

Dear friends,

You are invited to **New Pathways & Best Practices in Community Based Resettlement**, a summit of volunteer leaders in our region. This is an opportunity for regional volunteer leaders to learn from national experts in volunteer-supported resettlement, as we build the networks and knowledge to welcome newcomers to our communities through an evolving array of programs.

The event will be held at the former North Thetford Church, now Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust, at 5470 US Rt 5. North Thetford, VT, 05054 on Wednesday, **July 12th, 2023, from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. Lunch will be provided.

The day will include featured speakers from Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) and Church World Service, followed by a provided lunch and conversation, concluding with facilitated sub-regional discussions. Please see the agenda below.

Please register in advance [at this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact Martha Tecca at martha.tecca@gmail.com or Jen Stromsten at jstromsten@brattleborodevelopment.com

Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

AGENDA: New Pathways & Best Practices in Community Based Resettlement

Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

9:30-10:00 Arrivals

10:00 - 12:00 Featured Speakers

- **Ann O'Brien**, Director of Sponsorship, IRIS – Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services
- **Jessica Chapman**, Director for Community Sponsorship Technical Assistance. Church World Service

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch and Conversation

1:00 - 2:00 pm Facilitated Subregional Discussions

Sponsored by:

CCL Welcome Fund and SHARe

Martha Tecca, Core Team Member

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

Erika Hoffman-Kiess, Executive Director

Ascentria Care Alliance

Greg Richane, Co-Sponsorship & Volunteer Manager

Working Communities of Southern Vermont

Alex Beck, Initiative Director Southern Vermont Working Communities

Our vision is a resilient, networked, learning community of volunteers supporting refugee resettlement in the region. The goal of this event is to help create and sustain a welcoming, growing, diverse community with a robust workforce, stimulating schools, and rich community life. Please join this gathering of community leaders for this opportunity to work and learn together from national experts, and from one another.