

# BULLETIN

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



## WHAT IS A NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL TRANSMISSION (NAT)?

Once a refugee sponsorship application has been approved and the travel arrangements finalized, the sponsors will be sent a Notification of Arrival Transmission (NAT) via email.

The NAT will contain the refugee(s) flight and travel details, including their date and time of arrival in Canada at their final destination.

IRCC should send sponsors the NAT at least 10 business days before the refugees arrive in Canada.

## STAND UP FOR EQUALITY: CHALLENGING CONVERSION PRACTICES WITH OCASI

"Challenging Conversion Practices," hosted by **OCASI-PSI**. Guest speakers from the **Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity (CCGSD)** will shed light on Bill C-4, the new federal legislation on conversion practices, and its intersectional nuances.

This session is informed by **CCGSD's** project in partnership with the Canadian Department of Justice; it explores the understanding of conversion practices and their far-reaching effects on immigrant queer and trans youth in Canada and worldwide.

**NOTE: CLOSE CAPTIONING WILL BE PROVIDED**

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## INTRO TO BVOR: UNLOCKING REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP POTENTIAL

Dive into the world of **BVOR (Blended Visa Office-Referred) sponsorship** through our "Introduction to BVOR" session! You may join us via Zoom on **October 18th, 2023, at 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)**. Our expert trainer will teach comprehensively so you understand BVOR sponsorship, equipping you for a meaningful impact.

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## CCR FALL 2023 CONSULTATION: THE POWER OF THE COLLECTIVE

Join the **Canadian Council of Refugees (CCR)** at the **Fall 2023 Consultation** for an inspiring and transformative event. The gathering will take place in person at the **Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre** from **November 16 to November 18, 2023**, to explore the theme, "**The Power of the Collective: Decolonizing and Advocating for Systemic Change**."

This event allows you to engage with critical challenges in our refugee and immigration system, learn from experts, and be part of the solution. Don't miss it!

**Dates:** November 16, 2023 - November 18, 2023

**Location:** Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre

**Address:** 1316 33 St NE, Calgary AB T2A 6B6, Canada

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

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## UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

### UNLOCKING FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE: SPONSORSHIP CALCULATIONS WORKSHOP

Empower your sponsorship journey with financial wisdom! Join us at the "Financial Calculations Workshop for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors" to demystify sponsorship costs, minimum financial requirements, legal liabilities, and obligations. Get ready to make a meaningful impact with confidence.

**Date:** October 17th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM EST

**In-Person:** Catholic Centre for Immigrants, Room 113 & 114, 219 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa, K2P 2H4

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### EMPOWERING SUCCESS: PSR APPLICATION PACKAGE WORKSHOP

Ready to embark on a successful PSR journey?

Join us at the "How to Prepare a Successful PSR Application Package" workshop for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors.

Learn to assemble a comprehensive application package with the correct supporting documents and complete forms. Empower yourself with knowledge for a brighter future.

**Date:** October, 19th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**In-Person:** Catholic Centre for Immigrants, Room 113 & 114, 219 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P2H4, Canada

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## OCTOBER MONTHLY WEBINARS

**11th** PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

**17th** PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

**19th** FULFILLING YOUR OBLIGATIONS THROUGH ASSURANCE

**25th** COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIP YEAR

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### EMPOWERING NEWCOMERS: INSIGHT 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.

**Sponsoring as a Group of Five:** Discover the ins and outs of sponsoring as a Group of Five, including the unique responsibilities, collaboration, and support required to ensure a successful sponsorship.

**Filling out the Forms:** Learn the intricacies of completing sponsorship forms accurately and efficiently. From application forms to settlement plans, gain the confidence to navigate the paperwork with ease.

**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:** Get ready to welcome the sponsored refugees by understanding the pre-arrival process. 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.

**NOTE: THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE CLB 4+ LEVEL.**

**Date:** October 17th to December 12th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

Hybrid Sessions

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