Tool Box of Ideas for Smaller Centres:

Attracting, Welcoming & Retaining Immigrants to Your Community

**Resource Handout #1**

**20 Ways to Welcome a Newcomer to Your Community**

* Host a welcoming event
* Volunteer as an English-As-Second Language Tutor
* Attend Multicultural Festivals - & bring a friend!
* Diversify your news sources
* Attend a cultural activity or event
* Host a diversity lunch & invite a newcomer to speak at your workplace
* Volunteer to be a “newcomer host” in your community
* Support a local, small business run by an Immigrant
* Write a Letter to the Editor in your local newspaper welcoming newcomers
* Form a refugee sponsorship group
* Challenge racist remarks – in your home, workplace, place of worship
* Volunteer to be a Professional Mentor
* Learn a new language
* Encourage more inclusive hiring practices at your workplace
* Invite a newcomer family over for supper
* Donate money to an immigrant settlement agency
* Attend a Diversity workshop or a training on Inter-Cultural Awareness
* Offer your time as a Settlement Volunteer

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