

OUTREACH AMBASSADOR FAQ



Seattle United for Immigrants and Refugees

A Citizenship Mega-Workshop hosted by:
Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
New Citizen Campaign partners

Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Exhibition Hall in Seattle Center

What is Seattle United for Immigrants and Refugees? Many in our communities are fearful and worried about their future. Many feel marginalized by the current national political environment. Here in Seattle, we stand united with our immigrant and refugee communities.

On Inauguration Day, we sent a message of support to our communities by hosting a large event where we provided free legal services and information to those who were uncertain about their future. On February 3, 2018, we will unite again to provide citizenship assistance and legal services. We hope you will join us.

What is a mega-workshop? This is a unique opportunity that makes available immigration advice and citizenship assistance to people in need. Our 750 volunteer attorneys, legal experts, interpreters, and general volunteers will be ready to help **over 1,000 immigrants and refugees**.

Experts will help eligible green card holders with their citizenship applications. Volunteer attorneys will be able to provide legal advice. Interpreters will assist people in their preferred language.

Why is it important for me or my organization to join Seattle United for Immigrants and Refugees? Our communities are at risk, and citizenship offers protection from deportation. For those not eligible for citizenship, we can make sure they get the legal advice they need. If you have been asking yourself what you can do to help, this is one important way you can.

Why citizenship services? Over 100,000 green card holders (legal permanent residents) live in Seattle-King County. Many of them are eligible to become citizens but have not applied. The process can be confusing, the application fee is high, and people cannot afford lawyers.

Why is it important to become a U.S. citizen? Being a U.S. citizen allows you to vote and fully participate in the democratic process. Overseas travel to visit family is much easier with

a U.S. passport. You are eligible for public benefits, grants, and college scholarships. Most importantly, citizenship offers protection from deportation.

Who is eligible for U.S. citizenship? You need to be a green card holder (legal permanent resident) for 5 years, (or 3 years if you obtained your green card through marriage), and you must be at least 18 years old.

What about immigrants who aren't eligible for citizenship? We encourage all immigrants of any status to come to the mega-workshop. For instance, it is possible that some immigrants may qualify for relief and not know it. Volunteer attorneys will be there to provide immigration legal consultations.

Where is the mega-workshop? It will take place at Exhibition Hall at Seattle Center: 301 Mercer St, Seattle, WA 98109

What is a Seattle United Outreach Ambassador? YOU can be a Seattle United Outreach Ambassador! This means that you and/or your organization agrees to help us reach our goal of 1,000 eligible green card holders so we can help them become new citizens and provide immigration consultations to those who are not eligible. It also means that you agree to help us spread/share information to immigrant communities so they come prepared.

If you are the type of person with deep connections in your community or are the leader of a community organization, please consider helping the Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs by acting as a Seattle United Outreach Ambassador!

What does this ambassador role look like? This means you and/or your organization will commit to sharing information with your networks about the mega-workshop and how to come prepared with necessary documents. It is that simple! **Also, Seattle United Outreach Ambassadors will receive a special mention on the event web page.**

Is funding available for my organization to do outreach? We cannot sponsor or compensate Outreach Ambassadors to participate in the campaign. We have a limited budget for contracted partners who provide citizenship services and have been actively engaged in planning this huge event. Seattle United for Immigrants and Refugees is built on a mission: to improve the lives of Seattle's immigrant and refugee residents. Please join us in this mission. Together, we can make a difference.

Where can I get more information? Please contact Elsa Batres-Boni at elsa.batres-boni@seattle.gov or (206) 727-8819.

OUTREACH AMBASSADOR PARTNER FORM

Seattle United for Immigrants and Refugees



Seattle
Office of Immigrant
and Refugee Affairs

Yes! I/My organization wants to collaborate with the Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) to support the Seattle United for Immigrants and Refugees Mega-Workshop. Together, we can help over 1,000 immigrants become new citizens or provide legal advice to those who need it.

Individual/Organization Name

Please write the individual/organization's name as you wish for it to be acknowledged on OIRA's website.

Organization's Lead Person (OIRA's Point of Contact)

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Our organization commits to helping as an Outreach Ambassador and will distribute information about the event in the following ways *(please check all that apply)*:

- ☐ Personally invite friends and family to attend the mega-workshop.
- ☐ In December 2017 and January 2018, share information about the mega-workshop in a newsletter/e-newsletter/blog post/website.
- ☐ In December 2017 and January 2018, share information about the mega-workshop on social media.
- ☐ Send an email to our members/customers/constituents with a link to the mega-workshop web page.
- ☐ Distribute flyers and posters at events/meetings/conferences.
- ☐ Ask the members of my congregation/place of worship to attend the mega-workshop.
- ☐ Other *(please describe)*: _____

We need the following outreach materials:

FLYERS *(please write the number needed)* _____

POSTERS *(please write the number needed)* _____

- ☐ We will pick up outreach materials from OIRA's office *(see below for the physical address)*.
- ☐ We will need materials delivered to our address: _____

Please return this form to Elsa Batres-Boni by emailing elsa.batres-boni@seattle.gov or physically to: 700 5th Ave, Suite 1628, 16th Floor, Seattle, WA 98124 or mail to: PO Box 94573, Seattle, WA 98124.

For more information, please call (206) 727-8819. Thank you!