



# Empowering Newcomers: What does it take?

As a sponsor, have you ever wondered why empowerment is important in settlement and how we might ensure it? Does our sponsoring practice meet the needs of those we sponsor to ensure independence rather than create dependence?

Join us to learn more about issues and barriers newcomers face, how we can better listen to newcomer needs and value their feedback, why developing networking skills is critical to independence, as well as partnership around shared values and responsibilities. Gain new tools on how to assist newcomers build a sense of belonging and engagement in community.

## Overview: Why is Empowerment Essential?

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## How do We Ensure Newcomers are Empowered?

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## My Lived Empowerment Experience

**Salah Dakkak, Toronto**  
A recent privately sponsored newcomer to Canada

**ONLINE  
WORKSHOP**  
for private refugee  
sponsors—  
**Faith-based, Community  
and Groups of Five**

DATE: Sat May 11, 2024

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TIME: 10 am – 12 noon

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PLACE: Online

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COST: Free

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To register for the workshop send an email to [info@refugeesponsornet.ca](mailto:info@refugeesponsornet.ca). Once we hear from you we will send you information on how to access the event.

**Register today!**