

REFUGEE WORKS

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Dear all,

The clock is ticking for *RefugeeWorks'* first 2010 Employment Training Institute. In seven weeks we will be in St. Louis, Mo., for three days of discussions and activities, focused on the theme of "Good Jobs in Hard Times." You will learn more about finding hidden jobs and strategies one can take to diversify an agency's employer base, as well as green jobs. *RefugeeWorks* will also share best practice examples on strategies for generating new employer partnerships and pursuing funding for programs that help refugees find meaningful employment.

Focus: Good Jobs in Hard Times

Where: St. Louis, Mo.

When: April 6-8, 2010

You can register at our LIRS-affiliate website

--> <http://www.lirs.org/refugeeworks/goodjobs>

For questions regarding your registration, please contact Judi Pferdeort at (410) 230-2852, or send her an e-mail to: registration@refugeeworks.org

ARTISANS

Major, sister helping Iraqi women market art (The Fort Leavenworth Lamp - Feb. 11, 2010)

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

Refugee groups grow roots with folk grants (The Salt Lake Tribune - Feb. 10, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yckl53x>

CONFERENCES & CURRICULA

Budgeting (U.S. Cultural Orientation Professional Development Workshop in New York, NY - November 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yd3vbbb>

Ethiopian Community Development Council's 16th National Conference, "African Refugees and Immigrants: Challenges, Changes, and Champions," (May 3-5, 2010; Arlington, Va.)

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

Motivations to Work While on Public Assistance (U.S. Cultural Orientation Professional Development Workshop in New York, NY - November 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yclu3f>

The Value of Volunteering (U.S. Cultural Orientation Professional Development Workshop in New York, NY - November 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yalo6pe>

FARMING JOBS RESOURCES

New Guest-Worker Rules Seek to Increase Wages (The New York Times - Feb. 12, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yfk2mk9>

Small Farmer Legal Compliance Manual (University of California's Cooperative Extension)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yd379y3>

Small Farmer Resource Directories (University of California Cooperative Extension)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yf7guwx>

Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8ghyrj>

FUNDING

Ben and Jerry's Foundation projects must focus on strategies for creating social change (Ben and Jerry's)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yex7ynn> (rolling deadline)

Guide to Scholarships for New Americans and Minorities (DFW International Community Alliance)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ybah3rw>

Pepsi will award more than \$20 million dollars in 2010 to ideas that will move the world forward (The Pepsi Refresh Project)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yz23nqs> (no deadline for submission)

HEALTHCARE CAREERS

Community Health Navigator Program to Fill Gaps in Care for Houston's Burmese Refugees (PR Newswire - Feb. 6, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydvfgk9>

Expecting a Surge in U.S. Medical Schools (The New York Times - Feb. 15, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ye5vckz>

Undocumented, uninsured and the unknown (The Minnesota Daily News - Feb. 9, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yevbeka>

LEGAL NEWS

Idaho bill aimed at illegals could hurt refugees (The Associated Press - Feb. 2, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ytko3ck>

Leahy, Lugar Introduce Refugee Opportunity Act (The American Chronicle - Jan. 31, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yly5hm2>

Overview of Key Issues Facing Low-Wage Immigrant Workers (National Immigration Law Center Briefing - November 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yg4mpv2>

Workplace Violations in New York City (National Employment Law Project presentation - Jan. 28, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yhm64d6>

MENTORING

Doing Good While Bridging the College-Community Gap (Brown University Social Entrepreneurship Blog - Feb. 3, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y98beag>

Hmong YES to begin college mentoring program (The Twin Cities Daily Planet - Feb. 10, 2010)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8at53d>

Soccer, Networking, After-School Tutoring (Fugees Family, Inc.)
--> <http://www.fugeesfamily.org>

RESETTLEMENT NEWS

Area Hmong Community Center struggles to assist people. Grant cut as staff hours reduced but needs continue, director says (Herald Times Reporter - Jan. 31, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycv2epg>

Culture, Structure, and the Refugee Experience in Somali Immigrant Family Transformation (Journal for International Migration - February 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yl6bl8y>

Resettling Refugees and Safeguarding their Mental Health: Lessons Learned from the Canadian Refugee Resettlement Project (Journal for Transcultural Psychiatry - December 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yfnf6jm>

Local agencies get more cash to aid refugees (The Fort Wayne Gazette - Feb. 12, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ylro86e>

Refugee programs stretched (The Kansas City Star - Jan. 31, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ya7nkog>

Two Iowa refugee agencies to end resettlements (Des Moines Register - Jan. 27, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8ne5om>

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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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