



MAP INFORMATION WORKING GROUP
(WORLD REFUGEE DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE)

Minutes

Friday May 24, 2019 1:30pm at MOSAIC

Present: Marissa DeWeerd (MAP), Sadiq Mohibi (Kinbrace/VAST volunteer), Sireen El-Nashar (Zaytuna), Claudia Buendia (MSDPR), Jenny Moss (MAP), Lama Olabi (Rainbow Refugee), Fran Gallo (Kinbrace)

By phone: Mariana Martinez Vieyra (VAST); Sara Lopez (VAST), Maryam Torabizadeh (Kiwassa NH)

Chair: Jenny Moss

- Welcome
- Regrets: Katherine Griffin (co-chair)
- Reviewed and approved the Agenda
- Reviewed and approved May 10th, 2019 Minutes

World Refugee Day Event Discussion: Review program, roles, responsibilities and progress to date

- Topics of the discussion were guided by the “World Refugee Day Working Teams and Next Steps as of May 24” chart updated by Jenny

1. Promotion of WRD Event:

- Discussion about VanCity logo on the VPL poster because Vancity is the principle external funder of the event. Once decided the poster will be distributed for posting and distribution.
- Marissa will send Jenny the e-mail draft that will accompany the poster. She has also created an announcement for Facebook.
- We will promote each activity at WRD individually on social media, as there are a number of elements in the program
- Marissa has created a Google Doc that we can refer to, to allow us to know who has already been contacted for promotions.
- Marissa has created an Instagram account which will be made with a MAP e-mail so that it can be used for future events.
- The Eventbrite announcement will be on the website and sent out to the MAP e-mail list. And shared beyond.
- A media advisory will be sent out closer to the date. Bahar has offered to push the event out. Jenny will send Marissa last year's media advisory.
- Marissa will look in to how to get announcements into local newspapers (Georgia Strait, Courier, The Province, Buzznews, etc), checking deadlines

and formats, etc. The Province is also able to put announcements on their website. Send any ideas of where to send the advisory to Marissa.

2. Information Marketplace on the Promenade:

- Claudia indicated we have 29 tables reserved. Each agency will have their name printed on a paper which will be taped to their assigned table on the day of the event.
- Claudia needs to know who needs power on the day of the event.
- There was discussion of whether agencies need to work with claimants to participate in this segment of the event. Mothers Matter would like to participate.
- Jenny will follow up to find out if the government agencies want tables.

3. Walk With Me:

- Scenarios have been sent to the participants. We are still awaiting confirmation of participation from IRCC and CBSA.
- A walk through of the event is scheduled for June 10th 3pm – 4pm.

4. Starting Over (am):

- 1 speaker was confirmed by Sireen for the morning event.
- Mariana asks that in order to ensure diversity on the panel we should not confirm until we know who the possible candidates are.
- Sireen will check in to see what format the speakers would like to use for their presentations.
- It was suggested that we ask each participant to provide an image relevant/important to them to project during their presentation.

5. Starting Over (pm):

- It was agreed that people who have not yet received a decision on their claim should not be on the panels.
- We need a balanced, diverse panel.
- Two panelists are prepped and ready. All participants need to be confirmed and prepped.
- Azadeh sent a UNHCR video, which we will use during this event. Fran and Lama will check on availability of projectors.
- Rainer will present his art exhibit #BreakTheStigma at the event. Fran will check if he wants to sell his other art in the morning. Rainer would like to use the MAP logo on his event announcements. Jenny will tell him that he can, for this event only.
- Emcee has not yet been confirmed, possibly Sharalyn Jordan?
- Mariana and Lama will follow up confirming participants

6. Refugee Lawyer's Panel:

- Everything is in place, lawyers are confirmed. Mariana will send the questions to the lawyers once Sadiq has signed off. (Rob, Lobat and Peter)

7. New Visual Artists:

- Artists will be told to help themselves to food in the green room. No eating elsewhere

-Fran will speak to Ahmad to let him know that he should be available to meet and greet artists.

8. Refugee Quiz:

-Ready to go. Sadiq will man this table. Fran will provide him with prizes and quizzes in advance of WRD.

9. Our Lives in Music:

-Jenny has been overwhelmed with the responses and has musicians lined up. Thanks to Ana Maria Bustamante (Burnaby LIP) for providing musician contacts.

10. Proclamation:

-Council woman Rebecca Bligh will read the proclamation as the Deputy Mayor

11. Volunteer Support and Refreshments:

-Jenn will get in touch with Savleen to discuss the budget
-Jenn will make stickers to enable identification of volunteers
-Jenn will reach out to agencies to recruit day of the event volunteers
-Fran will contact CCR to find out if they still have "I Support Refugees" stickers available

12. Budget:

-Jenn asks that all committee members let her know if there are costs involved in the programs they are working on.
-Costs that we are aware of:
+speakers will receive \$100 honorariums
+the elder will receive \$200
+musicians, claimant speaker at proclamation, interpreter and refreshments will also require funding

Next meeting: On Monday, June 10th before rehearsal (TBC)

Meeting closed: 3:45pm