

& BREAD BORDERS

**EXPLORING FEARS, FACTS
& IMPACTS ABOUT REFUGEE
CLAIMANTS IN MANITOBA**

A RESOURCE FOR ENGAGING IN MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE

Prepared by the Refugee Public Awareness Coalition (Manitoba)

Origins of the Refugee Public Awareness Coalition

Myths & Misconceptions

1. Refugees are **weakening Canadian identity**.
2. Refugees who cross the border without going to an official port of entry must be charged for **breaking the law**.
3. Refugee claimants are a **threat to our security**.
4. Refugees are an **economic burden**, and a drain on our social programs.
5. Refugee claimants are **queue jumpers**.
6. Canada is being **overwhelmed by refugees**.
7. The **United States is a safe** country for refugees.
8. We should **help those who live here first** instead of helping refugee claimants.

Testing and Refining

- Building Bridges Conference
- Public Educational Events
- Workplaces
- Meetings
- Schools
- Gretna
- Friends
- Family
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Using the Toolkit



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Refugee Experience Speakers Bureau

“People think that stories are shaped by people. In fact, it is the other way around” – Terry Pratchett

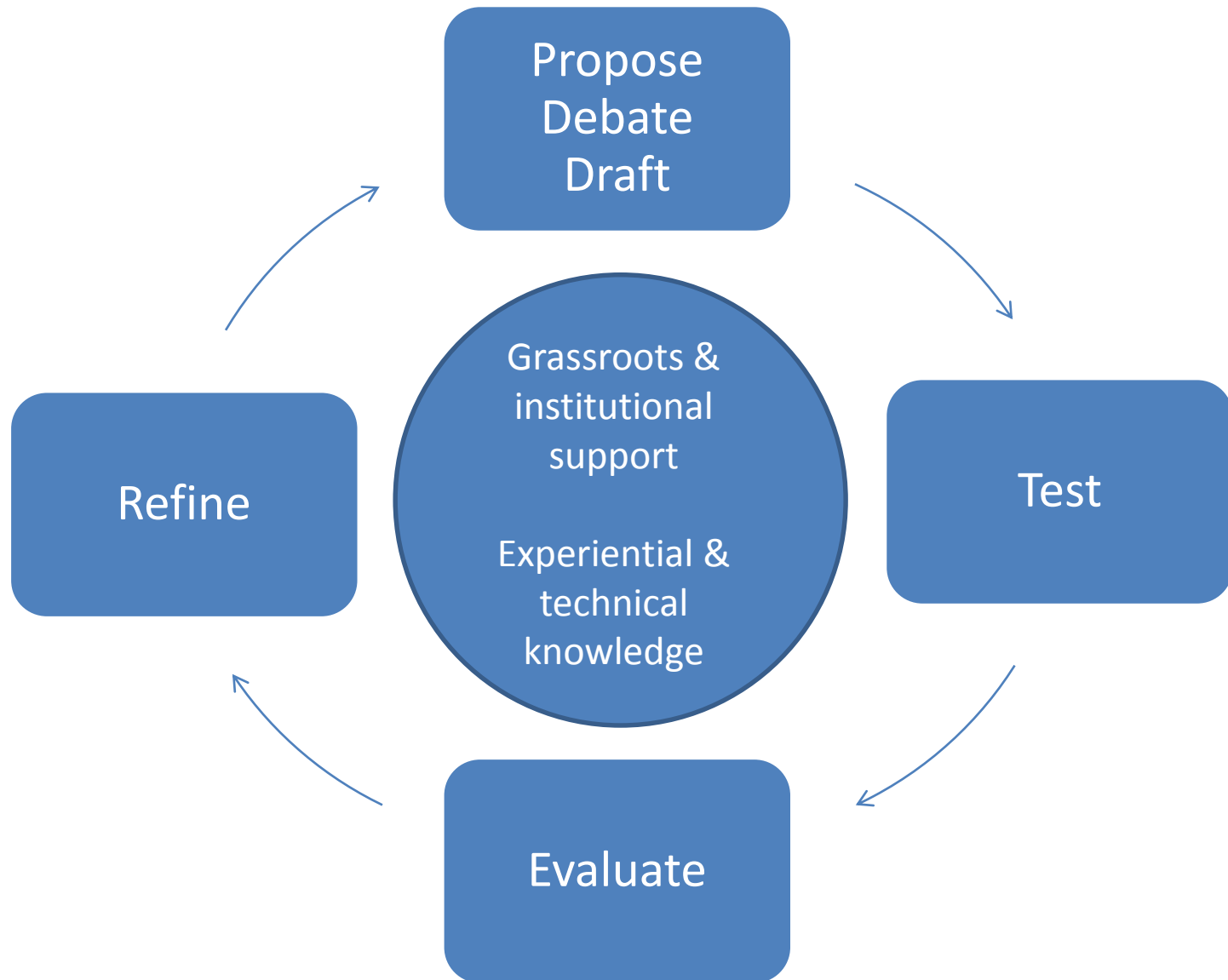


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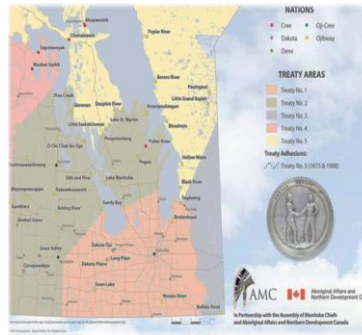


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Key Factors in the Development



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Territorial Acknowledgement & Indigenous Solidarity

Adult Education Principles

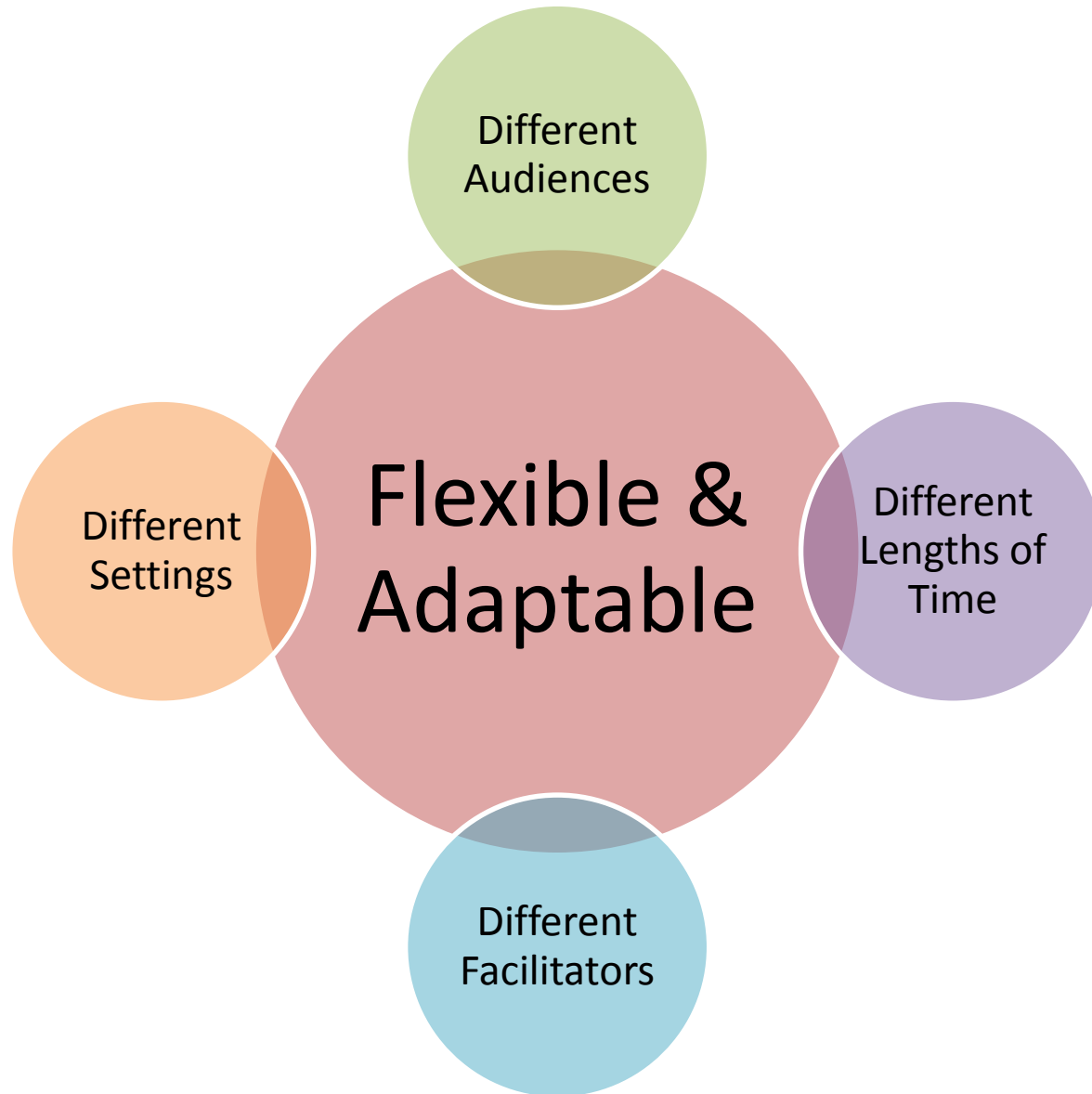


Conflict Resolution Principles

Meaningful Avenues for Action



Making it User Friendly



Who is Accessing and Asking About the Toolkit?



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- Media
- Altona
- School Division
- Morden
- Public Safety and Public Health Agency
Canada staff
- Board Training/Orientation
- Steinbach
- Civil Service
- Human Rights Advocates
- Religious Institutions
- Post Secondary Educators
- Business Leaders
- Settlement Sector
- Community Development Sector
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