



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

Weekly Bulletin # 41

May 13, 2020

Dear MAP members,



How are you doing? That's a common question nowadays and one that MAP wants to focus on during the pandemic – 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).

[More changes to the weekly MAP Bulletin during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

As agencies have adjusted their services to the realities of the pandemic MAP is receiving fewer urgent COVID-19 notices. In order to minimize emails we are reverting to including all notices in a bumper bulletin once weekly. Of course, if the situation changes – so will we.

Let us know if you have any comments or suggestions about the format.

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 13, 2020

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

Titles:

- **Here's how B.C. plans to reopen schools**
Global News
- **School meal programs while schools are closed**
- **Toronto reports first COVID-19 death in its shelter system**
CBC
- **Coronavirus: calls for transparent testing strategy after refugee centre outbreak**
Irish Times
- **BC issues 237 invitations to apply for provincial nomination**
CIC News
- **Honoring our nurses on Mother's Day (refugee focus)**
Toronto Sun
- **Asylum seeker 'wrestling virus to the ground' at Northwood nursing home**
The Telegram
- **Homeless to live in pods inside warehouse during corona virus crisis**
Stoke Sentinel
- **Feds hint at scaling back immigration due to pandemic fallout**
Toronto Sun

From the Immigration and Refugee Board (as emailed to MAP members May 12)

Dear stakeholders,

The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) has published a new [Application to Vary Conditions of Release Form](#). This form simplifies and clarifies the process for making requests to change or cancel the terms and conditions of release for a person previously detained under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.

While not mandatory, the Application to Vary Conditions of Release Form will facilitate requests from the person subject to terms and conditions of release, their counsel, the bondsperson, or the Minister's Counsel. Please note that the existing conditions of release remain in place until a decision is made by the Immigration Division (ID) on the application and the applicant receives written confirmation that the application is granted.

This form was developed in consultation with our national stakeholder consultative committee and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). It represents the Board's ongoing commitment to working with its partners to improve its processes, and supports efficient and effective decision-making.

Please share this information with your membership as you deem appropriate,

Alice Tang

Assistant Deputy Chair, Immigration Division



**RAINBOW
REFUGEE**

EVEN COVID-19 CAN'T KEEP US APART!

Even when we can't meet in person, we can connect. Rainbow Refugee has moved its group support and social events online. We can help 1:1 by phone, text or online.

GROUP SUPPORT

Virtual Drop ins –Information and support for LGBTQI refugee claimants & newcomers in BC. Stand-by interpretation in Farsi, Arabic, Spanish & Bahasa Indonesian is usually available. New members welcome!

Wednesdays 7-8:30 | Sundays 2-3:30

Email community@rainbowrefugee.ca to ask for an invitation and interpretation if you need. Invitations are sent in English, Arabic, Spanish, Farsi by email or text.

SOCIAL EVENTS ONLINE

Rainbow Refugee's Community Outreach team plans online social time—karaoke, meditation and conversation. Have an idea for a social event? Want to join? Email outreach@rainbowrefugee.ca for updates.

REFERRALS

Email community@rainbowrefugee.ca. A volunteer will respond by email or phone to assist. Volunteers speak Arabic, Bahasa Indonesian, English, Farsi, French, Spanish. Volunteers can connect you with food or meal supports, legal information or referrals, and ways to access COVID-19 relief.

R A I N B O W R E F U G E E

1:1 support and consultation

Nazanin Moghadami has joined Rainbow Refugee in her new role as case manager.

Nazanin has many years experience supporting newcomers and refugees. Originally from Iran, she is fluent in Farsi and English. She can help members get connected with resources and services, including legal, financial, health, food and COVID-19 relief services. Email support@rainbowrefugee.ca or text her at **613.604.5024**

UPDATES

How are people making refugee claims impacted by Canada's COVID-19 response?[https://](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRpl97m2ejTVgoj8KSaCC1gNZJfibBQ2wJfR9xkrfVNRRSiG16Qbb4toZsephBOlw/pub)

docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRpl97m2ejTVgoj8KSaCC1gNZJfibBQ2wJfR9xkrfVNRRSiG16Qbb4toZsephBOlw/pub

How to start a refugee claim during COVID-19 IRCC office closures

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTzLdoXGxpfLm-3fAVb-NNu7vW_MtjQxBqSupR6LTsslbjtxoWCpJRXPF0FLIN5HW-Icb3RmUoyT-B/pub

Thank you to Vancouver Foundation and Lawson Foundation for generous support of our COVID-19 response

R A I N B O W R E F U G E E



Update: COVID-19 and the Law

Legal Aid Society Update: 2 pages

You're receiving this email because your organization assists clients who might need free legal information or services.

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

All Legal Aid BC websites are being updated with the most current information on how COVID-19 is affecting the law as new information becomes available.



In this Update:

- COVID-19 FAQs on our Family Law and Aboriginal Legal Aid websites;
- New video about how to get a protection order now;
- Extended hours on LiveChat on the Family Law website;
- Legal Aid BC is still here to help.



The **Family Law Website** has [information about legal aid and court system updates](#). The website also has [FAQs related to COVID-19](#) and the current period of self-isolation. While focused on family law, these FAQs also cover other aspects of the law such as rent, foreclosure, refugee law, welfare & benefits, and government support.

The **Aboriginal Legal Aid in BC website** also has a [FAQ page](#) covering COVID-19 related issues important to the Indigenous community including answers to questions about child protection, Gladue reports, and parenting.

Video: HOW TO GET A PROTECTION ORDER NOW: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Riv3YMSdqml&feature=youtu.be>

This video on the [Family Law Website](#) is for people who want to make an urgent application to BC Provincial Court for a family law protection order against their abusive partner during COVID-19.

In the video, a lawyer coaches a client on the paperwork to apply for a protection order and explains what to include in the forms. She also explains that the hearing will take place by phone, with the judge.

The video includes links to:

- the forms she will need (application for urgent hearing, application to obtain an order, and affidavit)
- websites that can help
- how to make a safety plan

LiveHelp hours extended to 9am-4pm, M-F

LiveHelp is now available on the [Family Law Website](#) from **9am - 4 pm, Monday to Friday**.

Start a real-time chat with our legal information experts by clicking on the chat button on the top right of the homepage. They'll help find the information you need to solve your legal issue. If they can't find the answer to your question then they'll refer you to someone who can. LiveHelp is staffed by Legal Aid BC's Legal Information Outreach Workers and volunteer law students. When LiveHelp is offline, you can always leave a message through email.

Legal Aid is still here to help

Legal Aid applications are being taken by phone only. Parents Legal Centres (PLCs), duty counsel and Community Partners can be reached by phone. Our many online and phone-based services remain available. For up-to-date information about LABC services, click the link below.



Hello Everyone,



Dignidad Migrante Society first of all wants to thank all of you for accepting our TFW COVID-19 Guide, and we appreciate that you have been asking for the updated one.

As everybody knows, we are a worker-based organization and our Board of Directors and membership is comprised of migrant workers. Given the current situation, we have been swamped with phone calls, texts, Whatsapp messages, etc., and even though we now have two phone numbers, we just don't have the capacity to attend to everyone quickly.

This updated guide **attached** called "**COVID-19 doesn't take away workers' rights**" includes the basic rights workers have if their employment is impacted by COVID-19, what resources they are entitled to, and how they can access them. We are attaching the Spanish version here and at the bottom of the guide, you will find the link to go to the English version. You can also find our guide in [DIGNIDAD Face Book](#)

We hope this guide will be helpful to you, and that you can help us to support those temporary foreign workers who need this kind of assistance.

We also invite you to share our [DIGNIDAD Youtube](#) channel with the few short videos that we have posted. We are finding it a useful way of getting information to workers during these days of physical distancing.

Feel free to ask us for any material that you need related to temporary foreign workers. As an organization that have been working with TFWs for 14 years we have some very useful and we are more than happy to share them to benefit the workers.

Updates from the City of Vancouver (2 pages)

We are continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic across the city and recognize that many in our communities are facing challenges related to this crisis. Our work focuses on efforts to help our residents and keep Vancouver safe. Here's what's happened recently:

Here are the online language links for sharing:

Traditional Chinese: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covid-19-city-news-update-april17-may1-traditional-chinese.pdf>

Simplified Chinese: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covid-19-city-news-update-april17-may1-simplified-chinese.pdf>

Punjabi: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covid-19-city-news-update-april17-may1-punjabi.pdf>

Farsi: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covid-19-city-news-update-april17-may1-farsi.pdf>

Tagalog: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covid-19-city-news-update-april17-may1-tagalog.pdf>

Vietnamese: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covid-19-city-news-update-april17-may1-vietnamese.pdf>

Korean: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covid-19-city-news-update-april17-may1-korean.pdf>

KEY UPDATES:

City speaks out on increased racism during pandemic At the start of Asian Heritage Month on May 1, the City reaffirmed its commitment to anti-racism, anti-discrimination, diversity and inclusion. The pandemic has triggered an increase in racist incidents against Asians, and everyone is encouraged to stand against prejudice and intolerant attitudes.

Property tax payment deadline delayed Vancouver City Council has approved a delay in the 2020 payment deadline for both residential and commercial property taxes. **The new tax payment deadline is September 30, 2020.**

Parking enforcement resumes The City resumed parking enforcement on April 30

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Food resources As the effects of the pandemic continue, many people and organizations are facing difficulties in accessing food. The City has compiled a list with information on how to find, grow, buy and donate food or volunteer and apply for grants.

Donations needed for essential items The City's Give a Hand Vancouver donation program needs urgent donations for nutritional meal supplements, baby formula and baby food, as well as diapers, pull-ups and baby wipes for organizations who help women and children in need. The program also needs take-out containers, disposable cutlery and food packaging to help with distributing free and low-cost meals in a hygienic, safe way to people in need. Donations of bottled water are also needed.

New proactive measures in the Downtown Eastside The City is taking additional steps to help ensure Downtown Eastside residents can access essential services and information, and stay safe, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions to meet urgent housing needs

City Council has received a staff presentation on how existing vulnerabilities in Vancouver's housing system have become serious threats during the current crisis. The presentation outlined a series of short and long- term actions that will deliver housing for those who need it most, and help to recalibrate the housing system so that we are better prepared for the future.

Free bike share for essential workers Mobi by Shaw Go, in partnership with the City of Vancouver, is providing COVID-19 essential service employees with a free 90-day pass to use the Mobi bicycles. Cycling continues to be a fast and convenient way to get around while maintaining safe physical distancing from others.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

Golf courses and VanDusen reopen The Vancouver Park Board reopened Fraserview and McCleery golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden on May 1. The sites will operate with new physical distancing procedures for users and staff to ensure a safe experience.

Watering restrictions Annual watering restrictions are now in effect. Lawn and garden watering are allowed two days per week from May 1 to October 15 to help ensure there is enough treated water for essentials such as cooking, washing, and drinking. Watering outside of permitted times could result in a \$250 fine.

Lawn watering days for residential addresses

- Even-numbered addresses: 4am – 9am on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Odd-numbered addresses: 4am – 9am on Thursdays and Sundays

Online dashboard The City has released an online dashboard that tracks our emergency response and efforts to curb to the spread of COVID-19. The dashboard tracks categories that include: supporting public health orders; travel; childcare for essential workers; homelessness and low-income housing; food access; and community contributions.

Stay updated on what's happening

Sign up for updates [here](#). **Website:** vancouver.ca **Send comments** [here](#) **Call us:** 3-1-1, for non-emergency enquiries about the City's COVID-19 response, *language interpretation available in various languages*.

City manager and COVID-19 Task Force Chief take part in Punjabi radio town hall

City Manager Sadhu Johnston and COVID-19 Task Force Chief Darrell Reid will take part in a radio town hall for Punjabi-speaking audiences to provide information on the City's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

When: Thursday, May 14, 2020, 10:05 - 10:45 am

Where: Tune into 89.1 FM or 93.1 FM. Hosted by RED-FM's Harjinder Thind Show.

The town hall format will let participants ask questions and engage with the City officials, providing an important opportunity to connect with residents who are a significant part of the multicultural fabric of our city.

ਸਿਟੀ ਆਫ ਵੈਨਕੂਵਰ
ਮੀਡੀਆ ਏਡਵਾਇਜ਼ਰੀ
ਮਈ 11, 2020

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਰੇਡੀਓ ਟਾਉਨ ਹਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿਟੀ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਵਿਡ -19 ਟਾਸਕ ਫੋਰਸ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖੀ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣਗੇ

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Creating an Effective Resume

Are you looking for a job in Vancouver? Learn how to make a well-rounded general resume to impress your future employer! This online workshop guides you through the steps of making an effective resume.

Tuesday, May 19

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Online via Zoom

Details provided upon registration

Registration open until May 18

Who can attend this workshop?

- All new immigrants

For more information and to register, contact:

Masha Rademakers, mashar@nsms.ca

604-973-0463

Highlights:

- What to write in your resume
- How to emphasize your best skills
- Tips and tricks for landing an interview

Workshops and courses on the North Shore offered by North Shore Multicultural Society – 2 pages (also attached)



Workplace Culture and Language Training (Beginner Level)

Would you like to speak English more confidently? Register now for this online 10-session English language class. Learn how to communicate in and around the Canadian workplace and improve your English!

Mondays and Wednesdays
June 8 - July 8 (10 sessions)

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Online via Zoom

Details provided upon registration

Who can attend this workshop?

- International Students
- Work Permit Holders
- Refugee Claimants

For more information and to register, contact:

Masha Rademakers, mashar@nsms.ca
604-988-2931 ext. 242

Highlights:

- Workplace Communication
- Teamwork
- Office Culture
- Effective Networking
- Managing Conflict
- Job Interviews



Workplace Culture and Language Training (Intermediate Level)

Would you like to speak English more confidently? Register now for this online 10-session English language class. Learn how to communicate in and around the Canadian workplace and improve your English!

Tuesdays and Thursdays

June 9 - July 9

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Online via Zoom

Details provided upon registration

Who can attend this workshop?

- International Students
- Work Permit Holders
- Refugee Claimants

For more information and to register, contact:

Masha Rademakers, mashar@nsms.ca
604-973-0463

Highlights:

- Workplace Communication
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BC Settlement & Integration Services

Employment Skill Building Program for Refugee Claimants

- You will learn:
- How to create a Master Resume
- Workplace and Personal Development
- Identify your strengths and transferrable skills
- Conflict Resolution
- Time Management
- Gain skills employers are looking for

Zoom Meeting:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Follow the link.](#)

For more information, contact

Savleen

604-809-7618



DATE:

MAY 20, 21, 22

Wed, Thurs & Fri

TIME:

1: 30 -2: 30 PM

LOCATION:

ON-LINE

- Download Zoom on your Phone or Computer
- Registrants will receive a Code to join the session

Also attached for
Registration purposes



Webinar:

Changes to the BC Employment Standards Act in Response to COVID-19

May 26, 2020 - 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

As a response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the BC Provincial Government has introduced many changes to the existing policies and regulations. Amongst these are the changes to the Employment Standards Act and Regulations.

This webinar will look at what these changes are, and more specifically, look at what they mean for Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) in BC.

Event Details & Registration

Webinar: Changes to the BC Employment Standards Act in Response to COVID-19

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (PT)

(Please note that this webinar will not be recorded or available for later viewing)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Presenters

Courtney Milburn, *Industrial Relations Officer, Employment Standards, Ministry of Labour*

Agnieszka Ellis, *Licensing Registry Officer, Employment Standards, Ministry of Labour*

QUESTIONS? Send an email to ssehic@amssa.org



Webinar:
Mental Health Care: Tips and Resources to Support Migrant Workers
May19, 2020 10:00am – 1100am

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. When we practice good mental health, it is easier to handle stress and other problems. There are many factors that can affect a migrant worker's mental health, including isolation, lack of community connections and language barriers. We will explore different strategies and resources that can help them take care of their mental health.

Event Registration:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Presenter:

Shirley Hogan, **Workplace Advisor & Trainer, Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna**

QUESTIONS?

Send an email to aparamo@amssa.org

Hi there!

Ever wondered what the role of the Canadian Red Cross plays during large-scale emergencies? Want to find out what a day in the life of our volunteers looks like during deployment? We are hosting a speaker series featuring some of our dedicated volunteers who have a wealth of experience responding to disasters across the country. Join one of our chats (via Zoom) to hear from our speaker and ask questions. Not sure if you're a good fit? Join anyway! You are welcome to listen to the talk to learn more about what we do as an organization during floods, fires and other disasters across Canada.

Please email kevala.volkenburg@redcross.ca to sign up for our next online session being held on **May 14th, 2020 at 5PM PST** (spots are limited).

We understand you may be concerned about how to safely volunteer during the current health crisis. The Canadian Red Cross has developed protocols to ensure that our volunteers can continue to do the work they love, helping communities, while adhering to current health recommendations, including working virtually. During our Zoom session we will be able to answer any questions you may have about safely volunteering within a COVID-19 context.

Thank you,

Kevala Van Volkenburg

CRC Volunteer



SUBJECT : Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians' perceptions of safety – Share your perspective

You will find below an invitation from **Statistics Canada** to participate in a crowdsourcing collection initiative on how COVID-19 is impacting Canadians' perceptions of safety.

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 the impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians' perceptions of safety.

Your participation is important: Your voice matters

You can provide your perspective on the current crisis, by sharing your perceptions of safety, crime and violence in your community during the pandemic. Please take a few minutes to participate in this crowdsourcing data collection, and feel free to forward this email to others—the more people that participate, the better the data.

Results will be used by governments and other organizations to evaluate the need for services and assistance programs to support individuals, families, and communities during and after the pandemic.

Participating is easy and secure

Select the following link to complete the short [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 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):

 9-9492 (TTY: 1-800-363-7629) OR infostats@canada.ca

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



How can Options Immigrant Services help you during COVID-19?



Get help online via e-mail and video chat or over the phone

See useful information attached in PDF

And check our website at:

<https://www.options.bc.ca/get-support/community-inclusion-integration>



GRUPO PARA FAMILIAS LATINAS

Técnicas para Combatir el Estrés en Familia durante el COVID-19



¿Cuándo? **JUEVES**

Mayo 14, 21, 28
Junio 4, 11, 18, 25

¿Qué hora? **10 am - 11:30 am**

¿Dónde? **Via ZOOM**

¿Preguntas? **Comunicate al 778-372-6593**
o
escribe a paula@vast-vancouver.ca

para recibir el **meeting ID** y unirte al grupo

Also attached as PDF



SVNH Online Programs on Zoom



The following programs are available on Zoom

- **ESL Conversation Group** at 1-3pm Monday through Weds
- **Multicultural Women Peer Mentoring Group** @1-3pm on Friday
- **Basic Computer Class** in partnership with YMCA on Weds and Fri @10-12

How to join a meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/3955979455>

(Password to the meeting room provided upon initial registration)

For further details or registration, pls. contact **Kwangyoung**
(604)324-6212(Ext. 117) / kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org

Pacific Immigrant Resource Services (PICS) presents Virtual (online) English Conversation sessions through our **Community Adult Literacy Program** in partnership with KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY.

Note: CALP classes are already in session - registration is on on-going basis.
Open to refugee claimants, citizens, permanent residents and work permit holders



VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM CALP PICS

Free Virtual English Classes

Job Seekers wanting to improve their English can join free online English classes providing help with resumes and cover letters, interview skills, computer job search, and conversation skills. Extra one-on-one support is also available.

In Partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University



**FREE ONLINE ENGLISH
CLASSES**

REGISTER

Email to Register
chandni.patel@pics.bc.ca

WHERE

Online- A Link will be
provided before each
session via email

Instructions will be included
in the email of how to join
the session

ELIGIBILITY

Canadian Citizens, PR, Work
Permit

You should have access to
an electronic device with
video, microphone &
speaker

PICS.BC.CA

12725 80 Ave, Surrey,
BC V3W 3A6
604- 596-7722



NEW! Employment opportunities portal:

BNCNPHA + **VANCITY** + **Catalyst Community developers**

Present: **HOUSING JOB MATCH**

The Housing Job Match website will connect British Columbians looking for work with the non-profit housing and shelter organizations that need their help now more than ever.

Check it out at:

<https://housingjobmatch.ca/>

Questions? Get in touch: housingjobmatch@bcnpha.ca



Burnaby Neighborhood House Service Updates

Please see attached details in PDF – updates are **highlighted**

WEBINAR

As you may know, AAISA (the Alberta Association for Immigrant Serving Agencies), the umbrella agency for Alberta settlement and integration service provider organizations, is offering a national webinar series regarding anti-racism, online hate and intersectionality during COVID-19. Please find the link to register for the third webinar in the series titled Intersectionality and COVID-19 below.

Intersectionality and COVID-19

Date: May 15, 2020

Time: 9 – 10:00 AM PDT

This webinar hosted by AAISA will build on the COVID-19 and Racism webinar and focus on additional groups that weren't discussed. We will use an intersectional lens to explore the ways in which oppression is amplified by COVID-19. We will discuss the way to encourage continued learning, engaging in mindful reflection, and to learn and grow from any mistakes we will make while doing this work.

To register, click here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7422739633843051536>

To watch the first two webinars COVID-19 and Racism and Responding to Online Hate during COVID-19 in the series on-demand, visit: <https://aaisa.ca/professional-development/>

Kind Regards,

Sabrina Dumitra, Settlement and Integration Program Manager

604 718-4220 / sdumitra@amssa.org

MOSAIC is accepting nominations for two awards:

- ANN & JO-ANN SOBKOWA AWARD
- EYOB G. NAIZGHI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Please see application forms attached in WORD and PDF

CCR SPRING VIRTUAL CONSULTATION



19 May -
26 June
2020



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés
Canadian Council for Refugees

Join us for the Virtual Spring Consultation to explore current issues affecting refugee protection and newcomer settlement. All are welcome to participate!

With views from all Canadian provinces and with experts in diverse fields, the Consultation offers opportunities for professional development, networking and strategy.

The Virtual Consultation will feature a series of webinars and on-line meetings. See current schedule (subject to change): ccrweb.ca/en/2020-spring-consultation

Information

When: 19 May - 26 June 2020 (all webinars, caucuses, working group meetings will start at 2:00pm EDT and will last 90mins)

Where: GoToWebinars

Who: Refugees, immigrants, representatives of refugee and immigrant-serving organizations, government, UNHCR, academics, community workers, lawyers, youth advocates and more. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Fee schedule:

Please select the appropriate CODE when registering!

Register

Canadian Council for Refugees, 6839 Drolet #301, Montréal, QC, H2S 2T1 (514) 277-7223, ccrweb.ca

MOSAIC will be offering online English Conversation Circles for Refugee Claimants on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 pm from April 29 to June 3, 2020. These online sessions will be hosted on Zoom (available on phone or computer). Clients can register and get the link to join the Zoom sessions by emailing Parisa at proofigari@mosaicbc.org.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- ✓ Every Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- ✓ Zoom – An online App (can be used on phone or computer)
- ✓ Clients can register any week
- ✓ Spanish and 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 if you have any questions. Have a great day!

ONLINE: English Conversation for Refugee Claimants



Every Wednesday

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

April 29 — June 3, 2020

We will “meet” each week on Zoom
(an online app)



Practice your English, talk to new people, and learn more about life in Canada.

You can register any week!

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WELCOME BC

Burnaby Family Life and Burnaby LIP invites you to the Second and Third Webinars of the “**Three Wellness Series Webinars**” to continue working in this unprecedented times and continue supporting clients.

Diana Jeffries will be the panelist for the three webinars. Diana specializes in working with refugees and other multi-barrier newcomers in community-based programs. She has facilitated numerous workshops throughout Canada on for the education, settlement, and the health sectors and has written several papers, resources guides, and curricula for practitioners working with newcomers to Canada

- Zoom webinar 2 will be May 21, 2020 09:00 AM PST

Topic: **ESSENTIAL SELF-CARE STRATEGIES - For Mental Health During Uncertain Times**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ynLSno3dQ22Z_W8vVbrKrw

- Zoom webinar 3 will be Jun 4, 2020 09:00 AM PST

Topic: **TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICES FOR WORKING WITH NEWCOMERS - Perspectives on Healing-Centered Engagement, and Working in Solidarity with Newcomers**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i2D79B7VSpm4vvTFv7VCHw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

