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UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

The Human Race

On 31.08.2008 1 million people will run the Nike+ 10K Human Race and raise funds for good causes. The UN refugee agency is proud to be one of the causes to benefit, through the ninemillion.org campaign. Ninemillion.org is a UN refugee agency campaign, committed to providing refugee and internally displaced children around the world the chance to learn and play.

--> <http://www.ninemillion.org/>

Webinar: Advocating with numbers

When: Sept. 17, 1-2.30 p.m. EST; 3.30-5 p.m. EST (Project Strengthening Organizations Assisting Refugees)

This interactive training will help you figure out what significant numbers you should be reporting to funders, partners and clients to market your programs, attract more funding, and be an advocate for refugees.

--> RSVP to Danielle at SOAR@theIRC.org or 212-551-3142 by Sept. 10. Indicate whether you'll join the 1 p.m. EST training (Elluminate + phone) or the 3:30 p.m. training (phone only).

--> www.EthnicCommunities.org

Local Employment Dynamics: OnTheMap Version 3.0

When: Sept. 17, 2008 at 2:30p.m.

This Webinar is designed to introduce workforce investment professionals to the newly enhanced OnTheMap Version 3 application available on the U.S. Census Bureau's Local Employment Dynamics web site: <http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/index.html>.

To sign up for the webinar, visit the following website:

--> <http://www.workforce3one.org/public/webinars/details.cfm?id=358>

NEW RESOURCES

Immigration Statistics & Policies

The Migration Policy Institute updated its fact sheets on foreign-born residents in each state, and nationally. Go to the 2006 ACS/Census Data Tool, select a state, and choose the Income and Poverty fact sheet. In addition, the 2006 ACS/Census Data Tool provides state-level data on social and demographic, language and education, and workforce characteristics of the foreign born.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/6zrmyx>

Workplace Discrimination

A new religious discrimination manual provides safeguards for workers who request time off for religious observances and protects workers whose faith requires they wear specific religious garments, such as the hijab, a head covering worn by some Muslim women.

--> <http://www.eeoc.gov/policy/docs/religion.html>

Language Acquisition

Practitioner Toolkit: Working With Adult English Language Learners. (The National Center for Family Literacy and The National Center for ESL Literacy Education at the Center for Applied Linguistics, 2008)

--> http://www.cal.org/caela/tools/program_development/CombinedFiles1.pdf

Iraqi Refugees

Iraq's Refugee and IDP Crisis: Human Toll and Implications. A Special Edition of Viewpoints (The Middle East Institute, 2008)

--> <http://www.mideasti.org/files/iraqs-refugee-and-IDP-crisis.pdf>

Visas for Iraqi Nationals

Iraqi nationals who face an "ongoing threat" because they worked for the US government on or after March 30, 2003 are eligible to apply for special immigrant visas, according to a new US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) memo. Read the USCIS memo on the new guidelines.

--> <http://www.uscis.gov/files/nativedocuments/AD08-17.pdf>

Language Access to Healthcare

This cross-cultural communications website links to many other websites on linguistic access to health care (including Canadian and Australian resources.)

--> <http://cultureandlanguage.net/resources.htm>

New Integration Initiative in Massachusetts

Massachusetts New Americans Initiative. Massachusetts will launch a statewide "New Americans Agenda" to integrate immigrants into the larger community, a program similar to one in Illinois. Read Governor Patrick's executive order.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/5jxqu2>

Fellowships

The Open Society Institute has launched a new fellowship program to support outstanding idea entrepreneurs from around the world. The Fellowship is open to journalists, activists, scholars, practitioners, and other professionals interested in working on projects in the areas of Migration and Citizenship; National Security and the Open Society; Strategies and Tools for Advocacy and Citizen Engagement; and Understanding Authoritarianism. For more information, click here.

--> <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/fellowship>

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