



# SHARE

Building a resettlement network for European municipalities, cities and regions [www.resettlement.eu](http://www.resettlement.eu)

## THE SHARE PROJECT

The SHARE network will facilitate structured dialogue and exchange of expertise between experienced resettlement countries planning or considering resettlement.

With a worldwide membership, staff and operations working with migrants and refugees in more than 40 countries, ICMC Serves and protects uprooted people - refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants - regardless of faith, race, ethnicity or nationality.

Since its creation in 1951, ICMC has identified and accompanied one million refugees for resettlement. Additionally, ICMC provides expert resettlement personnel through the ICMC-UNHCR Resettlement Deployment Scheme to support UNHCR resettlement activities in field offices around the world.



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## *Advocating For More And Better Resettlement In Europe*

### THE SHARE RESETTLEMENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

#### 1. WHAT IS ICMC?

The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) is an international NGO that serves and protects refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants regardless of faith, race, ethnicity or nationality. The ICMC Europe office in Brussels works to promote resettlement in Europe and to build European resettlement capacity and expertise.

#### 2. WHAT IS SHARE?

In March 2012, ICMC Europe together with UNHCR, ECRE, the EUROCITIES network, IOM and cities and NGOs in 9 European countries, established the **SHARE Network**. **SHARE** provides a platform for exchange and mutual learning between European regions, cities, municipalities and their civil society partners involved in or considering refugee resettlement. **SHARE** facilitates the inclusion of regional and local actors in the wider **European Resettlement Network**, co-developed since 2009 by UNHCR, IOM and ICMC.

For more information about **SHARE**, please visit [www.resettlement.eu/page/welcome-share-network](http://www.resettlement.eu/page/welcome-share-network).

#### 3. SHARE ADVOCACY FOR RESETTLEMENT

Experiences in **SHARE** to date have demonstrated how previously resettled refugees contribute to European resettlement programmes in a number of fundamental ways - by supporting new resettlement arrivals, acting as volunteers and employees of civil society organisations, providing input for the development of services for refugees and other migrants, and acting as advocates for resettlement at the local, national and European levels. **SHARE I** involved previously resettled refugees as expert speakers, event participants, in project consultations and in the development of **SHARE** resources and publications.

**SHARE I** also included a specific media engagement strand, working in partnership with ECRE and previously resettled refugees to facilitate a specialist [Resettlement Media Exchange Visit](#) to the UK resettlement programme for journalists and NGO Press Officers from 6 European countries.

#### 4. THE SHARE RESETTLEMENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

##### • What is the SHARE Resettlement Ambassador Programme?

In [SHARE II](#), ICMC will work with UNHCR and ECRE to facilitate a **SHARE Resettlement Ambassador Programme**. The programme will enable up to 10 previously resettled refugees to act as **SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors**, promoting their city's resettlement achievements and advocating for more and better resettlement at the local, national and European levels.

##### • Who can become a SHARE Resettlement Ambassador?

Nominated by ECRE members, UNHCR, and **SHARE Network** partners and stakeholders, **SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors** will be previously resettled refugees drawn from a minimum of 5 European resettlement countries. In



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determining who will act as Ambassadors, the programme will emphasise equal participation by gender and a range of national backgrounds.

Due to the activities foreseen within the programme (see below), **SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors** will be previously resettled refugees with:

- a good command of English and/or French;
- basic IT skills (internet and email); and
- ability to commit to participating in the programme of Ambassador activities during 2014-15.

• **How will SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors benefit from the programme?**

**SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors** will be provided with a programme of bespoke online training designed to build their capacity to engage in advocacy and campaigning. Potential training topics may include creating campaign materials and messages, using social media, speaking and presenting and other, relevant areas. Local partners will support Ambassadors to access IT facilities, if needed, and facilitate their involvement in local advocacy, events, discussions and consultations.

Additionally, **SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors** will be invited to design and present an online webinar at [www.resettlement.eu](http://www.resettlement.eu), and present their work and experiences in the programme at **SHARE** events and resettlement discussions at the European level.

## 5. HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

• **Nominating SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors**

**SHARE** invites European civil society organisations working on resettlement programmes or with resettled refugees to promote the **SHARE Resettlement Ambassador Programme** to those with whom they work, and to nominate previously resettled refugees who have an interest in the programme and meet the broad criteria set out in 4, above.

• **Local support for Ambassadors**

As part of the Ambassador nomination process, ICMC will discuss with the nominating organisation the type and extent of support that may be available to potential Ambassadors at the local level. Support may be available from the nominating organisation and/or other local partners, and would include:

- providing access to IT facilities, if needed, to access online training and discussions;
- promoting the **SHARE Resettlement Ambassador Programme** and the presence of a local Ambassador to relevant partners and networks at the local level, including civil society networks/platforms, local authorities, and media representatives;
- facilitating Ambassador input into local discussions and consultations, including for example on policy or service development.

## 6. NEXT STEPS...

Organisations and/or previously resettled refugees with an interest in or questions about the programme should in the first instance contact Rachel Westerby at ICMC Europe ([westerby@icmc.net](mailto:westerby@icmc.net)).



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