



MAP INFORMATION WORKING GROUP (WORLD REFUGEE DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday April 26, 2019 1pm at MOSAIC: 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver

Attendees: Jenny Moss (MAP); Katherine Griffin (MOSAIC); Marissa (MAP); Maryam Torabizadeh (Kiwassa); Sadiq (Kinbrace volunteer); Lama Olabi (Rainbow Refugee); Mariana Martinez Vieyra (VAST); Sara Lopez (VAST); Claudia Buendia (MSDPR)

Chairs: Katherine / Jenny

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Agenda: **Approved**
- April 12 Minutes: **Approved**

- **UPDATES**
 - **World Refugee Day Event Program** (copies available)
 - Film update: will not be screening Soufra on WRD
 - But VPL very open to partnering for an event including the film/dinner at a future date
 - Rainbow Refugee update: cannot commit to any events during the day, but possible in the evening
 - Evening event (Starting Over and panel): venue will *not* be provided by VPL, instead will use Vancity funding to book rooms accommodating 150 people (\$300)
 - Will need to arrange for a projector
 - VPL has added events to the online calendar:
[https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=types:\(53e94eba1fdd7868020058cc\)](https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=types:(53e94eba1fdd7868020058cc))
 - **Honoraria:** will depend on budget and number of speakers/musicians
 - **VPL partnership events (and one other)**
 - **New Speakers Confirmed**
 - **What's happening elsewhere –**
 - Abbotsford – Chamber of Commerce lunch on WRD itself (Inasmuch); MCC leading annual Saturday June 22 event (also celebrates 40 years as SAH)
 - Vancity (still deciding whether to do an event in Vancouver, but no film this year)
 - Surrey “Standing Together” 4 – 6pm (on WRD itself)
 - Burnaby – BPL / BLIP / ISSofBC event: 7 – 9pm at BPL.
- **GETTING ORGANIZED – TEAMS/ROLES – WHAT'S INVOLVED**
 1. **Proclamation**
(Mayor's Office – VPL liaison – Elder – 1 claimant speaker – Jenny)
 - Jenny has applied for Proclamation
 - Jenny has requested Mayor; no response yet
 - Jenny has invited entire Council to attend (Jean Swanson and Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung have RSVP'd positively)
 - Fran/Mariana suggestions: Jenny Kwan; Spencer Chandra-Herbert; Jody Wilson-Raybould etc
 - **Elder:** Jenny will reach out to her daughter's contact in Downtown Eastside

- Mariana suggestion: Foundation of Hope Elder as an option as well
- **Refugee Claimant Speaker:** Mariana suggestion (Justin Negara: RC from Indonesia identifying as LGBTQ+; currently living on the Island);
Maryam's suggestion: _____
Lama's suggestion _____
- **Please send suggestions via email to Jenny**
- **Must be approved as Protected/Convention/PR**

- **Emcee at Proclamation:** possibly Mariana/Saleem

2. **Marketplace Tables:** 11 am – 2pm (*Coordination*)

- **Claudia will coordinate** (Jenny will send out email template)

3. **'Walk with Me':** 11 am – 2pm

(*liaise with IRCC, CBSA, IRB, LSS, settlement, health and housing providers etc.*)

- **Marissa, Claudia, Jenny → and possibly Faith will coordinate**
- Lama request to Jenny: please send Rainbow Refugee details so that committee can develop LGBTQ+ scenarios

4. **'Starting Over':** 11 – 12:30 and 6:30 – 8:00 pm / 7:00 – 8:30pm

(*liaise with speakers, arrange emcee, topics etc.*)

NOTE: Probable panel discussion on LGBTQ+ issues following evening event hosted by Rainbow.

- **Debated morning session (11-12:30) → 3 speakers instead**
- **Lama, Katherine, Sara will coordinate**
- **Sara will emcee panel following evening event**
- **Task: contact and confirm speakers**

5. **'Canada's Refugee Law in troubling times'** a panel discussion with refugee lawyers 1pm – 2pm.

(*Speakers - mostly confirmed; topic development, logistics*)

- **Peter Edelmann and Lobat Sadrehashemi confirmed**
- Fran/Mariana: suggested Molly Joeck; Amanda Aziz; Ramin Joubin; etc
- Lama: suggested LGBTQ+ claims lawyers → Rob Hughes; Kay ?; etc.
- **Mariana will coordinate (Sadiq interested in supporting too)**

6. **'Our Lives in Music'** – a concert by 'refugee' musicians. 2:30 – 4pm.

(*Book musicians – create a program, logistics*)

- Possible referral of musician (Vancouver Island) from Alexandra Dawley
- **More musicians needed**
- **No coordinator yet ?**

7. **Refugee Quiz** – 11 am – 2pm in same room as Walk with Me

(*Organize quiz game and resources*)

- **Sent by UNHCR (Azadeh) → too much myth-busting focus, so we will instead design our own**
- **Fran, Marissa, and Sadiq will design a quiz (no focus on stats)**
- **Small prizes**

8. **Human Library:** 11 am – 2pm in same room as Walk with Me

(*currently in discussion with HL coordinator*)

- **Human Library doesn't currently have any refugees → lost contact after UNHCR left**
 - Jenny has spoken to Frank at VAST about potentially taking on agency role
 - **Waiting to hear back from HL Coordinator → will give timeline of 2 weeks**

9. **Already confirmed:**

- **New Visual Artists in Canada Exhibition & Sale** – Fran Gallo

- Fran is away; Ahmad from VAST has volunteered to support on day of
- 2 artists confirmed so far (**Lama and Mariana will send more suggestions to Fran**)

General Roles:

- **Promotions** (*Eventbrite? Social Media? Media Communications? Image for posters?*)
 - VPL will design and provide us with a poster
 - **Marissa** will take lead on promotions → Eventbrite; posters; social media (Jenny will connect Marissa and Thanh (MPNH) from 2018 WRD)
 - **Image:** Marissa will search stock images → Deadline – next week
 - **** VPL will not promote evening event ****
- **Logistics and Coordination**
 - Jenny
- **Volunteer support** (*refreshments, Green Room, checking in, street promotions*)
 - **Savleen (potentially – she coordinated this last year)**
- **Special Invitations**
 - Katherine
- Anything else?
 - **Photography:** Sadiq
 - ****will have photo policy to ensure that everyone is comfortable**
 - **MAP Badges and VPL Badges**
 - **Security provided by VPL**

Next meeting: Friday May 10th 1:00 pm; Location TBD

Closing: 3pm