



JULY E-NEWS

SEE WHAT YOUR FRIENDS AT IIB HAVE BEEN UP TO

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

This year, we have almost doubled our numbers in international delegates hosted through the [International Visitor Leadership Program](#) from last year. We've also diversified our programs, hosting on the topics of Disability Advocacy, Climate Change and Clean Energy, and Good Governance and Anti-Corruption. We are happy that we have the chance to introduce the world to Buffalo, and Buffalo to the world -showcasing our industry strengths and multicultural environment. A huge thank you to everyone who helps us with our programs!



From left to right: French Parliamentarian Mr. Eduardo Rihan-Cypel meets with Congressman Brian Higgins; Delegates from Kyrgyzstan meeting with Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz

Upcoming international delegations: "Combating Trafficking in Persons" a multi-regional project for Laos, Zambia, Latvia, Kenya, Gambia, Norway, Oman, and Slovakia (8/15-20); "Border Trade Issues," a project for Bangladesh and India (9/1-5); "Water Resource Management," a project for Turkmenistan (9/20-24)

CH-CH-CH-CHANGES

Lots of changes in the [Refugee and Employment Services program](#) here at IIB!

Mariya Ohulchanska, former Case Manager, has left IIB to teach ESL in Korea. Anne Bonfiglio, Case Manager, will be leaving to pursue law school. Caitlin Lanigan, Medical Advocate, will be leaving us to travel to Botswana Africa with the Peace Corps. Kristen Hibit has left IIB to work for the Department of Labor as an immigrant workforce specialist. Thank you for all you have done!



New and transitioning members of the Resettlement and Employment team: (left to right) Kayla Collins, Ali Aljebori, Caitlin Lanigan, Michael McQuade, Jennifer Peterson, Kristen Hibit,

Current staffing changes include 5+ year employee Michael McQuade moving over to full time Resettlement Case Manager. He previously was our PT Resources Coordinator. Another long term employee Erik Nevius, will now be taking on the Resources Coordinator position in addition to his role as Community Liaison. Jennifer Peterson will be moving from her current Resettlement Case Manager position to a newly created/funded part time position doing Medical Advocacy while pursuing her Masters degree.

Also, welcome to our newest members of the Resettlement team! Ali Aljebori, our newest Case Manager, has been working with IIB as an interpreter and community leader. Kayla Collins has joined our Employment team as a Case Manager, bringing with her experience from VIVE, where she interned in the legal department. Mary Sullivan is our new Opportunity Corps member working in Employment, providing financial literacy and employment support to all clients. Marie Schuster has joined our team as a resettlement case manager, bringing along her experience working as an advocate and case manager for undocumented refugees in Hamburg, Germany. And, last but not least, Chris Mathias will be joining the IIB family as our newest Employment Services Coordinator, bringing with him a diverse background in employment and the refugee population.

While we are sad to say goodbye to old friends, we are excited about the changes they will make in the world, and we look forward to our newest team members making changes in the lives of IIB's clients!

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT ROUNDTABLE



IIB has hosted 2 regional Refugee and Immigrant Roundtables on June 13th and July 25th. The goal behind the roundtable is to bring together immigrant communities, immigrant serving organizations, and those organizations who wish to work with immigrants in order to share interests and activities, and find opportunities to increase impact.

Issues discussed so far include how to improve immigrant connections to education, legal services, mental health and parenting, public safety, local government, and language access. Participants include Buffalo's Office for New Americans, Catholic Charities, Jericho Road, Jewish Family Services, and Journey's End Refugee Services. Our last meeting also included the New York Immigration Coalition, who is developing a statewide advocacy agenda for immigrants in Albany.

The next meeting is October 17 from 10am-12pm -- all are welcome!

WELCOMING ECONOMIES GLOBAL NETWORK CONFERENCE

IIB's Executive Director Eva Hassett, Refugee and Employment Services Director Denise Beehag, and Ba Zan Lin from the Burmese Community Support Center traveled to Dayton, OH in July for the Welcoming Economies Global Network Conference, where they presented their work in and across ethnic communities in Buffalo.

The [Welcoming Economies \(WE\) Global Network](#) is comprised of more than twenty regional economic development initiatives from across the Midwest working to tap into the economic development opportunities created by immigrants.



IIB Exec. Dir. Eva Hassett speaking at the WE Global Network Conference

INDIAN COOKING CLASS

Many thanks to our cooks for last month's cooking class: UB Fulbright Scholars Dr. Ramasamy Mayil Murugan and Dr. Shruti Trivedi, as well as Dr. Trivedi's husband, Dr. Vivek Gupta. They shared with us some of the culture of both north and south India. It was hugely educational, and very enjoyable!



INTERPRETER TRAINING

We are excited to announce our annual training for legal interpreters: **"Interpreting in a Legal Setting."** It will take place on **Saturday, August 15th from 8:30am - 4:30pm** at the International Institute of Buffalo. This training is open to current and prospective interpreters, and it will cover the the fundamentals of interpreting in the legal field.

Topics will include:

- Court and justice system structure
- The importance of a court interpreter
- New York State court system
- Interpreting for law firms
- How to build skills as a court interpreter
- & more

Registration deadline is **August 7, 2015**. [Register here!](#) For further inquiries, e-mail us at languageservicesassistant@iibuff.org.

WE NEED INTERPRETERS!

We are looking for individuals who are interested in working as independent contract interpreters and translators. We seek candidates who are proficient in English and another language, have a minimum of high school education, and are eager to provide their skills as professional interpreters and/or translators to work in various settings such as schools, hospitals, and courts. We are hiring for the following languages:

Dutch*, Grebo, Japanese, Kachin, Karen*, Karenni, Korean, Nepali (legal), Rohingya, Somali (legal), Swahili (legal), and Vietnamese.

*For these languages, we need interpreters (spoken) and translators (written).

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Yelp Without Borders will be held Sunday, August 23rd from 5:30 - 8:30pm at the International Institute of Buffalo. Yelp Without Borders combines international cuisine and entertainment, and the proceeds from this year's event will support our next edition of the Map for Adventurous Eaters! Admission is FREE, but you will be given the opportunity to contribute to Buffalo's best culinary map. Check our website, Facebook page, and Yelp for additional details next week!

BUFFALO WITHOUT BORDERS

DON'T FORGET! EARLY BIRD PRICING FOR BWB EXPIRES AFTER AUGUST 14TH!

Everybody mark your calendars for **Buffalo Without Borders (BWB) 2015** -- one of Buffalo's premier events! This year it will be held **November 5, 2015** from **6:00 - 9:00pm** at the Hotel @ the Lafayette.

What is Buffalo Without Borders? It's Buffalo. It's the quintessential celebration of a community that has always grown through diversity and inclusiveness. *And of course, it tastes great, too!* Join us for a night of **food** that is exotic and familiar,

entertainment that will transport you around the world and back in time, and an international market that will give you a head-start on the holidays!

Early Bird tickets are \$35 each until August 15th, or until they're sold out.

Remember, *BWB has sold out the last two years* -- and with Early Bird Pricing, we expect it to sell out sooner than ever! After August 15th (or once the Early Bird tickets are sold out), admission will be \$40. Tickets: iibuff.org/bwb.

For more information on the event and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Brian Brown-Cashdollar, Director of Development, at (716) 883-1900 x303, or bbc@iibuff.org.



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WE GLOBAL NETWORK NEWS

As a member organization of [Welcoming Economies \(WE\) Global Network](#), we will now be showcasing [WE Global Network news](#) in our monthly E-News! Check out this section to get up to date on how local economic and community development across the Rust Belt region welcome, retain, and empower immigrant communities as valued contributors to the region's shared prosperity.



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