

Rural-Urban Relations: Building Alliances (8 suggestions)

3. Integrate strangers

Immigration will play an increasingly important role in Canada's future. At this point most of them go to urban areas. But we know that once a link is established, it paves the way for others to follow, bringing skills, new ideas, and new opportunities. A major challenge is to create a welcoming community with services and facilities that support new cultures.

Example of community integration:

Several times a year, the people of Cap-St-Ignace host a community dinner to welcome newcomers to their village. One family from the village is designated to be 'Godparents' for each new family. The Godparents visit with the newcomers, learn a bit about their history and culture, take them to the dinner, and invite them to the community.

