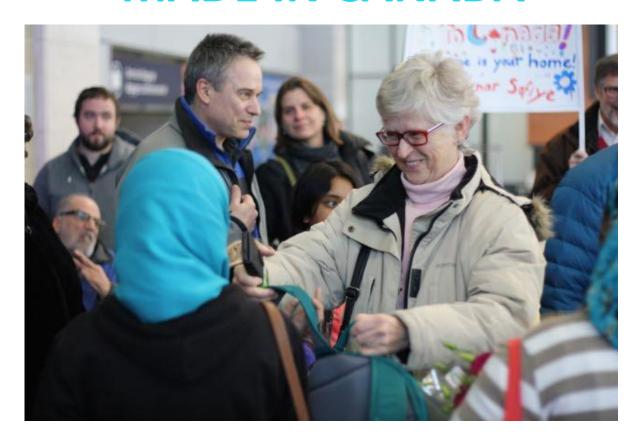


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Citizens, Communities & Governments
Building Safe Pathways for Refugee Resettlement

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We are ...

 a project created by a network of citizens, settlement agencies, sponsorship groups, City politicians and staff, businesses and volunteers working to support refugee resettlement and integration

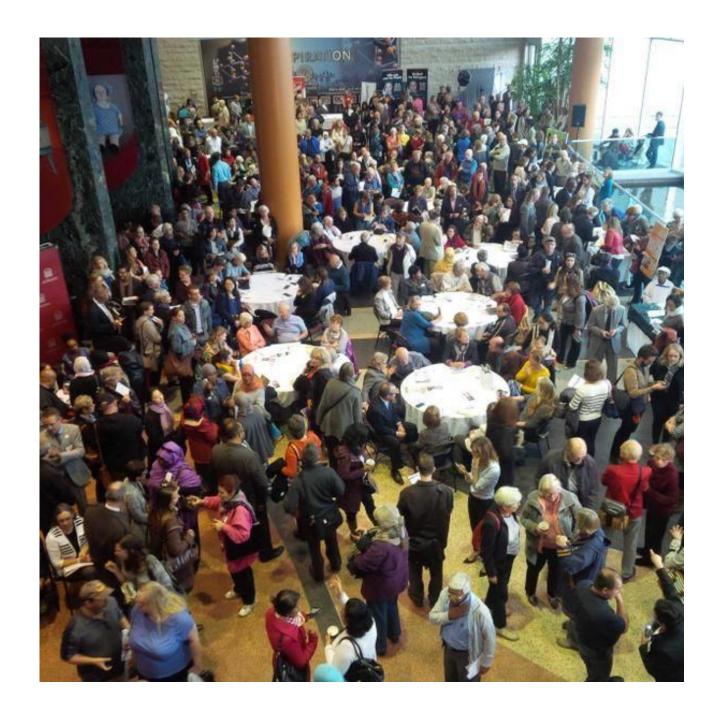
We believe ...

 that the key to a strong community is ensuring everyone feels at home, including our newest residents, and that we do better when we work closely together.

We provide ...

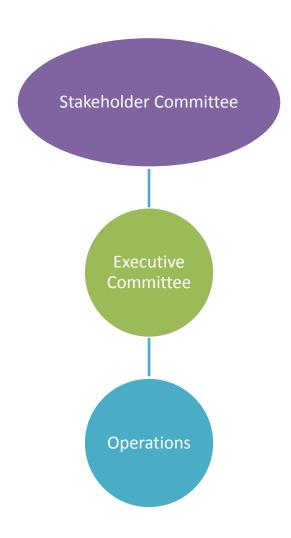
 non-partisan information and communication services to foster connection, collaboration and cross-sectoral support for refugee resettlement





Challenge:

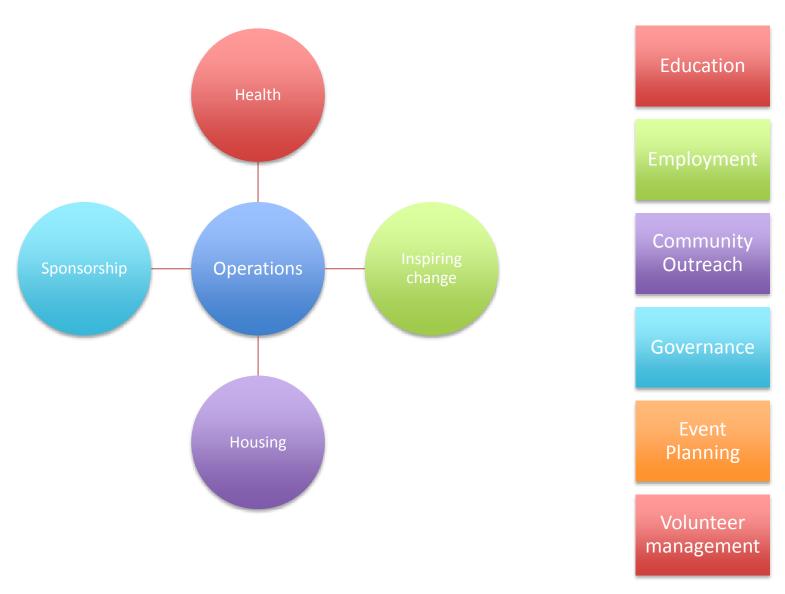
How to take the goodwill and energy and turn it into effective resettlement?







Task Forces & Working Groups in 2016



Inspiring Health Housing Sponsorship change Training Roofs for Capacity study Refugees 101 & 201 Training – Registry of Private Landlords, Policy priorities **Sponsors** Sponsors, Tenants Language & Communications Policy Named Cases Interpretation priorities

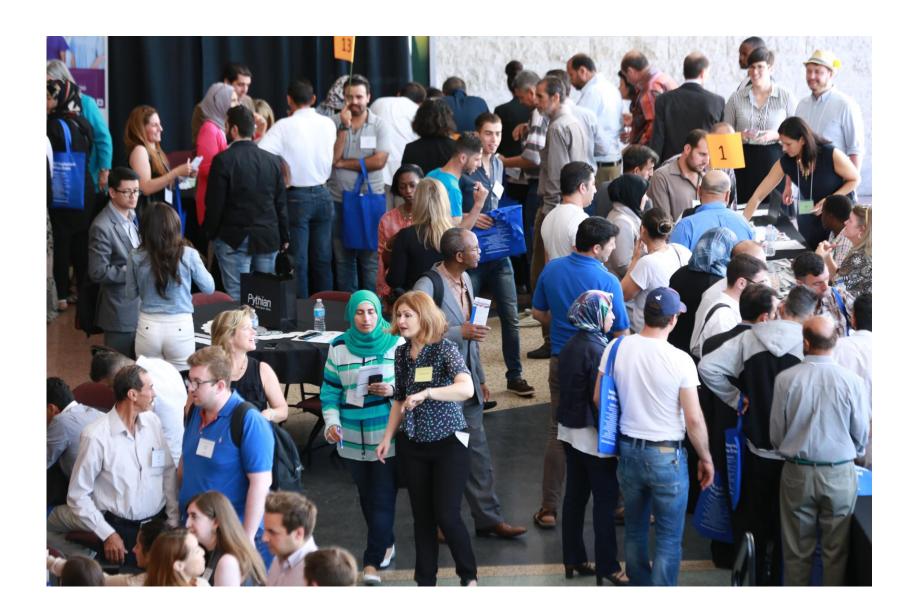


New partnerships were needed to guide and support new actors collecting and distribute clothing and furniture, providing Arabic interpetation and social support.











BUMPS IN THE ROAD

- Housing: shortage of affordable housing makes it challenging to find a home
- New actors without any understanding of the refugee journey sometimes cause more problems than they solve. Important to connect with them early, give them training so they are more effective and helpful.
- Training is needed to ensure sponsors understand boundaries. They are not adopting a child, they are facilitating resettlement.
- Important to manage expectations of sponsors, refugees, families, new partners, general public.

NOTE-SO-SECRET FORMULA

- Convene & collaborate
- Communicate
- Plan, plan, plan then act
- Invest in the energy and goodwill of new volunteers and partners
- Build on the proven knowledge of settlement and sponsorship experts

A few final words...

Engaging a community – an entire country — in refugee resettlement is a visionary act of generosity that reaps valuable rewards for the receiving society.

It creates a common purpose beyond the humanitarian gesture, and is fundamentally a community-building experience.



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