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E-NEWSLETTER

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We are pleased to announce that the Office of Refugee Resettlement has selected RefugeeWorks to provide technical assistance on employment issues. We will continue to offer advice to job developers, program managers, employers and policymakers in their efforts to help refugees achieve self-sufficiency. Would you like to improve your agency's job placement rates, update your job seeker assistance strategies, devise new training programs or simply network with colleagues?

We are here to help identify promising practices related to employment. Our trainers deliver interactive, skill-based workshops designed for front-line staff. As researchers, we depend on your questions and feedback to design the focus points of our trainings and publications. So keep the e-mails coming. Our work in 2010 will focus on the following projects:

- Two intensive Employment Training Institutes.
- Employment Quarterly Newsletters, Working Paper Series and E-Newsletters.
- Several new Industry Guide Publications highlighting career opportunities for refugee professionals.
- New partnerships with national employers to illustrate the benefits of refugee employment.
- Regional recertification coalitions to assist with refugee recertification.

Learn about RefugeeWorks' recent activities on our website (also on twitter). From our homepage you can subscribe to our electronic mailing list, read the pdf version of the latest newsletter, and register for our national workshops. Do you have a news item, story or picture that relate to refugees in the workplace? If you'd like to submit them for publication in our newsletter, please send an e-mail to Daniel at dsturm@refugeeworks.org

We are grateful for your support of our work and look forward to hearing from you.

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NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE FOR TEACHERS

RefugeeWorks has released a guide for foreign-trained teachers who are seeking to practice their profession in the United States. It describes the structure and future of the teaching profession and workforce composition, as well as the skills, training and credentials needed to advance in the field. This guide is an essential resource for refugees, other newcomers and employment specialists. Hard copies of the guide are available on request. Click here to download your free copy:

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/RefugeeWorksTeachersGuide.pdf>

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Five Steps for Immigrant Professionals to Prepare for the Job Search. New York: Upwardly Global (available in English, Bahasa Indonesia, Español, Português, Русский, Kiswahili)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ybqovmh>

Opportunities for Refugee Teachers (RefugeeWorks Guide No. 2)

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/RefugeeWorksTeachersGuide.pdf>

Serving America is 'in my blood'. Refugee translator's dream of enlisting in U.S. Army withers in a bureaucratic limbo that has him depressed and uncertain (The Houston Chronicle - Oct. 18, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yf3pdcj>

CONFERENCES

Integrating New York's Highly Qualified Immigrants (World Education Services; Nov. 12, 2009, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; New York Academy of Sciences, #7 World Trade Center, New York City)
--> <http://www.wes.org/events/35invitation.htm>

CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Bhutanese Refugees in Alaska Celebrate Hindu Holiday (ISED Blog - Oct. 28, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yhgldg>

Refugees unsettle the West. Meatpacking, Ramadan and other cultural collisions in Colorado (High Country News - Oct. 26, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yh5hlmh>

EDUCATION

After 5 years, immigrants are integrated here (Wausau Daily Herald - Oct. 28, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycdo6ok>

Benefit or Burden? Social Capital, Gender, and the Economic Adaptation of Refugees (International Migration Review, Summer 2009, Vol. 43-Issue 2)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yhlujn>

Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Programs: Results from a National Survey (The Aspen Institute's Workforce Strategies Initiative, October 2009)
--> <http://www.aspenwsi.org/publications/09-007.pdf>

Immigrant Scientists Create Jobs and Win Nobels (The Wallstreet Journal - Oct. 19, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yjmc63p>

Refugee-turned-student wants to rebuild (The Lower Hudson Valley Journal News - Oct. 15, 2009)
--> <http://www.lohud.com/article/2009910150403>

GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

A Comprehensive List of Funding Sources (ISED Blog - October 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ye8bkex>

Fundraising Forecast: What Does the Future Hold? (The Chronicle of Philanthropy -- Nov. 3, at noon EST)
--> <http://philanthropy.com/live/2009/11/future/>

Grants for service opportunities across several programs in education, clean energy/ environment, healthy futures, veterans and opportunity (Corporation for National and Community Service, 2009)
--> Deadline: Jan. 26, 2010
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yj7t5y6>

GREEN JOBS

Business Guide to the Recovery (Green for All, October 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ybz3zhx>

Finding and Posting Green-Collar Jobs (Green for All, October 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yaunl3c>

HEALTHCARE & SELF-SUFFICIENCY

This interactive calculator shows how expensive health insurance could be for those who would have to buy insurance on their own (Kaiser Foundation, October 2009)
--> <http://healthreform.kff.org/Subsidycalculator.aspx>

JOB MARKET TRENDS

Higher jobless rates could be new normal (The Associated Press - Oct. 19, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y99upuz>

Preparing for an IT Talent Squeeze (Workforce Management - Sept. 14, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ygqjogz>

LEGAL ISSUES

Burmese Refugees Struggling In Pittsburgh Area (KDKA Pittsburgh - Oct. 27, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yepl2fm>

Online Wage Theft Resource Center (October 2009)

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

PEER-MENTORING AND NETWORKING

'Mentor and Network', Good HR Practices for Workforce Integration From New York and Copenhagen (Cities of Migration Webinar, October 2009)

--> <http://citiesofmigration.ca>

STIMULUS FUNDING

A U.S. Training Upgrade (Workforce Management - Sept. 14, 2009)

There is wide agreement in Washington, and among employers, that American workers need more education and training, but some experts say current federal proposals don't go far enough.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yhqo87h>

Job Program Found to Miss Many States That Need It Most (The New York Times - Oct. 15, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yfqa5vx>

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Previous e-newsletters are now available for download from our website. The archive can be found in the section "RefugeeWorks E-Newsletter," at:

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/about/publications.html>

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