



Tool Box of Ideas for Smaller Centres:
Attracting, Welcoming & Retaining Immigrants to Your Community



Resource Handout #1

20 Ways to Welcome a Newcomer to Your Community

- ❖ Host a welcoming event
- ❖ Volunteer as an English-As-Second Language Tutor
- ❖ Attend Multicultural Festivals - & bring a friend!
- ❖ Diversify your news sources
- ❖ Attend a cultural activity or event
- ❖ Host a diversity lunch & invite a newcomer to speak at your workplace
- ❖ Volunteer to be a “newcomer host” in your community
- ❖ Support a local, small business run by an Immigrant
- ❖ Write a Letter to the Editor in your local newspaper welcoming newcomers
- ❖ Form a refugee sponsorship group
- ❖ Challenge racist remarks – in your home, workplace, place of worship
- ❖ Volunteer to be a Professional Mentor
- ❖ Learn a new language
- ❖ Encourage more inclusive hiring practices at your workplace
- ❖ Invite a newcomer family over for supper
- ❖ Donate money to an immigrant settlement agency
- ❖ Attend a Diversity workshop or a training on Inter-Cultural Awareness
- ❖ Offer your time as a Settlement Volunteer