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Invites you to a presentation on Webinar, January 26, 11:00 a.m.

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“Immigration Today: Myths and Facts”



The United States has the largest immigrant population of any country in the world. The U.S. foreign-born population reached a record 44.8 million in 2018, 13.7% of the nation’s population. Many myths and misconceptions about the influence of immigrants on the American way of life abound. The economic social, and political impact of immigration has become a source of great controversy. How do immigrants affect communities, job markets, standards of living, crime levels, voting behavior and other issues?

Anka Badurina, the Executive Director of the non-profit Stamford organization Building One Community (B1C) will explore the myths and misconceptions that surround immigration and the profound implications they have on the daily lives of so many immigrants in Fairfield County. She

will frame this complex issue in both a local context and also with consideration of the painful realities back home that explain some of the reasons so many choose to make the perilous migration journey. Finally, she will offer an insider view of the role of service organizations as they help immigrants and their families integrate into the larger community during a time with added challenges posed by a global pandemic.

Anka joined Building One Community in 2015, an organization dedicated to advancing the successful integration of immigrants and their families. Since its inception, B1C has served over 10,400 immigrants from 102 different countries, providing free services that educate, employ, empower, and engage immigrants and the broader community. Programs offered include ELL (English Language Learner) programs, family and individual support services, immigration legal services, and workforce development programs.

Born in Venezuela, Anka is multilingual and has a deep understanding of diverse cultures, having lived in Venezuela, Mexico, the U.S., Canada, Japan, Spain, and the U.K. She has an undergraduate degree in modern languages, an M.A. in Commerce, and a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Kyoto University. She taught marketing communications and brand promotion at the Tecnológico de Monterrey Business School and served as Chief Communications Officer for the Ministry of Security and Safety, Queretaro State Government in Mexico. She is also an accomplished scuba diver and certified yoga instructor, but above all loves to spend time with her husband and two kids in nature.

Next week, February 2: Steve Katz, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Healthcare Policy and Management, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and President and Certified Manager of Sterling Care, "**Successfully Aging at Home and in Our Community.**"

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