



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? That's a common question nowadays and one that MAP wants to focus on during the pandemic and the unrest caused by overt and covert racism – providing support through online MAP meetings, information and a friendly check in. We will keep you up to date with any changes to refugee claimant services as they happen - and ask if you have information that you would like to share with MAP that you let us know (info@mapbc.org).

Summer is upon us!

As we welcome the summer months and the chance of a bit of relaxation MAP is also switching gears:

- No summer MAP meetings! We will see you back again on September 24
- Housing Working Group meetings are also on hold – unless otherwise informed!
- There will be just 2 bulletins a month: July 1, 15, 29, August 12 & 26. Please note these dates for your submissions.
- But we haven't disappeared! Send your questions, updates, news etc. to info@mapbc.org and we will respond (if a bit more slowly!)

A sad goodbye!

MAP said **Thank You** to **Mariana Martinez Vieyra (VAST)** as she stepped down from her role as MAP co-chair after 2 years. We are all so grateful to Mariana for always putting refugee claimants at the center of our discussions and advocating justice and equity at MAP. And at the same time we welcome **Jenny Lam (Options)** who is our new co-chair with **Richard Belcham (inasmuch)**. Jenny has been shadowing the co-chairs at MAP Executive meetings for many months and is ready to step up!

Happy summer everyone: Mariana, Richard, Jenny – and the other Jenny!

From Options:

If you have clients who would like more insight about a career as an **Accountant**, please direct them to register for this webinar. We have collaborated with CPABC and CRA to put together a very informative session to help provide guidance to all newcomers.

Please find attached both a JPEG and PDF format of the poster. The PDF has a clickable link which will direct registrant to the main event page. You will find all the required details and the zoom registration link on this page and attached in PDF.

Learn from the experts: Begin your career as an Accountant

Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM (duration approximately 2 hours)

Location: (Online) Zoom Meeting

Register: Please visit -

> <https://www.options.bc.ca/event/2815>

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- ◆ Licensing and certification required
- ◆ Entry level positions to begin career as an Accountant
- ◆ Reputable institutes to take upgrading or bridging courses
- ◆ Platforms for professional networking
- ◆ Process for joining a professional organization
- ◆ Training and volunteering opportunities
- ◆ Career change into accounting from another sector. Where can one start?
- ◆ Q & A session

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sheila Cheung:
Student Recruitment Officer with CPABC

Reshmeena Lalani (CPA, CA):
Team Leader of the Aggressive Tax Planning Dedicated Specialty Team at Canada Revenue Agency

Jessica Wong:
Strategic Recruitment Advisor with Canada Revenue Agency

THURSDAY 2 pm
July 9, 2020

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For more information contact:
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The IRIS Project

I am attaching a copy of our recruitment poster and presentation to share with the MAP group. We would love to hear from anyone that is interested in getting involved either as a partner or who could help us spread the word to potential participants. We are currently looking for participants who have had experiences as refugee claimants to balance out the perspectives we have been hearing and would be especially grateful for these referrals from the group.

All the best,
Shira, Mei-ling, and Elmira

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Call for Interview Participants

IRIS Study: Evaluating Inequities in Refugee and Immigrant Women's Sexual Health Access

Are you a woman who is a newcomer to Canada and between the ages 15 – 49?
We would be very interested in learning about your perspectives and experiences of accessing or attempting to access sexual and reproductive health services in Canada.

What does it involve?

- An in-depth interview lasting 1 – 2 hours
- Sharing your story to help inform policies and programs to better support immigrant and refugee women's health and access to care
- **A \$40 honorarium in appreciation for your time**

Your participation in this study is **entirely voluntary**. We are not affiliated with any immigration or government agency, and all information will be kept **confidential**.

How do you participate?

Contact the IRIS Project Coordinator directly at 604.369.4210 (text or call)
iris@cgshe.ubc.ca

Por favor contáctenos

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Please contact us

Additional languages available upon request

About us: We are a team from Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the Centre for Gender and Sexual Health Equity who are interested in understanding and improving immigrant and refugee women's health, wellbeing, and access to care. This is a community-based, qualitative study of access to sexual and reproductive health services for immigrant and refugee women in BC, which is being conducted in close collaboration with local, immigrant-serving organizations.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Shira Goldenberg (shira_goldenberg@sfu.ca)

Co-Principal Investigator: Dr. Ruth Lavergne (ruth_lavergne@sfu.ca)

Co-Principal Investigator: Dr. Mei-ling Wiedmeyer (meiLing.wiedmeyer@cgshe.ubc.ca)

Recently the Canadian Government announced the official launch of [Canada Student Service Grants](#) in the *I Want to Help platform* in response to the challenges both non-profits sectors and students are facing

[I Want to Help](#) is an online platform where Canadian students and recent graduates can find service opportunities to volunteer with not-for-profit and charity organizations during the COVID 19 pandemic. Participants who meet the eligibility criteria and complete their volunteer hours in a placement advertised on I Want to Help will be able to apply for the Canada Student Service Grant.

The **Canada Student Service Grant** rewards students between **\$1,000 (more than 100 hours of volunteering)** and **\$5,000 (more than 500 hours of volunteering)** for volunteering to help their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic **between June 25 and October 31, 2020**. Here is the quick flow of procedures:

1. Register your organization [here](#).
2. Create your first posting (the position needs to be a minimum of 2 hours a week for 4 weeks).
3. Train and mobilize volunteers.
4. Report the total number of volunteer hours no later than November 6th.

When you are already working with a student volunteer:

For students already volunteering, the organization fills out the job posting form, and indicates that they already have filled the position. Ask the student to create CSSG account, and when it's complete the CSSG placement manager connects the student with the organization in the system.

Even if the student has been working in the position prior to the day you posted the opportunity on CSSG website, the hours will be counted from the day the position was posted.

For more information, please see the [FAQ page](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please contact I Want to Help Platform Support Line at 1 (833) 521-0117 or support@iwanttohelp.org.

Here are some resources you may use to create and promote your virtual volunteer opportunities:

- [Virtual Volunteering](#)
- [CSSG Program Overview for Volunteers](#)
- [I Want to Help Video clip](#)

The Vancouver Plan team is seeking help from the Partnership (LIP) to engage your communities – to understand unique experiences, challenges, and learnings resulting from the pandemic, and to solicit ideas for what the City might do to support communities during this time. Feel free to reach out to Jason Hsieh directly (information below).

Warmest regards, Nadia (2 pages)

Message from the Vancouver Plan Team:

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well and commend you for your ongoing dedication to serve communities during these challenging past few months.

As you might recall from our March VIP convening, we presented on the Vancouver Plan engagement approach and sought the Partnership's advice and guidance on how to engage Vancouver's diverse communities on a citywide plan that will guide how the city grows and changes over the next thirty years.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff have needed to shift our engagement efforts – both in terms of how we are reaching community (through digital channels) and also to understand how the pandemic experience can inform our community recovery. **We are seeking your help to ensure that the voices of racialized communities, immigrants, newcomers, and refugees are represented.**

The City is seeking community input on two main topics:

- I. **[How has your life been impacted by the pandemic – in your community and neighbourhood?](#)** What have been your challenges? And what successes and learnings have you been finding?
- II. **[What could the City do in the coming months to make life better and help communities recover?](#)** What are your ideas for how we can create more resilient communities, and a more resilient city?



We are collecting input through the City's new interactive [Shape Your City website](#). The City has also translated information into five languages to aid involvement:

- Simplified Chinese: [共同规划温哥华](#)
- Traditional Chinese: [共同規劃溫哥華](#)
- Tagalog: [Sama-sama Nating Planuhin ang Vancouver](#)
- Vietnamese: [Cùng Nhau Hoạch Định Vancouver](#)
- Punjabi: [ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ ਲਈ ਰਲ ਕੇ ਵਿਉਂਤ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ](#)
- There is also a translate tool available on the page that provides support in additional languages – it isn't perfect but it should help.

In your role as community conveners and experts, we're seeking your help in several ways:

1. **Share your own ideas:** your personal and professional perspectives as resident, community organizer, and as someone who cares deeply about this place and its people. Please [visit the site](#), create an account, and add your ideas to the questions.
2. **Share this opportunity with community** – e.g. via e-mail or [repost on your social media channels](#) (here are links to posts on [Facebook](#) - [Instagram](#) - [Twitter](#)) or share our request with your community networks by e-mail.
3. **Partner with the City:** Do you have an idea on how we can more directly support involvement of your community members? We understand that relying on online engagement creates serious barriers to inclusion, so staff are looking to collaborate with you to address these barriers as best we can. We heard a number of great ideas that could still be mobilized or adapted to work under the current circumstances. Email us to get the conversation going!

Should you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to reach out to me directly at jason.hsieh@vancouver.ca or through our team e-mail, planningtogether@vancouver.ca.

Many thanks and we hope to hear from you soon,
Jason Hsieh and the rest of the Vancouver Plan Team.

Today, **Statistics Canada** released the results from **Impacts of COVID-19 – Trust in Others**, a crowdsourcing initiative that took place from May 26 to June 8. Thank you for helping us by promoting participation—over 36,000 people completed the questionnaire.

The results provide insights into [*Crowdsourcing participants' trust in government, public health authorities, businesses and others during the COVID-19 pandemic.*](#)

Statistics Canada recently introduced a new series: [COVID 19: Data insights for a better Canada](#), which features articles on various socio-economic aspects of the pandemic. Additional articles featuring the results from this crowdsourcing will be released in the coming days. If you are not already subscribed to our [Daily](#) releases, we encourage you to sign up for regular updates through [My StatCan](#), and to follow us on social media. You can consult the [COVID-19: A Data Perspective portal](#) on our website as well.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support in making this crowdsourcing a success.

If you have any questions about this release, please email us at statcan.infostats-infostats.statcan@canada.ca.

Thank you,

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Statistics Canada / Government of Canada

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Good Day,

Hope this finds you well.

Please find a link below to a video message from Premier John Horgan in Honour of **Multiculturalism Day**. Feel free to share with your networks.

<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/ApKOPoVefH>

Sincerely,

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Announcement from Legal Aid BC

Legal Aid BC has received confirmation of funding for the next year and has, accordingly, extended the contracts of counsel who have been acting for clients who are making refugee claims.

(See details attached)

Rod Holloway, Managing Lawyer, Appeals.
Legal aid BC (Legal Services Society)



Notice to Counsel

June 2020, #109

Extended Contract Service Dates

Immigration contracts and cases impacted by COVID-19

Immigration

Pursuant to the February 25, 2020 *What's New* posting, Legal Aid BC previously advised that due to funding uncertainty, active Immigration contracts were limited to a June 30, 2020 stop date. With funding now secured for this fiscal year, LABC has confirmed that all active Immigration contracts with stop dates prior to March 19, 2021 will be extended to March 19, 2021. A bill-by date of March 29, 2021 will apply to these Immigration contracts.

Cases impacted by COVID-19

Pursuant to the March 25, 2020 *Legal Aid Brief*, LABC advised that some contracts where the service stop date was between March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 would be extended to September 1, 2020 in order to accommodate the COVID-19 related delays in court processes. Due to ongoing court impacts, LABC will be extending contracts with stop dates between September 1, 2020 and November 12, 2020 to November 19, 2020. The bill-by date for all extended contracts will be March 29, 2021. This change will be reflected on your contract(s) shortly.

This change excludes the following contract types:

- All duty counsel;
- All Immigration;
- All limited representation;
- All show cause/bail hearing contracts.

NOTICE

Employers are required to develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan that outlines the policies, guidelines, and procedures they have put in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This tool will guide you through a six-step process to help you create your plan. The tool is provided as a fillable PDF you can download and save with the details of the plan for your workplace.

Please see the page below for the downloadable pdf in multiple languages.

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/checklist/covid-19-safety-plan?lang=en>

To: MAP Members:

Please note the following Capitol Project Grants <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/capital-project-grants>

These grants could be used for housing providers to create safe spaces within their facilities, for example: “to make modifications to facilities to support physical distancing, such as installing protective shields and barriers, kitchen reconfigurations, renovations to expand handwashing and hygiene stations”

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JOB Opportunity! POSITION DESCRIPTION

CROSS CULTURAL HEALTH BROKER – Umbrella Mobile Clinic



OVERVIEW:

The Umbrella Mobile Clinic is targeted to the unique needs of Spanish-speaking temporary foreign farm workers. The clinic operates in the Fraser Valley providing Spanish language medical, physiotherapy and health promotion services on a pop-up basis, either from a trailer converted into a medical clinic or in spaces donated by partner organizations. All team-members of the Umbrella Mobile Clinic must adhere to its principle of neutrality.

The Cross Cultural Health Broker is a unique role that serves the specialized population of racialized immigrants and refugees and is the basis of how Umbrella Co-op fulfills its mission to provide accessible health services to those who experience language and cultural barriers

CCHBs work to meet the unique health and wellness needs of the ethno-cultural communities Umbrella Co-op serves along the continuum of settlement, integration and social inclusion. CCHBs are bilingual and bicultural individuals, who identify with the community they serve, who act as a bridge between members of the community and the formal Canadian health and social systems to ensure full access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide language and cultural interpretation between health providers and clients of the Umbrella Mobile Clinic
2. Enhance communication and cross-cultural understanding with health care service providers
3. Assist with clinic logistics for both in-person and virtual clinics, such as clinic set-up and take-down, and supporting clients to use Telehealth and other digital communication platforms
4. Support client to navigate the health care system and health-related appointments
5. Empower clients to make their own health decisions and implement them

6. Connect clients to social and community services
7. Conduct community outreach for health promotion programs
8. Participate in the development of culturally-appropriate health promotion materials
9. Serve as a health promotion resource to community
10. Perform additional job-related duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Lived-migration experience
- Written and oral fluency in English and Spanish
- Post-secondary education in the field of Health or equivalent experience
- Experience working in culturally diverse community-based setting
- Familiarity working with an EMR (OSCAR preferred)
- Sunday and weekday evening availability

COMPETENCIES and QUALITIES:

- Understanding of Canadian and Latin American (Mexican, Guatemalan) health systems
- Understanding of community health centres and commitment to five tenets
- Understanding of barriers to access to health for ethnocultural communities (specifically temporary foreign farmworkers), patient empowerment and commitment to health equity
- Ability to create a culturally safe and welcoming environment for clients to discuss mental health and sexual health issues
- Demonstrated ability for relational practice, active listening, and building trust with all stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to manage risk and maintain confidentiality

- Sound judgement, empathetic
- High level of self-awareness, ability for self-improvement and set boundaries
- Ability to take initiative, solve complex problems working independently and in a team environment
- Ability for time management, prioritization and organization
- Functional in MS Office, MacOS, OSCAR and other digital communication platforms
- Valid BC driver's license (preferred)

SALARY: This is a casual and seasonal position with a pay rate of \$22/hour, plus 4% vacation. Hours are mostly evenings and weekends and depend on clinic schedule.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: The position will remain posted on our website until filled

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit a one-page cover letter, describing why you are a good fit for this position, and your resume, all one document, with the title: YourName.Mobile Clinic CCHB-Position to umc-coordinator@umbrellacoop.ca

If you have any questions please contact Shaina Schafers at umc-coordinator@umbrellacoop.ca

We kindly thank you in advance for your interest and application; however, only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Notice from Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture and Ministry Responsible for Sport & Multiculturalism

BC has just launched a new multilingual, webpage on hate crime with information for victims and bystanders.

<https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca/> [hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca]

In the coming weeks, we are going to be adding multilingual videos to the site, along with more information about the Resilience BC anti-racism network once it's fully implemented in July.

Please feel free to share this link with stakeholders. We would welcome any feedback on the site.

Alison Dudley

Executive Director | Multiculturalism Branch |

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As may you know, for 10 years Dignidad has been celebrating Father's Day with an event with workers, but in 2020 it wasn't possible. So, the board decided to transform the celebration into a campaign demanding TFW rights and benefits.

This year BC migrant workers celebrate father's day with "Write 4 Rights". Until now, over 100 Mexican and Guatemalan migrant farm workers from across BC are celebrating Father's Day by [posting their photos on-line](#) and inviting everyone in the province and country to join their pleas to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier John Horgan to fix Temporary Foreign Worker Programs to ensure basic living, safety and labour standards.

The workers' "Write 4 Rights" photos, taken by themselves and sample letters to Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Horgan, were released today on Facebook and Instagram. The photos and their stories make the workers' lives real for concerned Canadians now learning about the farmworkers' plight and role in providing food during the pandemic.

Everyone can see [all workers' picture and messages](#) in our FB account or a selection of them in **Instagram:** @dignidadmigrante

Everyone welcome to create their own picture and write a message to send it to the authorities.

Thanks for helping migrant workers.

See the article in the Vancouver Sun:

<https://vancouversun.com/news/fathers-day-campaign-tugs-on-heartstrings-asks-to-fight-for-migrant-workers-rights>

Dignidad Migrante Society

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YouTube: [DIGNIDAD-DIGNITY](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1j0t1m1u1i2020)

Website: dignidadmigrantesociety.org



MAP

I am reaching out to you on behalf of **TRT World**, Turkey's English language news network based in Istanbul, in hopes that your networks may be interested in a new project we are doing specifically for migrants and refugees.

As a news network, we at TRT World believe in the **power of storytelling**. Towards that end, we are creating a **Cookbook** which features stories provided by migrants and refugees, as well as a recipe from their home country. The aim of this project is to provide an honest and personal portrait of modern migration and allow migrants and refugees to tell their stories in their own words. We believe this will help to dispel some of the negative associations with migrant communities in society today. Additionally, our contributors are able to include their social media handles so readers have the opportunity to connect with them. We will be sharing some of these stories on our social media in the future, and this may be of benefit in terms of additional publicity for any business or enterprise they are involved in.

We will also be featuring a special **Thank You section at the beginning of the book for any organizations** that are able to engage their community members for this project.

We have tried to make the submission process as simple as possible. There is a questionnaire attached for you to review. Essentially, we just need participants to fill it out and send it back to me. The questions are meant as a guide to create a single narrative thread across all the entries, but contributors should feel free to write whatever comes to their mind that they feel is important. It is, after all, their story. I have also included two samples so you can get a sense of how they will be structured.

Let me know if you have any additional questions. We would love to have your community contribute to this project. For any submissions we receive, we will send a rough draft to the contributor to review when they are complete. We hope to collect the majority of these **by the end of the month but will continue to accept new submissions through the summer**.

Many thanks!

Minkailu JALLOH, Event Specialist

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