

# Workshop for Refugees: Refugee Advisor Programme for Community Sponsorship

25 January 2022 (14:30 – 17:00 CET)

As part of its [Refugee Sponsorship Mobilization Platform](#) activities, the Share Network is working on setting up a **Refugee Advisor Programme for Community Sponsorship to ensure refugee participation throughout the Share 2022-2023 community sponsorship programme**. The goal of this preliminary workshop is to put into place a **dynamic of co-creation** by offering a space where refugees can speak freely and express how refugee participation can support feed-back on policy, advocacy, or local inclusion in addition to other areas to be further defined. The workshop will provide a meaningful opportunity for attendees to co-design and give feedback on potential features of the advisor programme.

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| 14:30-14:45   | <p><b>Welcome and Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gabriela Agatiello, ICMC Europe/Share Network:</b> Why are we here? Introducing the Share Network and community sponsorship objectives in the 2022-2023 programme</li> <li>• <b>Sonia Devaux, ICMC Europe/Share Network:</b> Introducing the proposed features of the Refugee Advisor Programme for Community Sponsorship</li> </ul>   |
| 14:45-15:30   | <p><b>Presentations – Meaningful participation of refugees at different levels: examples of initiatives at the global, EU, national and local level that can apply to community sponsorship</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Reshad Jalali, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)</p>   |
| 14:45-14:55   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mustafa Alio, R-SEAT Co-Managing Director, Canada:</b> How to increase the participation of refugees at the global and national level in sustainable and transformative ways</li> </ul>  |
| 14:55-15:05   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anila Noor, New Women Connectors Founder and Managing Director:</b> Meaningful refugee participation in advocacy at the EU level using a gender lens</li> </ul>  |
| 15:05-15:20   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Doaa AbuAmer, VOICES Network Participation Officer, British Red Cross</b></li> <li>• <b>Abdul Rahman Bdewi and Khadija Alamar, VOICES ambassadors:</b> How to successfully set up a Refugee Ambassador Programme on a local and national level</li> </ul>  |
| 15:20-15:30   | <b>Questions and Answers</b>   |
| 15:30-15:40   | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 15:40-16:35   | <p><b>Breakout Rooms</b></p> <p><i>Questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Which elements resonated with you in the participation models that were just presented in the context of community sponsorships?</i></li> <li>• <i>What areas would be most relevant to consider for refugee participation in advocacy for community sponsorships?</i></li> <li>• <i>What features should be included in a refugee advisor programme to truly support meaningful participation?</i></li> <li>• <i>What could be the most effective tools to communicate refugee views?</i></li> <li>• <i>What would you want to get out of such a programme?</i></li> </ul> |
| 16:35-16:50   | <b>Reporting back from Breakout Rooms and discussion</b>   |
| 16:50 – 17:00 | <b>Conclusions and steps ahead</b>   |