

A **COMMUNITY DELIBERATIVE FORUM** ON
WELCOMING
NEW ARRIVALS TO
WESTERN NEW YORK



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DELIBERATE ABOUT CREATING **INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**
FOR **REFUGEES** AND **MIGRANTS**, THEN POSE QUESTIONS
TO A RESOURCE PANEL OF FACULTY MEMBERS.

More than 10% of the population of the city of Buffalo was born outside of the United States. Nearly half of them arrived in the US since 2010. Some have moved here for work, for study, or to reunite with family. Others came here to flee persecution, violence, and war. The new arrivals are helping to revitalize our community, fostering economic growth, innovation, and cultural diversity. However, integrating new arrivals presents challenges. Immigrants and refugees often face financial strain, language barriers, and trauma from past experiences. This deliberative forum aims to explore what it means to build an inclusive community. We seek to identify actionable steps for individuals and civic organizations to create a robust support system and address barriers to inclusion.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

DATE: Friday, December 6, 2024.

TIME: 4:30PM to 7:30PM.

LOCATION: Jacobs School of Medicine, 955 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14203.

ROOM: Jacobs Active Learning Room 1220.

COMPENSATION: All participants will receive a \$100 VISA reward card, valid anywhere Visa credit or debit cards are accepted (in-person and online).

QUESTIONS? Contact phi-ppe@buffalo.edu.

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FORUM AGENDA

4:30PM REGISTRATION

Sign in, review the discussion questions, and enjoy light refreshments.

5:00PM WELCOME

Begin with a brief introduction to the forum.

5:10PM CONVERSATION

Participate in small-group discussions guided by a moderator through an agenda of questions.

6:15PM RESOURCE PANEL Q&A

Pose questions to a panel of academics who study immigration from different perspectives.

7:00PM DINNER & A SURVEY

Complete an exit survey during a dinner from local, immigrant-run businesses.

