

Conference on Multifaith and Wider Community Engagement in Refugee Sponsorship

May 25th 2022 in Cologne, Germany

8:45 - 9:00	Optional Multifaith Morning Reflection
9:00 - 9:20	Opening & Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe/Share network) • Auxiliary Bishop Ansgar Puff (Archdiocese of Cologne, Germany)
9:20-9:35	The Role of Faith & FBOs in Sponsorship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Wiggin (Caritas Salford, UK)
9:35-9:45	Introduction to Share QSN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Agatiello (ICMC Europe/Share network)
9:45-11:15	Panel I: Examples of Successful Multifaith and Wider Community Engagement from across Europe Moderator: Gabriela Agatiello (ICMC Europe/Share network) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland: Rory O'Neil (Irish Refugee Council) & Fr. Paul O'Boyle (Sponsor Group Kildare) • United Kingdom: Hannah Feldman (Citizens UK) & Iftakhar Latif (Waltham Forest Council of Mosques) • Belgium: Lukas Kestens (Caritas Internationalis) & Bart Vercaemer (Sponsor Group Gent) • Spain: Inés Vicente Barbero (Asociación Loiolaetxea) & Carmen Alonso (JRS Valencia) • France: Guilhem Mante & Micheline Helaleh (Fédération d'Entraide Protestante) • Italy: Sr. Cristina Ripamonti (Caritas Ambrosiana) & Sessen Berhane (Refugee Mediator)
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	Panel II: Opportunities and Challenges in Multifaith and Wider Community Engagement in the German NesT Programme Moderator: Irene Porsch (Refugee Officer Archdiocese of Cologne) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Dick (BAMF NesT coordinator) • Elena Knezevic (NesT ZKS Contact Point for Caritas) • Ottmar Bongers (Sponsor Group Caritaskreis St. Gereon) • Masooma Torfa (Share Network Refugee Advisor)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break with an optional tour through the Garden of Religions at 13:15 (Mrs. Plhak)
14:00-16:00	Afternoon Networking Forum Choice from different parallel discussions to share tools and practices on diverse topics, participants will be rotating twice to discuss three out of the topics below:
14:05-14:40 DISCUSSION 1	Building Strong & Diverse Sponsoring Groups (led by Hannah Feldman, Citizens UK)
14:45-15:20 DISCUSSION 2	Refugee Participation & Agency (led by Anne Dussart, Caritas Internationalis & Mojjib Rahman Atal (QSN Refugee Advisor)
15:25-16:00 DISCUSSION 3	Expectation Management & Phasing Out of Sponsorship (led by Guilhem Mante, FEP)
	Safeguarding Tools & Practices (led by Mark Wiggin, Caritas Salford)
	Volunteering, Private Housing, Matching in the Context of the Ukrainian Crisis (Rory O'Neill)
16:00-16:30	Facilitators report back from discussion groups Closing Remarks & Next Steps Irene Porsch (DiCV Refugee Officer) & Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe/Share network)
16:30-18:00	Informal Reception with an optional multifaith reflection moment in the garden

