

# BULLETIN

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



## HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME A SAH

### STEP ONE: ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Watch this **video** or join the RSTP's online Zoom information session on **Becoming a SAH (August 9th 2023 at 6:00pm 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.

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### 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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## EMPOWERING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE: EXPLORING THE BVOR PROGRAM SESSIONS

These sessions provide valuable insights into the resettlement journey and equip participants with the knowledge to successfully navigate the Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) Program.

**Journey to New Beginnings: Understanding the Reasons for Resettlement:** an illuminating session that delves into the compelling reasons behind refugee displacement. By exploring the geopolitical, social, and economic factors contributing to forced migration, participants gain a deeper understanding of refugees' challenges. This session fosters empathy and lays the foundation for a compassionate approach to sponsorship and support.

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 3:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).** Registration (on Zoom):

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**Preparing for a New Beginning: BVOR Pre-arrival Orientation:** a crucial session that prepares sponsors and refugees for the next stages of the resettlement process. It covers essential topics such as cultural adjustment, language acquisition, and accessing community services. By equipping participants with practical tools and knowledge, this session helps ensure a smoother transition and empowers sponsors to provide practical support upon arrival.

**Wednesday, July 25, 2023, 12:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).** For registration via email:

[BVOR@RSTP.CA](mailto:BVOR@RSTP.CA)

## WARM GREETINGS TO

**Tim Burnham**, a seasoned settlement professional, joining the **Refugee Sponsorship Training Program** as a Trainer for **New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island**. With a background in philosophy, Tim has worked with vulnerable populations in inner cities across the US, as well as in Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico. Since 2019, he has been dedicated to refugee settlement in Canada, bringing a wealth of knowledge and compassion to his role. Tim's commitment to empowering individuals and communities makes him an invaluable addition to the program.

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# WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



## UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

### MASTERING APPLICATION FORMS: WORKSHOP FOR GROUPS OF FIVE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

For sponsors in Ottawa, we invite you to join our upcoming workshop to learn the basics of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. Discover who can sponsor and who can be sponsored, and explore the incredible opportunity to make a difference in the lives of refugees. Don't miss out on this informative session.

Date: July 18th, 2023  
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST  
Location: Catholic Centre for Immigrants, Rooms 113 & 114, 219 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa, K2P 2H4

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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR FOR SETTLEMENT PROFESSIONALS: SUPPORTING PRIVATELY SPONSORED REFUGEES

This webinar will introduce participants to the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program's Settlement Support Connection project.

The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Key elements of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) and Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) programs
- IRCC's expectations for sponsored refugees to access government-funded settlement services
- The complementary roles of sponsors and settlement professionals in providing settlement support
- Description of the Settlement Support Connection project,
- Best practices for collaboration with sponsors.

**Settlement professionals who attend this webinar may receive referrals from our team.**

Date: July 18th, 2023  
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST  
Virtually: via Zoom

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### MASTERING GROUP OF FIVE APPLICATIONS: AVOIDING COMMON MISTAKES

This session will tackle crucial topics related to the application process. Learn about the most common mistakes, reasons for application rejections, surrounding Group of Five (G5) sponsorship.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your understanding and increase the success of your G5 applications.

Date: July 24th, 2023  
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EST  
Virtually: via Zoom

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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.

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: July 25th, 2023  
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM PDT  
Hybrid Sessions

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## JULY MONTHLY WEBINARS

- 17th** PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION
- 24th** FULFILLING YOUR OBLIGATIONS THROUGH ASSURANCE
- 26th** COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIP YEAR

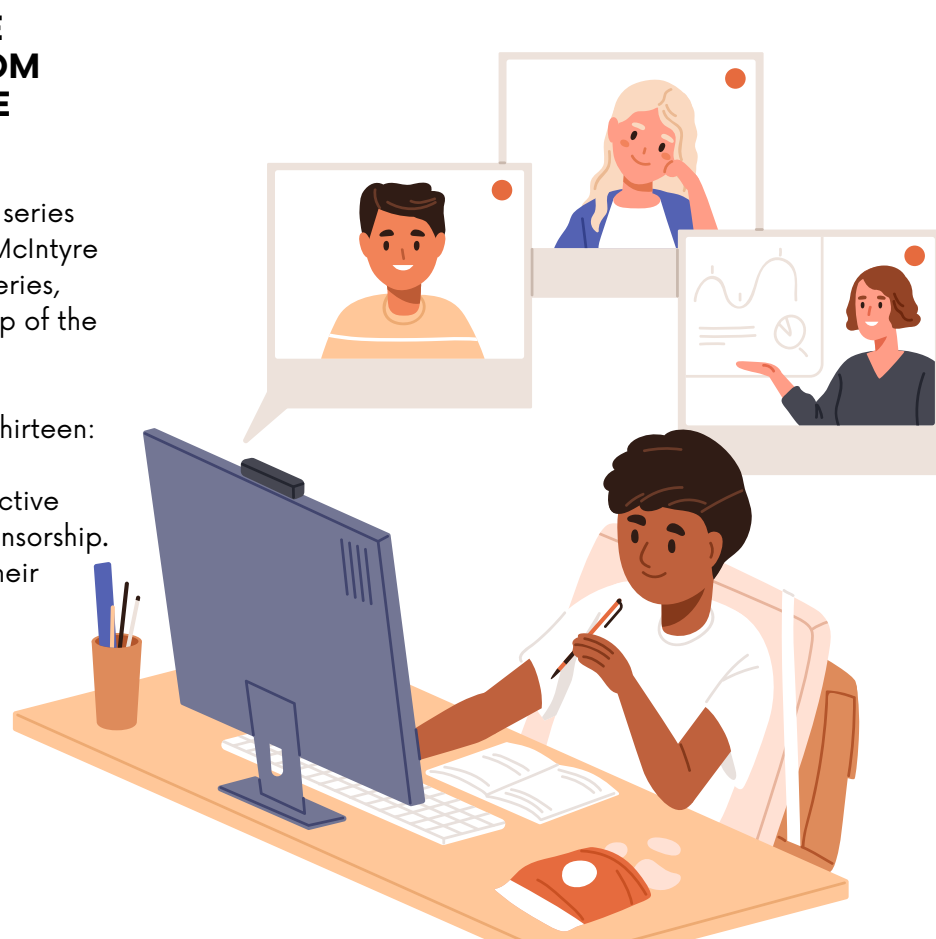
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