

## **Gate City Immigrant Initiative**

**October 24, 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), Steve Genest, Paul Janampa, Deepa Mangalat, Donna Marceau, Cecilia Ulibarri, Sandra Pratt, Pastor Rich Cullen, Sylvia Gale, Mark Hastbacka

**Commenced at 9:08 AM**

### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

### **2. Co-Chair updates**

- GCII will host a welcoming table in front of Main Street Methodist Church at the Holiday Stroll on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We are currently looking for approximately \$300 in financial donations to purchase baked goods to distribute from 3 local cultural bakeries.
- A volunteer signup sheet was distributed for helping at the Holiday Stroll table.
- Lauren will have a laptop looping a slideshow she created of events highlighting the different cultures represented at the Adult Learning Center. She will also bring a poster frame with flags from multiple countries we can use as a photo prop.
- Some participants of this meeting are interested in joining some members of the Cultural Connections Committee to participate in a Diversity & Cultural Competence workshop. This is a facilitated workshop by members of the Nashua Diversity & Cultural Competency Trainers. People are interested in expanding on of our regularly scheduled GCII meetings for this training. Jen and Lauren will work with Deepa to pick a couple of dates to propose.
- Steve Genest is going to work with Rebecca Ayling, Project Director for NH Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force at Child and Family Services of NH to schedule a 20-30 minute presentation on human trafficking in NH and how this affects immigrants and refugees. He will work to schedule this during one of our regular Wednesday meetings.

### **3. Resettlement Agency update**

#### **Ascentria**

	<b>October 2018</b>	<b>November 2018</b>	<b>December 2018</b>
<b>DRC/Congo</b>	Nashua: 5 ( adults, 1 child)		

#### **International Institute**

	<b>October 2018</b>	<b>November 2018</b>	<b>December 2018</b>
<b>DRC/Congo</b>	Manchester: 1 Nashua: 10	Manchester: 1 (anticipated)	
<b>Burma</b>	Nashua: 6		

#### 4. Member updates

- Cecilia shared as part of a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Restitution (November 11<sup>th</sup>) the Mayor will present a proclamation in recognition of the Polish American residents of Nashua. The date is too be determined. Resident Margaret Loret is working with the Mayor's office on this recognition.
- Sylvia shared the date of an upcoming Open House at the Islamic Society of Greater Nashua. It will take place on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm.
- Paul reminded everyone of the Greater Nashua Listens community conversation: Making Nashua's Public Spaces Welcoming for All. It will take place Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm at the Main Street Methodist Church.
- Deepa reminded everyone of the Diwali celebration at Nashua High North on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2-11 pm.
- Donna shared the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter will be closed on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving boxes will be distributed after that.
- Donna also shared she has vouchers for free bicycles available through the Gate City Bike Coop. There is currently a healthy supply of children's bikes.

# **DIVERSITY & CULTURAL COMPETENCE: A FOUNDATIONAL WORKSHOP**

**This facilitative training helps participants explore the concepts of diversity and culture, and recognize personal values, beliefs and biases.**

**Participants by the end of the session should be able to:**

- 1. Define “diversity” and “culture” and explain the differences and similarities between the two concepts and how they relate to their work.**
- 2. Identify their own Cultural attitudes towards communications, time, health, authority and work habits.**
- 3. Describe how personal cultural attitudes impact their daily interactions.**
- 4. Identify behaviors that indicate a lack of cultural competence and those that indicate skill in cultural competence**
- 5. Explain the importance of cultural competence in their work.**



**Classes are open to individuals and/or groups of 14-20 participants and will be facilitated by members of the Nashua Diversity & Cultural Competency Trainers who have been trained by the NH Office of Health Equity.**

**Classes may be held at the Arlington Street Community Center, your place of employment or organization.**

**Contact the trainers for more information by emailing [NashuaDCCtrainers@nashuanh.gov](mailto:NashuaDCCtrainers@nashuanh.gov), please indicate whether you are interested in a group or individual training.**

**Making Nashua's Public Spaces  
Welcoming for All:  
A Community Conversation  
Hosted by Greater Nashua Listens**



**October 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Main Street United Methodist Church, 154 Main Street**

Join Greater Nashua Listens for a facilitated community conversation about how our public spaces are shared.

Registration is encouraged, sign up online at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/publicspacesconversation>

**All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.**

# IANH Diwali & Dandiya Festival

Saturday, Nov 10th 2018  
2pm onwards  
Nashua High School North  
8 Titan way, Nashua, NH 03063

Registration on [www.IANH.org](http://www.IANH.org)  
before Oct 26th, 2018

2pm- 7pm : Cultural Show  
Family Fashion Show  
Diwali Bazar - Food and  
Shopping

7pm- 8pm : Social Hour  
8pm- 11pm : Dandiya

For Vendor Booth,  
Sponsorships or  
Inquiries contact  
[Cultural@IANH.org](mailto:Cultural@IANH.org).

Tickets: \$5 members  
\$10 Non-members



