45 AM for an empowering event on June 20th. Explore the refugee experience and rejoice in the spirit of "Finding Freedom." Immerse yourself in captivating performances, insightful speakers, and delectable snacks.

This is your opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate the resilience and courage of refugees. Don't miss out on this enriching experience that brings our community together.

#### SOMEONE LIKE ME: A FILM SCREENING ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY (HALIFAX, NS)

A special film screening on World Refugee Day! Watch 'Someone like me' with Rainbow Refugee Association of NS on June 20th at 6:30 PM. Experience the inspiring journey of Drake, a Ugandan refugee adapting to life in Vancouver. Limited seats are available, so reserve yours now for this impactful event.

#### LIFE AS A REFUGEE: CELEBRATING WORLD REFUGEE DAY (LONDON, ON)

Celebrate World Refugee Day on June 20th at "Life as a Refugee," a 15th annual event. At the Wolf Performance Hall, London Public Library - Central Branch, from 5 PM to 8:30 PM.

Engage in activities that raise awareness about refugees' experiences. **Free admission.**



## UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

### DISCOVER THE POWER OF PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP: INTRODUCTION TO THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES PROGRAM WORKSHOP

Passionate about making a difference in the lives of refugees through private sponsorship?

Do you want to learn more about the options available within the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program, specifically focusing on G5 sponsorship?

Look no further! In this engaging session, we will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees program, exploring the various options and delving into the G5 sponsorship model.

Date: June 24th, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST

Where: Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place)

521 Bannatyne Avenue,

Winnipeg, MB R3A0EA

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### DISCOVER YOUR ROLE: G5/CS SPONSORS' POST-ARRIVAL RESPONSIBILITIES WORKSHOP

Want to ensure the successful integration of privately sponsored refugees and uphold ethical considerations throughout the settlement process?

Gain the tools, knowledge, and confidence to fulfill your post-arrival responsibilities as a G5/CS sponsor. Together, let's ensure a smooth and successful integration process for privately sponsored refugees while upholding the highest ethical standards.

Note: This workshop is specifically tailored to G5/CS sponsors and their post-arrival responsibilities but is open to anyone interested in deepening their understanding of this crucial topic. Limited spots are available, so secure your place now!

Date: June 27th, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM CST

Where: Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, 808 Douglas ST., Suite 102, Victoria BC

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### EMPOWERING REFUGEE SPONSORS: INSIGHTS FROM HELEN SMITH-MCINTYRE WORKSHOP SERIES

Join us for an extraordinary workshop series featuring the incredible Helen Smith-McIntyre as our trainer! In this comprehensive series, Helen will guide you through every step of the refugee sponsorship journey.

What to do Between the Application and Arrival: Explore the crucial actions and preparations needed during the waiting period between submitting your application and the refugees' arrival. Maximize your time and ensure a smooth transition.

How to Prepare for Pre-arrival: By understanding the pre-arrival process, prepare to welcome the sponsored refugees. From logistics to cultural orientation, you'll learn how to create a supportive environment for their arrival.

After the Refugees Arrive to Month Thirteen: Discover the essential post-arrival responsibilities and strategies for effective integration during the first year of sponsorship. Empower the newcomers and foster their successful settlement.

Date: June 27th to July 25th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM PDT

Hybrid Sessions

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### UNLOCK SPONSORSHIP SUCCESS: "PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR G5 SPONSORS" WEBINAR

This dynamic workshop will guide you through the essential steps and crucial insights to create a compelling application package.

Understanding the program requirements and presenting a comprehensive application is vital for a successful sponsorship.

Join our webinar to master the G5 sponsorship application process. Learn eligibility criteria, sponsorship categories, and application tips!

Note: This webinar is intended for individuals and organizations interested in applying as sponsors under the G5 sponsorship program. However, all participants interested in refugee sponsorship are welcome to join and gain valuable insights into the application process.

Date: June 30th, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST

Where: Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place)

521 Bannatyne Avenue,

Winnipeg, MB R3A0EA

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### ENHANCE YOUR SPONSORSHIP SUCCESS: G5/CS POST-ARRIVAL BUDGET CALCULATION WORKSHOP

This comprehensive workshop will delve into these crucial topics and equip you with the knowledge and tools to handle post-arrival budget calculations confidently.

Designed to empower private sponsors like yourself, providing you with the necessary information and strategies to navigate the financial aspects of welcoming and supporting refugees.

By participating, you'll gain confidence in managing changing circumstances, ensuring appropriate support, and fulfilling your obligations.

Date: June 28th, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM CST

Virtually: Via Zoom

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## MONTHLY WORKSHOP FOR CGs AND CO- SPONSORS OF SAHs

This online session is designed specifically for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs, providing an orientation on their responsibilities when sponsoring refugees under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and collaborate!

Date: June 24th

Time: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Virtually: Via Zoom

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### HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME A SAH

#### STEP ONE: ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Join the RSTP's online Zoom information session on Becoming a SAH (July 5th 2023 at 3:00pm EDT) to learn about the SAH application requirements.

[CLICK HERE](#)

#### STEP TWO: ARE YOU PREPARED?

Watch this video to learn about audited financial statements, and visit the IRCC website to learn about the SAH application process.

[CLICK HERE](#)

#### STEP THREE: ARE YOU READY?

To participate in the mandatory training, you must first complete the Organization Pre-assessment Form. If your organization meets the eligibility criteria, you will be contacted with instructions on how to enroll in the course.

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