

May 26, 2022

Dear Barron County Business and Community Leaders:

You and your colleagues, friends, and family are cordially invited to join the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire – Barron County and Immigrant Advocates of Barron County in honoring World Refugee Day on Monday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall on the UW-EC/BC campus. The event is free and open to all.

We will begin with an open house: Building a Welcoming Community. If your organization has services or opportunities designed to improve the quality of life for vulnerable families in Barron County, whether newly-arrived or long-time residents, please share your efforts with those attending. Contact Bea Evans at beaevans2@gmail.com to reserve a table in the event entry area. This is a non-partisan event, and we welcome groups with diverse views and perspectives that share the goal of fostering connection and mutual understanding among those groups and within our community.

At 7 p.m., we will be screening the film *Inside My Heart*, which follows the struggles and triumphs of refugee families from Syria and Afghanistan. Afterwards, we will discuss the film and its connections to our own area as a haven for refugee families in the past, and perhaps in the future, as well as the benefits and challenges in welcoming those fleeing from war and persecution.

If you are unable to attend in person but would like to participate, if you have questions about the event, or if you would like more flyers, please contact nancy@immigrantadvocatesbc.org . For those who are interested in viewing the film and discussion virtually, information on the zoom link is noted below.

Topic: World Refugee Day Event

Time: Jun 20, 2022 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j/91476352416>

Meeting ID: 914 7635 2416

Find your local number: <https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/u/ap0HtZfP8>

Thank you in advance for spreading the word about World Refugee Day 2022.