IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION:
WHAT IS OUR CAPACITY?

FREEDOM FROM FEAR
YOUR'S... TO FIGHT FOR

Thursday, November 7, 5:30 pm

IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION SPEAKERS

Deo Mwano – Originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Deo Mwano is leader in multi-cultural education, organizational leadership and social justice. Through various endeavors, he teaches and motivates students to follow a path of self-improvement and dedication to others. He is a performer, choreographer, and storyteller.

Hamida Hassan – A 4th-year undergraduate studying social work at the University of New Hampshire, Hamida Hassan resettled in the United States from her native Somalia. She is a graduate of Central High School and a Manchester resident.

Basra Mohamed – An immigration attorney at Catholic Charities since 2016, Basra Mohamed leads the organization Victims of Violence program, through which she represents and advocates for immigrant victims of crime in New Hampshire. Basra graduated from University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2015 and Middle Tennessee State University in 2011 with a B.S. in Political Science and Philosophy.

Max Latona, Ph.D. (Facilitator) – Max Latona is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Saint Anselm College, and Executive Director of the College’s Center for Ethics in Business and Governance. He was also co-founder and former President of Inti Academy, a non-profit that served refugee, immigrant, and underprivileged children in Manchester, New Hampshire.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Be respectful and use respectful language.

Listen to each other and be open-minded.

Be inclusive.

Think critically.

Share air time so everyone gets a chance to be heard.

Take risks, be unpolished, make mistakes—then let go.

Speak for yourself. Don’t try to speak for “your group.”

Trust each other to go places we don’t.
RESOURCE LIST

BCNH, formerly Bhutanese Community of New Hampshire, is a community based non-profit corporation that serves New American population in central New Hampshire. https://bcinnh.org/

BRING IT! (Bringing Refugees, Immigrants, and Neighbors Gently Into Tomorrow) is an out of school program in Manchester that serves 4th to 12th grade students whose families come from 30 countries. By empowering, equipping and exposing these students to resources they would otherwise miss, BRING IT! helps close the opportunity gap they face. www.bringitafterschool.org

Catholic Charities: Immigration Legal Services welcomes newcomers and provides casework, support and guidance for various immigration-related issues. https://www.cc-nh.org/programs/immigration/

Duet’s mission is to empower students to earn postsecondary degrees and to leverage these degrees into successful careers—at unprecedented rates. It is a college option designed for today’s student allowing them to earn their degree quickly without sacrificing their ability to work full time or focus on other personal and family priorities. www.duet.org

International Institute of New England’s mission is to create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement and pathways to citizenship. https://iine.org/


Rubia’s Sewing Confidence project in Manchester offers classes in hand and machine sewing techniques, product design, applied English language, literacy, and cooperative business development. Seamstresses from seven countries learn to sew for their own benefit and have the option to earn supplemental income through sales of handbags, clothing and house-wares at festivals and fair-trade outlets. https://www.rubiahandwork.org/

Saint Anselm’s Access Academy is an after-school academic program serving Manchester high school students typically underrepresented in higher education (e.g., low-income, first generation, diverse student populations, and students not living at home) https://www.anselm.edu/meelia-center-community-engagementcommunity-engaged-learning/access-academy

SNHU Center for New Americans at YWCA NH, is a new space for immigrant and refugee populations to gain access to education and support services. The Center provides after-school youth programs, ESOL programming, HiSET preparation, college mentorship and coaching, and college-level courses and degrees out of the YWCA NH location in Manchester. Courtney Perron, Program Manager, 603.545.4041

Welcoming Manchester is a collaborative effort among professionally and ethnically diverse community members and organizations all committed to a common goal – the integration and success of Manchester’s immigrants. https://welcomingnh.org/Manchester/