

Faith and Settlement Partnerships

Workshop



CENTRE FOR
COMMUNITY
BASED RESEARCH

Introductions & Acknowledgements

Workshop #1 – Identifying Themes

Participant Introductions

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Key Terms:

- Settlement organization
- Faith-based organization
- Partnership
- Faith and settlement partnership

Workshop #1 – Identifying Themes

Key Stakeholders:

- Religious congregation
- Faith-informed NGO
- Faith group
- Congregational coalition
- Ecumenical/Interfaith coalition
- Community cultural organization

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Key Stakeholders (con't):

- Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)
- Government-funded settlement agency
- Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH)
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
- Organizations from other sectors

Workshop #1 – Identifying Themes

Major Themes in Research

- Exploring Differences
- Sharing Stories
- Advocacy
- Culture Shift
- Formalizing Partnerships

Workshop #1 – Identifying Themes

Discussion

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Group Reflection Exercise:

Come up with a list of **questions** and **concerns** that could come up for a potential partner if they were to engage in a faith & settlement partnership.

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In a few words, how was your experience here today?

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Conclusion

Workshop #2 – Barriers & Enablers

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Reflection Exercise:

Come up with a list of **barriers** and **enablers** you would have if you were to engage in a faith and settlement partnership with another organization or group.

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Major Barriers

- Fear of motives/Lack of trust
- Lack of common language
- Funding concerns
- Time and resources
- Valuing of contributions
- Training of faith-based volunteers
- Competitive environment
- Assumptions about partnerships

Workshop #2 – Barriers & Enablers

Major Enablers

- Overcomes scarce resources
- Competitors become collaborators
- Strengthened social fabric
- Reach more newcomers
- Effective use of volunteer energy
- The “buzz” of successful partnership

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Workshop #3 – Sharing Stories

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Reflection Exercise:

What are some best practices that your group can brainstorm for forming and carrying out faith and settlement partnerships?

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A Five Story Sample

1. Picnic/parent session with refugee families
2. A bridge in overwhelming times
3. Church as a service hub
4. Urban community garden
5. Creating a Learning Forum together

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Thank you!