

SEEKING REFUGE

AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network Bulletin

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Settling Newcomer Ukrainian Families – Innovative Practices Webinars

As part of the Government of Canada's response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada introduced new immigration streams for Ukrainians who want to come to Canada temporarily or permanently.

From January 18 to February 13, 2023, **Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven** administered a questionnaire nationally for submissions to understand the projects and initiatives that organizations and stakeholders undertook to welcome displaced Ukrainians to Canada and share their learnings and innovative practices. 69 organizations and stakeholders provided submissions highlighting their projects and initiatives nationally. The results of this consultation on innovative practices is [accessible on the website of the operation](https://ukrainesafehaven.ca/innovative-practices) at <https://ukrainesafehaven.ca/innovative-practices>. The projects requested focus on three theme areas:

- Housing
- Employment
- Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs), Community Building & Smaller Centres

Communities across B.C. and Canada mobilized to provide needed services to support these displaced Ukrainians. AMSSA recognizes that community and social service organizations outside the immigrant settlement sector, the health sector, education and volunteers, just to name a few, have provided critical services since the beginning, and we would like to invite everyone supporting displaced Ukrainians to a series of webinars to hear from a select number of organizations who have participated in welcoming and settling newcomer Ukrainian Families nationally. Each webinar will focus on a theme area and organizations will share about their project, the outcomes and key learnings and we will have time for a Q&A session with our speakers.

Webinar #1: Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven: Innovative Practices - Housing | Opération havre de paix pour les Ukrainiens : pratiques innovantes - Logement

March 10, 2023

11:00 am – 12:30 pm PST / 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST

Speakers:

- S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
- City of Toronto
- New Journey Housing
- COSTI

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://amssa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9t9le_S9S2adjpTOqBVMnA

Webinar #2: Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven: Innovative Practices - Employment | Opération havre de paix pour les Ukrainiens : pratiques innovantes - Emploi

March 20, 2023

11:00 am – 12:30 pm PST / 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST

Speakers:

- Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS)
- Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Manitoba (UCC-MB)
- Arab Community Centre of Toronto
- Canadian Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS)

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://amssa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s1kp5L50TzWKpQKwzdaqOQ

Webinar #3: Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven: Innovative Practices - LIPs, Community and Smaller Centres | Opération havre de paix pour les Ukrainiens : pratiques innovantes - PLIs, communauté et petits centres

March 30, 2023

11:00 am – 12:30 pm PST / 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST

Speakers:

- Kids Help Phone
- Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees (VICCIR)
- Punjabi Community Health Services

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://amssa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_34j25OZAT4qCyoCIEy2MuA

If you have any questions, please contact Bahar Taheri at btaheri@cissa-acsei.org



Afghans who have arrived in Canada since August 2021 as of March 2023:

28,470



Ukrainian nationals who have arrived in Canada since January 2022 as of February 2023:

172,220

Source: [Government of Canada - #WelcomeAfghans: Key Figures](#), [Government of Canada - Ukraine Immigration Measures: Key Figures](#)

[Afghan Resettlement Resources](#)

[Ukrainian Migration Resources](#)

Please take the time to fill out the feedback survey so AMSSA can make Seeking Refuge more relevant to your needs

Survey



AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network is an initiative to strengthen community capacity to support resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians through education, information dissemination, research and training. The Seeking Refuge bulletin has been created to keep service providers up-to-date on news, resources, and to provide information on frequently asked about topics related to recent migrations of displaced Ukrainians and resettled refugees. If you know someone who would like to receive this bulletin, please share this [link](#).

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