

Gate City Immigrant Initiative

September 26, 2018

9:00AM – 10:30AM

Nashua City Hall Auditorium

Gate City Immigrant Initiative is a subcommittee of the Nashua Cultural Connections Committee.

Present: Jenn Hosking (Co-Chair), Lauren Osowski (Co-Chair), Carlos Camacho, Steve Genest, Samba Halkose, Paul Janampa, Deepa Mangalat, Donna Marceau, Cecilia Ulibarri, Sandra Pratt, Pastor Rich Cullen, Jason Wakefield

Commenced at 9:05 AM

1. Call to Order/Introductions

2. Co-Chair updates

- The first Nashua Multicultural Festival was a big success with lots of positive community feedback. Great entertainment and food.
- GCII will host a welcome table at the Holiday Stroll on November 24th. Volunteers will hand out treats hopefully purchased from a local bakery. A couple of people have ideas of groups/agencies to approach for a financial donation to purchase the baked goods. Lauren has created a slide show from the Mayor's visit to the Adult Learning Center that we can display. The table will be outside on the Main Street Methodist Church plaza or inside the church if its inclement weather.
- Jenn informed the group of the Cultural Connections Committee has decided to temporarily stop the quarterly community forums. Instead, committee members will visit community meetings/gatherings already happening in Nashua neighborhoods. They will attend with the intent of building relationships and listening to interests/concerns of Nashuans.

3. Resettlement Agency update

- Ascentria has settled 74 refugees in this fiscal year.

Ascentria FFY 2018 Arrivals (Oct-2017 to Sep-2018)				
	CONCORD	MANCHESTER	NASHUA	TOTAL
CONGOLESE (DRC)	30	5	6	41
BHUTANESE	27			27
BURMESE-Rohingya			6	6
TOTAL	57	5	12	74

- The proposed admissions ceiling for refugee arrivals in FY 2019 is 30,000. This is 15,000 lower than the current admissions ceiling, which is 45,000 this year.

- The administration has not followed the process to consult with Congress about the admissions ceiling. This must be done before the Presidential Determination (PD), the legal mechanism for refugees to enter the U.S., is signed.
- It is unclear what repercussions there may be.
- The State Department issued a 90-day Cost extension of the FY 2018 refugee resettlement year therefore the program is extended to December 31st. This ensures that refugees can still arrive to the U.S. in case there are any issues with the signing of the PD.
- International Institute of New England settled two Rohingya refugees to Nashua in late August.

4. Member updates

- Main Street Methodist Church is celebrating 150 years as a downtown church. There will be lots of activities this weekend to celebrate. The church is also helping a Syrian family look for new housing in the next couple of weeks. If anyone has any leads on a 2-3 bedroom apartment at an affordable rate reach out to Pastor Cullen.
- Sandra Pratt is looking for interpreters to help with some services provided at Gateways. The Language Bank was suggested as an option.
- The Adult Learning Center will host a Community Resource Expo the evening of October 18th and the morning of October 19th.
- The Nashua Soup Kitchen is looking for space to move the Gate City Bike Coop due to plans to expand their services to include a shelter. The Gate City Bike Coop has free bikes for children which can be picked up on Mondays 3-7 PM.
- The Nashua Public Library has its next Play and Learn Workshop beginning next Wednesday, October 3rd. This is a free workshop for children ages 0-3 and a parent/caregiver. It meets every Wednesday in October 10-11:30 AM. A different resource professional is at every session to talk with parents about health, development and literacy.
- The Nashua Public Library will have a program, "How to Advocate for Your Cause" on Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 PM. New Futures will teach how a bill becomes a law in NH, basic concepts of advocacy and how to work with your state rep or senator.

How to Advocate for Your Cause



Thursday, October 18
6:30 pm, Activity Room



Learn how to win the support of your state senators and reps for causes that matter to you. New Futures will teach you how a bill becomes a law in NH, basic concepts of policy and advocacy, and how to build a relationship with your state rep or senator. Pizza will be served. Register at tinyurl.com/npladvocacy.

603-589-4600 | nashualibrary.org | 2 Court St., Nashua, NH 03060

Play & Learn Workshop



For children ages 0-3 and parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, Oct. 3-31, 10 am – 11:30 am, Activity Room

Did you know that as soon as they are born, children start learning the skills they'll need to succeed in school? Join us at this five-week workshop and find out how **you—your child's first teacher**—can help them learn, long before they get on the school bus.

- Play with educational toys
- Meet other families with young children
- Talk to experts in early literacy, speech and language, child development, nutrition, music, play, and health

Registration is open only to those who have not previously attended.

Register at
tinyurl.com/nplkid
(603) 589-4631





Learn. Grow. Thrive.

*Do you want to connect with adult students?
Do you provide a service to the community?
Do you have job openings?*

***We invite you to participate in the ALC
Community Resource Expo 2018***



Thursday, October 18, 2018

Open to the Public
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 19, 2018

Open to the Public
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adult Learning Center

4 Lake Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Please RSVP to Samba Halkose
shalkose@adultlearningcenter.org
Or (603) 882-9080 x 2235

Participation is free and a table will be provided.



Próxima reunión

Next meeting

Grupo de Apoyo para madres de individuos con necesidades especiales!

¡Venga a compartir sus experiencias y colaborar con otras madres!

Grupo de Suporte para mães de individuos com necessidades especiais!

Venha compartilhar sua experiencia e colaborar com outras mãe!

Support Group for mothers of individuals with special needs!

Come share your experiences and collaborate with other mothers!

October 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30pm

Cada 4^o Lunes del mes 😊

Toda 4^a Segunda-feira do mês 😊

Every 4th Monday of the month 😊

At Gateways - 19 Chestnut Street Nashua, NH

¡Por favor llame a Sandra para confirmar tu participación!

spratt@gatewayscs.org

603-816-0319

