

Building the Future through Community Sponsorship of Refugees

– comparing experiences and learning from each other

A hybrid in-person (Vatican City/Rome) and virtual workshop

26-27 September 2022

Civil society, including faith based organizations, is playing a key role in supporting newly arrived refugees in countries around the world. In the last 40 years, a deliberate process to link communities and refugees called “Community Sponsorship”, providing new arrivals with financial, emotional, and practical help on arrival, has been pioneered in Canada and is now being implemented in almost 20 countries on four continents. This workshop, spread over two afternoons, will be an opportunity for exchanges between those working at the grassroots with each other and with governments and international organizations that help enable these efforts.

When	Theme
26 September 2022 15:00 – 17:45 Vatican time	Introduction
	- International Catholic Migration Commission: Monsignor Robert Vitillo
	- Canadian Embassy to the Holy See: Paul Gibbard
	- Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development: Under-Secretary Father Fabio Baggio C.S.
	- Witness from Anna Khrystych. Ukrainian refugee
	- The UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR: Representative Chiara Cardoletti
	Exchanging Civil Society Experiences with Sponsorship – Philippa Hitchen moderator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is working well in your context? (15:25-16:00)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - United States: William Canny, Executive Director, Migration and Refugee Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - United Kingdom: Mark Wiggin, Caritas, Diocese of Salford - Italy: Cecilia Pani - Sant’Egidio, Fiona Kendall - Chiesa Valdese, Oliviero Forti - Caritas Italiana - Germany: Andreas Hollstein, former Mayor of Altena - Canada: Alessandra Santopadre, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator, Archdiocese of Montreal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what challenges are you facing? (16:00-16:35)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short break (16:35-16:45)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what support would make your work more effective? (16:45 – 17:20) 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • audience questions and answers (17:20-17:40) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • moderator Philippa Hitchen wrap-up (17:40-17:45) 	

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27 September 2022 15:00 – 17:55 Vatican time	Enabling Community Sponsorship: National Governments, and International Organizations & NGOs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • welcome by moderator Philippa Hitchen (15:00 – 15:05)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • summary of first day’s discussion by grassroots organization representative (15:05-15:20)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thoughts from Mohtas Anwar Modier, refugee participant in Italy’s University Corridor Sponsorship Programme (15:20-15:30)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keynote address by United States, State Dept Assistant Secretary (Population, Refugees, & Migration) Julieta Valls Noyes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • role of national governments (5 minutes each followed by brief discussion 15:40 – 16:10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UK, Deputy Director Joanna Penrose Buckley, Refugee Resettlement & Integration, Home Office - Italy, Prefetto Francesca Ferrandino, Interior Ministry (Civil Liberties & Migration) - Germany (TBC) - Canada, Director General Michelle Mascoll, Resettlement Policy Branch, IRCC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • role of international organizations and international NGOs (5 minutes each followed by brief discussion 16:10 – 16:45) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative, University of Ottawa Refugee Hub Hannah Gregory - International Catholic Migration Commission, President Christine Nathan - UN Refugee Agency/UNHCR Italy Protection Associate Andrea Pecoraro - IOM Chief of Mission Laurence Hart/IOM Italy Project Officer Anna Gustiniani (TBC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short break (16:45-16:55)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • response from grassroots/support organizations (5 minutes each followed discussion 16:55 – 17:35) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - United States: William Canny, Executive Director, Migration and Refugee Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - United Kingdom: Mark Wiggin, Caritas, Diocese of Salford - Italy: Cecilia Pani - Sant’Egidio, Fiona Kendall - Chiesa Valdese, Oliviero Forti - Caritas Italiana - Canada: Alessandra Santopadre, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator, Archdiocese of Montreal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • next steps to Building the Future through Sponsorship: Jennifer Bond, Chair Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative and Founder/Managing Director Refugee Hub (17:35-17:45)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closing thoughts from ICMC/Canadian Embassy (17:45-17:50)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thanks and conclusion by moderator Philippa Hitchen (17:50-17:55)

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