



Commission on
Refugee and
Immigrant
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SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM EST

Welcome and Introduction

10:15 AM EST

Sharing Best Practices on Social
Inclusion and Governance, From
Europe to the Middle East

12:15 PM EST

Innovations in Inclusion and
Partnership, Across the Americas

2:30 PM EST

Greater Hartford Local Non Profits and Voluntary
Organizations, Networking, Collaboration, and
Inclusion in Hartford Metro/CT

4:45 PM EST

Immigrant Future: Youth
Programs and Youth Activism

6:15 PM EST

Closing Discussion and
Observations

September 16th

INTERNATIONAL IMMIGRATION FORUM:

Social Inclusion and
Community Impact

REGISTRATION:

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INTERNATIONAL IMMIGRATION FORUM:

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SESSION 1–10:15-12:00 PM (EDT): SHARING BEST PRACTICES ON SOCIAL INCLUSION AND GOVERNANCE, FROM EUROPE TO THE MIDDLE EAST

10:15 MARITA CHESHMARITASHVILI, DIAKONISCHES WERK BERLIN STADTMITTE (SOCIAL SERVICES NONPROFIT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROTESTANT CHURCH)

On their Integration Project and the Refugee Church

10:30 HAMID NOWZARI, VEREIN IRANISCHER FLUECHTLINGE, BERLIN (ASSOCIATION OF IRANIAN REFUGEES, AN ECBO)

On their support programs for refugees/immigrants and their collaboration with a Network of NGOs in greater Berlin

10:45 REFIKA YALCIN, WELCOME CENTER STUTTGART

On their bundled immigration services

11:00 ANN SCHIRIN-MIRSANAYE, VORES ASYLBØRN (OUR ASYLUM CHILD), DENMARK

On programs and services for unaccompanied minors and newcomer youth.

11:15 LEANDRO NAVARRO, NO NAME KITCHEN, BALKANS AND CEUTA

On their services and programs in the Balkans and EU border problems

REFUGEE/IMMIGRANT SPEAK BACK PANEL: NERMIN DURIC AND HANAN KAYED

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**SESSION II—12:15-2:15 PM (EDT): INNOVATIONS IN
INCLUSION AND PARTNERSHIP, ACROSS THE AMERICAS**

**12:15 KAREN FONDACARO, CONNECTING CULTURES. NEW ENGLAND
SURVIVORS OF TORTURE AND TRAUMA (NESTT), BURLINGTON,
VERMONT**

On initiating trauma care networks program using cultural brokers and university-community partnerships

**12:30 ALINA HARBOURNE, REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR,
IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SERVICES, JEWISH FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES, PITTSBURGH**

On collaborative multi-faceted support programs and participation in a county-wide stakeholders network

**12:45 ANITA TEEKAH, SAFE HORIZON, ANTI-TRAFFICKING
PROGRAM SENIOR DIRECTOR (NYC)**

On anti-trafficking programs that support and provide services to migrant workers who have experienced all forms of human trafficking

**1:00 LIZ EDELL AND HUSSEIN AMURI, FROM WINNOOSKI'S
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION (VERMONT)**

On noncitizen voting initiatives and civic engagement

**1:15 DENZIL MOHAMMED, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTE,
THE IMMIGRANT LEARNING CENTER (BOSTON)**

On multifaceted immigration education programs for immigrants and non immigrants

**1:30 MARY POOLE, DIRECTOR, SOFT LANDING MISSOULA AND UNITED
WE EAT (MONTANA)**

On comprehensive support programs for newcomer inclusion

REFUGEE SPEAK BACK PANEL: AHMED YUSUF

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SESSION III—2:30-4:30 PM (EDT) LOCAL NON PROFITS AND COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS, METRO HARTFORD, CT

2:30 CONSTANZA SEGOVIA AND PATRICIA ROSAS, HARTFORD DEPORTATION DEFENSE FUND GROUP

A grassroots organization—on supporting individuals and families facing deportation

2:45 SARAH KIEFER, SAWA GREATER HARTFORD

On "growing" a regional collaborative volunteer network and services that support the resettlement and acculturation of local refugees and immigrants

3:00 ANNA SHUSTERMAN AND JORDI HERTZ, WHOKE

On unincorporated volunteer groups responding to resettlement needs

3:15 EMILY GOLDMAN AND MAHA ABDULLAH, CO-FOUNDERS, JIRAN

Community based dual language learning model for newcomer integration—on intergenerational immigrant/nonimmigrant social inclusion programs and language learning

3:30 ABIGAIL FISHER WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR OF CHER (CENTER FOR HARTFORD ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH) AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, TRINITY COLLEGE

On the role of city and community leaders and mediators in creating 'welcoming cities'

3:45 HOMA NAFICY AND NANCY CADDIGAN, THE AMERICAN PLACE, HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

On some of their model programs (like Learning Circles; Cultural Navigators) and strategies for deploying networks of volunteers

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SPEAK BACK PANEL: AHMED YUSUF, MARTHE ANNAN-KINGSLEY, ANTHONY TEMBERA

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SESSION IV—4:45-6:15 PM (EDT) IMMIGRANT FUTURES: YOUTH PROGRAMS AND YOUTH ACTIVISM

4:50 PERLA CARDOSO AND MARIA CORTES, C4D (CONNECTICUT STUDENTS FOR A DREAM)

On undocumented student activism on immigration

5:02 LEO LEKPELE NUPOLU JOHNSON, DIRECTOR AND CEO, EMPOWERMENT SQUARED

Immigrant youth centered NGO, Hamilton, Ontario—on multigenerational programs that support youth empowerment and success

5:12 LAMA SUSMIK, PEACE INITIATIVE BHUTAN

A nation-wide ethnic based youth community organization--on making refugee voices heard politically, leveraging relationships between home and host country

5:24 MICHELE MACCARONE BROPHY AND APOLINA JEROME, HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE YOUTH

On programs to support immigrant and refugee youth success and community engagement

5:35-6:15 OPEN DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

CLOSING SESSION—6:15-6:45 PM (EDT); 24:15 (CEST)