

Supporting Higher Education in Refugee Resettlement

Building the capacity of colleges and universities to support resettlement.



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SHERR COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE AND ACTION

Virtual Launch Event

January 31, 2024

Learn more: <https://www.worldlearning.org/program/supporting-higher-education-in-refugee-resettlement/>

WELCOME TO THE SHERR COPAS LAUNCH EVENT!

Today's Event:

- Introducing the 4 CoPAs and Lead Facilitators
- Breakout Rooms – choose your CoPA!
- Additional resources and opportunities
- Wrap up & next steps

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WHY SHERR?

To increase higher ed engagement in refugee resettlement via specific engagement pathways and partnerships with resettlement agencies



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WHY COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE AND ACTION?

To connect practitioners and build out knowledge base and resources around specific pathways:

- #1 English Language Learning and Career Support
- #2 Housing and Campus Utilization
- #3 Developing Refugee Educational Opportunities: Reducing Barriers to Enrollment
- #4 Service Learning, Volunteer Engagement, and Staffing



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING AND CAREER PATHWAYS SUPPORT

- Lead Facilitator: Sarah Haghighi, Pima Community College



- 7 sessions (February – December 2024)
- Meets on Tuesdays
- 90-minute meetings
- Collaborative and action focused

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HOUSING AND CAMPUS UTILIZATION

- Lead Facilitator: Diya Abdo, Guilford College & Every Campus A Refuge (ECAR)



- 7 sessions (February – December 2024)
- Meets on (varies: Mondays/Thursdays)
- 90-minute meetings
- Collaborative and action focused

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DEVELOPING REFUGEE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: REDUCING BARRIERS TO ENROLLMENT

- Lead Facilitator: Marina Chakmakchi,
University of Southern Maine
- 7 sessions (February – December 2024)
- Meets on Wednesdays
- 90-minute meetings
- Collaborative and action focused



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SERVICE LEARNING, VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT, AND STAFFING

- Lead Facilitator: Carina Black, University of Nevada Reno & Northern Nevada International Center
- 7 sessions (February – December 2024)
- Meets on (varies: Fridays and Mondays)
- 90-minute meetings
- Collaborative and action focused



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CHOOSE YOUR BREAKOUT ROOM

- Room 1: English Language Learning and Career Support
- Room 2: Housing and Campus Utilization
- Room 3: Developing Refugee Educational Opportunities:
Reducing Barriers to Enrollment
- Room 4: Service Learning, Volunteer Engagement, and Staffing

Return to main room if you wish to change Breakouts.

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REFUGEE RESOURCE HUB



Enroll Refugee
Students



House Refugees On
Campus



Service Learning &
Volunteer
Engagement



Employ Refugees



Research & Evaluation

<https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/communities/refugee-hub/>

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Getting Started



Resources



Spotlights & Models



Key organizations providing technical support and resources



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SHERR Communities of Practice and Action Launch Event



The Supporting Higher Education in Refugee Resettlement (SHERR) consortium is excited to announce the launch of four Communities of Practice and Action (CoPAs) which will meet from February to December 2024. The CoPAs combine the premise of a traditional community of practice and a working group, by providing a space to build community and share expertise, as well as by focusing on specific deliverables. They aim to strengthen engagement in refugee resettlement on the part of higher education institutions, with the larger goal of growing and enhancing the domestic capacity for placement of refugees in communities across the United States. You can read more about each CoPA [here](#).

[Register for the launch event >](#)

Upcoming Events

January 31, 2024

Meeting – SHERR Communities of Practice and Action Virtual Launch Event

Supporting Higher Education in Refugee Resettlement (SHERR) Consortium

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February 7, 2024

Meeting – Welcome Corps on Campus Information Session

Welcome Corps on Campus - Mobilization Team

[Learn More >](#)

February 9, 2024

Meeting – Welcome Campus Network

Welcome US

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February 12, 2024

Meeting – RRI Champions Meeting Q1 2024

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**Welcome Campus
Network**



**SHERR
Communities of
Practice & Action**



**Directory of
Practitioners**



**Info on Refugee
Resettlement**



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WELCOME CAMPUS NETWORK



JOIN THE WELCOME CAMPUS NETWORK

Joining WCN means joining a community of colleges, universities, and organizations working with campuses that are committed to welcoming newcomers. Members participate (as available) in meetings twice per month to share information and best practices; learn from national, state, and local officials, advocates, and practitioners on opportunities, trends, and events; participate in communities of practice; and build common solidarity and community. Through SHERR, WCN members benefit from tools, trainings, and resources.

Please complete the Welcome Campus Network Membership form to join. Questions? Contact partners@welcome.us.



Join Welcome Campus Network! →

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SHERR COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE AND ACTION NEXT STEPS

RSVP for SHERR CoPA: English
Language Learning and Career
Pathways Support



RSVP for SHERR CoPA: Housing
and Campus Utilization



RSVP for SHERR CoPA: Refugee
Educational Opportunities



RSVP for SHERR CoPA: Service
Learning and Volunteer
Engagement



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