



**MAP** Multi-Agency  
Partnership BC  
*Working Together for Refugee Claimants*

# MAP Member Agency News

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# World Refugee Day 2020

The MAP World refugee Day planning Committee is busy organizing a wonderful event of spoken word, music, poetry and interviews to celebrate refugees.

Please promote registration at the following link:

[www.mapbc.org/events](http://www.mapbc.org/events)

Refugees feel 'together' with your support. During this COVID-19 separation let's celebrate what we all do and the wonderful community we work with.

SATURDAY JUNE 20

2PM-4PM

## DISTANT BUT TOGETHER

join us to  
celebrate  
world refugee day  
online



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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](mailto:info@mapbc.org)).

Our **World Refugee Day Planning committee** are doing a great job helping us create a very special and NEW online celebration of refugees in our communities. A shout out to: **Iris Solorzano and Mikaela Wilson (Options), Alexandra Dawley, Salih Arif and Tracy Tang (MOSAIC), Japneet Parmar (VAST), Luke Greidenus (Kinbrace), Richard Belcham (Inasmuch) and the MAP team of Moe Zaqout and Paige Slight. And a big thanks to Mariana (VAST)** and others not on the committee who have offered their help, time and support. THANK YOU! Let's celebrate refugees!

Updates: CONFIRMED:

Hassan al Kontar will speak to his journey and his life now in BC

Sari Alesh – violinist – has confirmed his presentation

Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of Vancouver, will join us

AND – coming in from Gaza – the group Hasam Falouji will play!

REGISTER NOW: [www.mapbc.org/events](http://www.mapbc.org/events)

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants - especially during these unprecedented times. Stay safe and well - and let's not let social distancing be a barrier to the folks we serve.

**MAP Co-Chairs: Mariana, Richard (& Jenny: Co-Chair Designate) and the other Jenny!**

# News highlights: COVID-19 and refugee claimants May 27, 2020

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally (attached PDF)

Titles:

- **No need to show proof of work permit to get CERB, Ottawa tells temporary foreign residents**  
National Post
- **Grant allows Victoria counseling centre to boost service for refugee families** Times Colonist
- **Volunteers distribute food - and hope - to African community members affected by the pandemic**  
Edmonton Journal
- **Muslim community has stepped up to help out amid virus crisis**  
London Free Press
- **Applications to the Agri-food Immigration Pilot are now open**  
Culture Magazine
- **'Slap to the face': migrant rights organizers call new federal Agri-food immigration program flawed**  
Niagara This Week
- **Canada, Australia take different tacks on immigration amid COVID crisis**  
(Australia may cut immigration by 85% because of job losses)  
Vancouver Sun
- **Refugees face more hardship settling during lockdown, advocates say**  
CBC

**APPROACH TO THE FINALIZATION OF RESERVED ADMISSIBILITY HEARING DECISIONS AND RESUMPTION OF SCHEDULING OF SOME NON-DETAINED ADMISSIBILITY HEARINGS BY TELECONFERENCE**

***Background***

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) closed its offices in mid-March 2020. The Immigration Division (ID) has continued to operate remotely, including conducting detention reviews and admissibility hearings involving detained persons.

On April 7, 2020, the IRB issued a Practice Notice for "Special measures due to COVID-19" in which it announced it was suspending all in-person hearings until further notice, except for detention reviews and some admissibility hearings involving detained persons.

The Practice Notice stated that where a Division has ordered that a document be provided to it, for example submissions or further evidence, and the time limit for providing that document expired on or after March 16, 2020, that time limit is extended until 30 days after the posting of a Resumption Notice. The Resumption Notice also provides for 30 days notice before in-person proceedings resume at the IRB.

The Board is actively planning for and working towards a return to productivity that is based on two strategies: (i) expanding remote hearings across all Divisions to ensure continuity of its services during these unusual times and (ii) implementing measures including health and safety protocols to allow it return to the workplace and resume in-person hearings when it is safe for our employees and those who appear before the Board to do so, consistent with public health guidance. Over the coming weeks, we will work with stakeholders to inform the broader implementation of the Board's plans. The approach outlined below is an important element of the IRB's broader strategy and will support the ID's efforts to finalize decisions.

***Approach to the finalization of reserved admissibility hearing decisions***

Immigration Division members have been asked to continue working on their reserved admissibility hearing decisions during the ongoing pandemic. However, before finalizing these decisions the Division is taking the following steps to ensure that all relevant submissions and evidence are on file:

- With respect to reserved admissibility hearing decisions which did not require written post-hearing submissions, the ID registry is reaching out to the parties to determine whether any additional submissions or evidence has been provided since the closing of IRB offices. If the ID receives confirmation that no additional documents were provided to the Division or if the ID does not receive a response within two weeks, the Division will proceed to issue a decision.
- With respect to reserved admissibility hearing decisions where the submission deadline for providing written post-hearing submissions expired prior to March 16, 2020, and where submissions have been provided to the ID, the registry of the ID will be reaching out to the parties to determine whether any additional submissions or evidence has been provided since the closing of the ID offices. Once it is confirmed that the registry has contacted the parties, if the ID receives confirmation that no additional documents were provided to the Division or if the ID does not receive a response within two weeks, the Division will proceed to issue a decision.



- there will be no further follow up with the parties and the ID will only issue a decision in these cases in keeping with the April 7, 2020, Practice Notice. As indicated above, the time limit to provide the written submissions will be 30 days after the IRB posts the Resumption Notice. However, if written submissions are provided, the Division will proceed to issue a decision.

Once decisions are finalized, if the proceedings were held in public, the decision will be sent by email to the parties. If the proceedings were held in the absence of the public, the ID will contact the parties by telephone to advise that the decision will be sent by fax or to make other arrangements.

### ***Approach to the resumption of scheduling of some non-detained admissibility hearings by teleconference***

The Practice Notice of April 7, 2020, for "Special measures due to COVID-19" mentioned above indicates that the IRB will provide at least 30 days' notice before proceeding with a previously scheduled in-person hearing or scheduling a new in-person hearing.

In addition to continuing to hold detention reviews and admissibility hearings involving detained persons, the ID is resuming the scheduling of certain other admissibility hearings by teleconference. In all cases, the ID will only schedule admissibility hearings for non-detained persons by teleconference with the consent of the parties.

The ID believes it is in the public interest to hold admissibility hearings in a timely manner where it is possible to do so by teleconference and where fairness and natural justice can be met.

In addition to the ID undertaking its own review of the admissibility hearing inventory and identifying cases that it believes can be conducted fairly by teleconference, the ID is open to receiving requests from parties who wish to proceed with their hearing.

In assessing whether or not to schedule an admissibility hearing to be heard by teleconference, the ID will consider the following non-exhaustive factors:

- Is the person represented by counsel?
- Is the person conceding the allegations in the s. 44 Report on inadmissibility?
- What is the level of complexity of the allegation and case?
- Are there reasons why it may not be appropriate to hear the case by teleconference (e.g. due to the vulnerability of the person concerned)?

For hearings where the person is not represented by counsel, the ID may consider scheduling hearings in such cases where it is confident that fairness and natural justice can be met and recognizing that in many such instances the first sitting of such a hearing provides an opportunity for the process to be explained to the individual, including the possibility of retaining counsel for subsequent sittings.

The Immigration and Refugee Board appreciates the patience and flexibility of all parties as we continue to adjust and adapt our processes in response to the coronavirus pandemic. We will continue to keep you apprised of key developments.

Richard Wex  
Chairperson  
Immigration and Refugee Board

Greg Kipling  
Deputy Chairperson  
Immigration Division



# Jumpstart Refugee Talent – Vancouver

- We have designed three webinars on [the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, the 19<sup>th</sup> of June](#) to address the gaps and current critical needs for refugees to find employment or at least build the ground to increase their chances of getting employment based on over **100 phone interviews with refugees across Canada** that Jumpstart Refugee Talent team and volunteers have done in the past 8 weeks.
- Our June 4<sup>th</sup> will focus on **how refugees can leverage LinkedIn as a platform to increase their profiles visibility and their networks**. The content of the webinar was designed from refugee lenses based on our findings. We are also grateful to be joined by [Jake Hirsch-Allen](#) who is not only LinkedIn North America workforce development and higher ed system lead, also he is the son of a former refugee family that came to Canada back in the days.

## Calls to Action

We believe these events would be beneficial for the refugee/refugee claimants clients of all MAP members.

See information attached, and below is the registration link. **PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY JUNE 3RD**

(<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/leveraging-linkedin-tickets-106812621426>)

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## ONLINE: English Conversation Circle for Refugee Claimants (Beginners)

Every Tuesday 11:00 am—12:00 pm

June 16—July 28, 2020

We will “meet” each week on Zoom (an app on your phone or computer)

- Practice your English
- Talk to new people
- Learn more about life in Canada

You can register any week! To get the link, please email Parisa at [proofigari@mosaicbc.org](mailto:proofigari@mosaicbc.org)

## MOSAIC CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Our online English Conversation Circle for Refugee Claimants (Beginners) will be hosted on **Tuesdays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm from June 16<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

Clients can register and get the link to join the Zoom sessions by emailing Parisa at [proofigari@mosaicbc.org](mailto:proofigari@mosaicbc.org).

Please share with any refugee claimant clients who might be interested in practicing their English and learn more about life in Canada!

### Frequently Asked Questions:-

- ✓ Every Tuesday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- ✓ Zoom – An online App (can be used on phone or computer)
- ✓ Clients can register any week
- ✓ Farsi language support
- ✓ All refugee claimants welcome! Participants can attend even if they are still waiting for their ID

Please don't hesitate to contact Parisa via email at [proofigari@mosaicbc.org](mailto:proofigari@mosaicbc.org) if you have any questions. Have a great day!



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Dear Kinbrace friends,

**Employment Opportunity!**

The **Accessing Refugee Protection Coordinator** leads Kinbrace's Accessing Refugee Protection Program to optimize hearing readiness for refugee claimants in Canada.

If this job interests you, **please read the attachment in PDF** and follow up

It's a unique role developed over many years by Fran Gallo, who has decided the time has come to move on to other opportunities. As the sun sets on her remarkable contribution, we anticipate the dawn of who and what is next.

Thank you for your attentiveness and consideration,

Loren Balisky

Director of Engagement

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Please see the **latest BC Refugee Hub Bulletin** for the first quarter of 2020.



<http://bcrefugeehub.ca/refugee-claimant-bulletin-january-march-2020/>

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## Webinar: Mental Wellness & Community Collective Care

The impacts of COVID-19 disproportionately affect vulnerable individuals and communities such as newcomers. A pandemic can be considered a collective trauma and some literature shows that living through a pandemic can increase rates of depressions, anxiety, domestic violence, and PTSD.

For newcomers who may have come from a background that included war, fear, uncertainty, and food instability, this can be an especially re-traumatizing time. There is a need to discuss how to support clients in a trauma-informed way while resisting burnout, compassion fatigue, and vicarious trauma - all in the time of a pandemic and with a focus on community-building and community collective care. In the face of a pandemic, there is a need to go deeper than the "self-care" we are normally prescribed and look at Community Collective Care and how we can support ourselves and our communities - and resisting burnout through our work.

This webinar is suitable for all newcomer serving staff and will look beyond everyday mental health resources and basic self-care and will explore the mental and emotional impacts of a pandemic (on individuals and communities) and how we can care for one another throughout.

### Event Details & Registration

- **Webinar:** Mental Wellness & Community Collective Care
- **Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020
- **Time:** 9:30 am to 11:30 am (PDT)
- **Location:** Online | You will receive the web link via email after registering  
(Please note that this webinar will not be recorded or available for later viewing)

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER\*\*](#)

### Presenter



**Vikki Reynolds** PhD RCC is an activist/therapist from Vancouver, Canada, who works to bridge the worlds of social justice activism and therapy. Vikki is a white settler of Irish, Newfoundland and English folks, and a heterosexual woman with cisgender privilege. Her experience includes supervision and therapy with peers, activists, and other workers responding to the opioid epidemic/poisonings, torture and political violence, sexualized violence, mental health and substance misuse, homelessness and legislated poverty and working alongside gender and sexually diverse communities. Vikki is an Adjunct Professor and has written, keynoted and presented internationally on the subjects of 'Witnessing Resistance' to oppression/trauma, ally work, resisting 'burnout' with justice-doing, a supervision of solidarity, ethics, and innovative group work. Vikki's articles and keynotes are available free on her website: [www.vikkireynolds.ca](http://www.vikkireynolds.ca)

QUESTIONS?

Send an email to  
[sdumitra@amssa](mailto:sdumitra@amssa.org)  
[.org](mailto:sdumitra@amssa.org)

## **Weekly Expert Talks for families**

**"Heart-Mind Well-being- Nurturing Calm and Compassion in Times of Uncertainty".**

Please join us this Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm for a whole-hearted talk with **Cathryn McPhee, Parent Educator with Information Children and also a Heart Mind Well-being Facilitator with the Dalai Lama Centre for Peace and Education. This talk will focus on " Heart-Mind Well-Being-Nurturing Calm and Compassion in Times of Uncertainty".**

**Please feel free to share this invitation with your networks, families, and friends.**

**Thank you and we look forward to you joining us.**

### **Family Support Services, Burnaby Family Life**

To register please follow the link

When: Jun 4, 2020 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Burnaby Family Life - Weekly Expert Talks for families "Heart-Mind Well-Being- Nurturing Calm and Compassion in Times of Uncertainty."

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YVNDT7JbTL608poUzACZdg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YVNDT7JbTL608poUzACZdg)



## **Webinars for entrepreneurs:**

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**Futurpreneur** is offering webinars around entrepreneurship and self-employment. To access list of webinars and dates please check:

<https://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/microsites/rock-my-business-plan/>

All webinars can be accessed from anywhere in Canada, the only difference is the showing times per province.

## **Pride Webinars in Burnaby:**

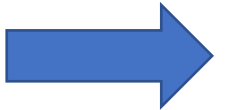
As we approach the next Burnaby Pride online celebration – July 25<sup>th</sup>, the City Centre Community Centre is offering a free Pride Webinar Series, facilitated by Cicely Belle Blain, CEO of Cicely Blain Consulting and an instructor of Executive Leadership at SFU. Cicely is an equity, diversity and inclusion consultant, activist, public speaker and writer.

### **Intro to LGBTQ2S+ Identities**

Wed, June 10, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT

- \* Understand the terms in the LGBTQ2S+ acronym and beyond
- \* Develop skills to appropriately use pronouns
- \* Develop inclusive language skills

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pride-webinar-series-intro-to-lgbtq2s-identities-tickets-106011481194?aff=erelpanelorg>



## **A History of Pride**

Mon, 13 July, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM PDT

- \* Understand the radical origins of Pride
- \* Learn about key figures in LGBTQ2S+ history
- \* Understand political differences in contemporary LGBTQ2S+ communities.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pride-webinar-series-a-history-of-pride-tickets-106011681794?aff=erelpanelorg>

## **Creating Inclusive Pride Events by City Centre Community Centre**

Thu, August 6, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT

In This Webinar:

Creating Inclusive Pride Events

- \* Enhance inclusive language skills
- \* Intro to event accessibility
- \* Understand different aspects of a big community

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pride-webinar-series-creating-inclusive-pride-events-tickets-106011772064?aff=erelpanelorg>

## **From the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC:**

Over the past few months, British Columbians have pulled together to vanquish COVID-19, and we have witnessed many acts of kindness and selfless generosity. Sadly, however, our success has been marred by recent incidents of race-based violence and discrimination. I strongly condemn these racist acts; they have no place in our province or our country. I ask you to join me, alongside leaders in government, business and social services, in pledging to uphold the Canadian values of diversity and inclusion and to oppose racism and hate in all its forms. We are stronger when we are #DifferentTogether.

<https://ltgov.bc.ca/blog/equality-and-inclusion/differenttogether-join-me-in-opposing-racism/>

### **Take the #DifferentTogether Pledge:**

Join me in sharing the #DifferentTogether pledge on social media and encouraging others to take part.

### **Ways to Participate in Three Easy Steps:**

Download the #DifferentTogether pledge graphic for [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Share it on social media and tag five friends, family members, or leaders in your community.

Encourage them to do the same.

I also encourage you to share a video of yourself highlighting your commitment to opposing racism, and upload it to social media using the hashtag #DifferentTogether.

### **Alison Dudley**

Executive Director | Multiculturalism Branch |

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

Email: [Alison.Dudley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alison.Dudley@gov.bc.ca) Cell: 236-818-1150

## [Support Local Black-led Organizations \[pivotlegal.org\]](https://pivotlegal.org)



[\[pivotlegal.org\]](https://pivotlegal.org)

Individuals, communities and organizations are looking for ways to actively support Black people's struggle for liberation. As an organization committed to social justice work, we recognize our duty to uplift Black voices and identify the impacts of anti-Black racism across our work.

To this end we hope you will donate funds to two local Black-led organizations currently raising funds: [Hogan's Alley Society \[hogansalleysociety.org\]](https://hogansalleysociety.org) & [Black in BC Community Support Fund for COVID-19 \[ca.gofundme.com\]](https://ca.gofundme.com)

*If you donate \$20 or more, send a screenshot of your donation and mailing address to [getinvolved@pivotlegal.org](mailto:getinvolved@pivotlegal.org) and we will send you a hardcopy of "Know Your Rights Handbook: A guide for people who rely on public space."*

*\*\*We understand that not everyone may have financial capacity to make donations and we will provide free copies of the guide for people who rely on public space. If you need a hardcopy of the guide and cannot donate, please let us know. The guide can also be found online at: <https://www.pivotlegal.org/know-your-rights-handbook> [\[pivotlegal.org\]](https://pivotlegal.org)*

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**Pivot Legal Society**

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[www.pivotlegal.org](https://www.pivotlegal.org) [\[pivotlegal.org\]](https://pivotlegal.org) | [@pivotlegal](https://twitter.com/pivotlegal) [\[twitter.com\]](https://twitter.com/pivotlegal)



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Legal Aid BC Update: COVID-19 and the Law is a special series of our Factum e-newsletter.*

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## Update: COVID-19 and the Law

- **In this Update:**
- New video: "Diane's Story: Do I need a protection order?";
- New COVID-19 Q&As;
- Have you made a will?;
- Legal Aid BC is here to help



### [New video](#)

### ["Diane's Story: Do I need a protection order?"](#)

This 13-minute video on the [Family Law Website](#) is for people who live with an abusive partner, and want to leave.

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# New COVID-19 Q&As

Legal Aid BC has added information on how COVID-19 is affecting the law.

- [Q&A — Welfare and benefits](#)
- [I applied for income assistance. Who can answer my questions about what happens next?](#)
- [My niece has a developmental disability and finds it hard to make ends meet. What financial help can she get from the government?](#)
- [Q&A — Family violence](#)
- [How do I apply for an urgent family law protection order in Provincial Court?](#)
- [What can I do if I want to get a protection order but can't support myself and my children on my own finances?](#)

Find answers to other questions at the [Family Law website](#) or the [Aboriginal Legal Aid in BC](#) website. We're updating these questions and adding more questions regularly as new information becomes available. Please send suggestions for other questions we can answer to [mylawbc@lss.bc.ca](mailto:mylawbc@lss.bc.ca).



**Legal Aid BC**  
Support when you need it

**We're here to help!**

Family Children/MCF Criminal Immigration

legalaid.bc.ca  
604-408-2172 (Greater Vancouver)  
1-866-577-2525 (elsewhere in BC)

## [SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PROGRAM INFORMATION](#)

Staff Contact: [Kwangyoug.conn@southvan.org](mailto:Kwangyoug.conn@southvan.org) or 604-324-6212/ext. 117

### **Basic Computer program in partnership with YMCA**

- Learning MS Office programs (Word and Excel), Internet and email use, and employment related topics (resume and online job search skills)

### **ESL Conversation Group**

- Improve English speaking skills through interactive discussions on different topics helping with Canadian cultural adaptation.

### **Multicultural Women Peer Mentoring Group**

- Meet other women, share life experiences, and build a positive support network
- Develop self-confidence & employment abilities through participation in program activities, utilizing one's own skills
- Learn about community resources through interactive discussions and guest speakers
- Opportunity to improve English communication skills as well as participating in community-based events as a volunteer.

### **Settlement one-on-one/group Program**

- One on one settlement, employment, and family support in customized format
- Group workshops: topics: housing, health, education, income tax, Employment skills related, Introduction to First Aid, Volunteerism, Mental health, financial Literacy, Cross-Cultural Communication, Parenting skills (Nobody's Perfect program), and so many more..

Link to Access ABOVE programs:

***Join Zoom Meeting***

<https://zoom.us/j/3955979455>

**Meeting ID: 395 597 9455**

**Password will be given by an email request**

*City of Vancouver: And now for some heartwarming news!*

*Please note that there is still space for LGBTQ2+ weddings on Monday, July 27.*

Wedding bells are in the future at Helena Gutteridge Plaza - the outdoor venue with beautiful city views, adjacent to Vancouver City Hall.

With limitations on large gatherings and physical distancing measures in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many weddings planned for this year have had to be cancelled or postponed. The City recently launched a solution by making Helena Gutteridge Plaza available for micro-wedding bookings of up to 10 people total.

The initiative has been incredibly popular since bookings opened on May 8. As of this week, we have more requests from couples than spots available – for the micro-weddings pilot there are 48 timeslots available over the summer – and we are working with the couples to confirm bookings while managing a waitlist.

Monday, July 27 has been reserved for LGBTQ2+ weddings to kick off PRIDE Week in Vancouver, and still has some spots available.

The plaza provides plenty of space for physical distancing and allows people to safely get married with their closest family and friends in attendance. Learn more about this popular pilot program at [vancouver.ca/weddings](https://vancouver.ca/weddings).

**SUBJECT** Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians – Trust in Others: Share your perspective

Please find below an invitation from **Statistics Canada** to participate in a crowdsourcing collection initiative on Canadians' trust in others during the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage everyone to take part. The data you provide will be helpful for making future plans.

**Invitation from Statistics Canada:**

Statistics Canada is collecting data on Canadians' trust in others during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Your participation is important: Your voice matters**

Tell us how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted your level of trust in government, in businesses, and in others, and share your views regarding the reopening of workplaces and public spaces.

Please take a few minutes to participate in this crowdsourcing data collection, and feel free to forward this email to others.

Results will be used by government organizations such as the Public Health Agency of Canada and Employment and Social Development Canada, and other types of organizations, to evaluate the delivery of health and social services and economic support, and to ensure best practices are adopted when reopening workplaces and public spaces.

**Participating is easy and secure**

Select the following link to participate: [www.statcan.gc.ca/COVIDtrust-questionnaire](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/COVIDtrust-questionnaire)

This survey is conducted under the authority of the *Statistics Act*, which ensures that the information you provide will be kept confidential, and used only for statistical and research purposes.

**Keep checking back**

In order to collect information on specific topics related to the impacts of the pandemic, the questionnaire will change on a regular basis. Visit [www.statcan.gc.ca/COVID-series-e](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/COVID-series-e) to complete the various questionnaires. Your opinion matters to us!

**For general enquiries and technical assistance**

[Contact us](#) Monday to Friday (except holidays), from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time):

1-877-949-9492 (TTY: 1-800-363-7629) [infostats@canada.ca](mailto:infostats@canada.ca)

Thank you,



Jean Labbé, Director, Collection Planning and Research Division, Statistics Canada

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The film "**The World is Bright**" produced by a local film maker about an immigrant family mental health and migration journey. The film can be watched online between May 28 and June 26 by using the link in the text below.

### **[The World is Bright - Ontario Premiere](#)**

**This Vancouver based filmmaker asked me to share this news across the country:**

**THE WORLD IS BRIGHT is part of 2020 Hot Docs and will have Ontario Premiere soon**

<https://boxoffice.hotdocs.ca/websales/pages/info.aspx?evtinfo=125201~741853d5-bf72-40a5-a015-09aded779383&ep=1>  
[\[boxoffice.hotdocs.ca\]](https://boxoffice.hotdocs.ca/). People can watch the film online starting from **May 28 until June 26** at <https://www.hotdocs.ca/> [[hotdocs.ca](https://www.hotdocs.ca/)].

The film also won the **Hot Docs Emerging Canadian Filmmaker Award:**

<https://www.hotdocs.ca/news/hd20-award-winners> [[hotdocs.ca](https://www.hotdocs.ca/)].

Here is the Jury statement: *"The jury was deeply moved by this brave indictment of Canada's immigration system, told through a tender portrait of family, mental health and migration. The World is Bright is the kind of film Canada needs to make more often."*

We believe the film is even more relevant now. Here is my award reception statement to share with you:

*"Receiving the Canadian Emerging Filmmaker Award for this new immigrant story at a moment of heightened xenophobia is particularly meaningful. It is not only an affirmation of the film, but a powerful recognition of an experience that is shared by so many migrants and their families, myself included. Over the past few months, many of us have been forced into dislocation and isolation, experiencing loneliness, anxiety and grief at the sudden loss of loved ones. In these uncertain times for our humanity, I hope this story can give us the strength to discover our own resilience, and the assurance that we are not alone, but part of a greater whole...."*