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Pittsburgh Connector Program to Expand Professional Networks for Foreign-Born Community Members

Pittsburgh, PA: Join us June 7, 2018 for the launch of the Pittsburgh Connector Program, as part of [All for All](#)'s focus on building capacity to support immigrant inclusion in our region. The Pittsburgh Connector Program is modeled after the [Halifax Connector Program](#) launched nearly a decade ago and now [replicated across Canada](#). In the U.S., versions of the program have been adopted in Detroit and St. Louis. The Pittsburgh Connector Program will focus on foreign-born community members and will utilize an online platform to directly track alignment and impact between Connectors in high-demand industries and Connectees. Through a one-time meeting, Connectors will open doors to Connectees so that they can better navigate local opportunities.

Who: Connectees are un/underemployed foreign-born community members – immigrants, refugees, and international students – who have some professional experience, but lack a network in their field of interest. Connectors are established Pittsburgh professionals working in the region's high-demand industries including healthcare, finance, engineering, and technology.

Speakers include:

- Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive
- Fredrick Thiemen, J.D., Civic Leadership Chair Buhl Foundation & All for All Co-Chair (Emcee)
- Robyn Webb, Director, Halifax Partnership
- Audrey Russo, President & CEO, Pittsburgh Technology Council
- Andrew Moore, Ph.D., Dean, Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science
- Ellen Freeman, J.D., Partner-in-Charge, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP
- Tarek Domat, Syrian Healthcare Professional
- Betty Cruz, Director, All for All

When: Thursday, June 7, 2018, 11AM-11:30AM

Where: Nova Place/Alloy 26 in the plaza behind Federal Galley, 100 South Commons, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 – in case of rain, we will relocate to the auditorium onsite