

Safe & Inclusive Communities

Our Safe & Inclusive Communities Initiative takes a holistic, community-wide approach to building welcoming, safe, and inclusive rural communities where everyone can feel a sense of belonging, participate meaningfully, and thrive.

**CREATING INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING, AND EQUITABLE RURAL, REMOTE,
AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ACROSS CANADA.**

OUR SERVICES

The Safe & Inclusive Communities team specializes in helping rural communities, municipalities, and organizations by identifying and addressing barriers to inclusion, strengthening relationships across diverse populations, and building local capacity to foster belonging for all.



**CAPACITY BUILDING
(WORKSHOPS &
TRAINING)**



**COMMUNITY-BASED
RESEARCH**



**INTEGRATING &
RETAINING NEWCOMERS**



**SAFETY & WELL-
BEING PLANS**



NEEDS ASSESSMENTS



**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**Contact us to explore how we can help
your community!**

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BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH SAFE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

- **Community-Focused Integration & Belonging:** We support the broader community in preparing for successful newcomer attraction, integration, and long-term retention – building stronger, more inclusive spaces together.
- **Rural-Specific Tools & Training:** Customized resources for small-town municipalities, employers, and service providers – not one-size-fits-all solutions.
- **Practical, Sustainable Strategies:** Community-informed solutions that are realistic, impactful, and built to last.
- **Welcoming Spaces Where Families Thrive:** Our initiative helps create rural spaces into safe, welcoming environments where residents and their families can build thriving personal and professional lives.

Resources

- Building Rural Community Champions to Welcome, Attract, Retain and Motivate Newcomers Project: What We Heard Report
- Guidebook for Housing Providers Supporting Ukrainian Evacuees in Alberta
- Handbook for Ukrainian Newcomers in Alberta
- Rural Employers' Awareness on Diversity and Inclusion (READI) Toolkit

Download on our website:

<https://ruraldevelopment.ca/resources>



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