



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).

NEWS!!

MAP has just launched a **YouTube channel** at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI1W4nXRzib-4VUulJudPvQ/featured> to showcase snippets from **World Refugee Day** in the hope of supporting the artistic endeavours of our participants.

Thanks go hugely to **Luke Greidanus**, summer intern at **Kinbrace**, who set this up. Also to **Richard Belcham (inasmuch)** and **Salih Arif (MOSAIC)** who edited the film.

The site is very much in a state of early development but please visit, like, share with friends and watch the space while we add more detail and information about these great performers and artists.

Thanks as always go to the **Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness** whose funding makes this project possible.

Happy summer everyone. And **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.

Jenny Lam and Richard Belcham, - and the other Jenny!

News highlights:

COVID-19 and refugee claimants

July 15, 2020

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

*Thanks to Journey Home Volunteer **Barry Growe** for his research and compilation*

- **Businesses urged to give refugees more jobs during Covid era**
Thompson Reuters Foundation
- **Working in shops and cafes, refugees hardest hit by Corona virus jobs cuts**
National Post
- **Migrant workers stage multi-city action for full status amid Covid-19 risks**
City News
- **Why Canada still needs immigrants despite soaring unemployment**
National Post
- **Hamilton's inasmuch House launches new services to support women at risk**
Hamilton Spectator
- **Conservatives overstated the cost of border crossers**
Toronto Star

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE IMMIGRATION REFUGEE BOARD (Received July 14)

Dear stakeholders,

[I wish to inform you that the Immigration Division \(ID\) has issued a Practice Notice](#) advising that the Division will resume in-person hearings on September 14, 2020.

As of this date, the Division's preferred means of conducting non-detained admissibility hearings will be in-person or by videoconference.

The ID is committed to taking all required steps to protect the health and safety of hearing participants. This includes adopting a flexible approach towards parties who ask to participate in their admissibility hearing remotely due to health-related concerns. In light of ongoing health-related restrictions on the transportation of detainees and limitations on access to detention facilities, please note that detention reviews and detained admissibility hearing will continue to be conducted primarily by teleconference until further notice.

For further details, I invite you to consult the [Practice Notice](#).

Please distribute this information within your organization as you consider appropriate.

Greg Kipling

Deputy Chair, Immigration Division

Invitation

Remote Hearings Pilot Project – Information Session for Stakeholders

**Date: July 23, 2020
12:00-13:30 PDT**

The Refugee Protection Division (RPD) of the Immigration and Refugee Board invites stakeholders in the Western Region to an information session on our Remote Hearings Pilot Project. This project was launched to continue providing access to justice during the Covid-19 pandemic. This project involves conducting refugee hearings where counsel and claimants connect to their hearing from their own home or office using the Microsoft Teams software. The RPD has launched a small scale pilot project for willing claimants and counsel.

This information session will describe the pilot project and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions. Those who have participated in the project will also share their experiences.

Information on how to participate will be sent out shortly.

Please indicate your interest in participating in this meeting by writing to Chloe Perrin at Chloe.Perrin@irb-cisr.gc.ca.

Due to time limitation and to ensure that all questions are answered, we invite stakeholders to submit questions about the Remote Hearings Pilot Project ahead of the information session by email to **Chloe Perrin** at Chloe.Perrin@irb-cisr.gc.ca by **July 17th, 2020**.

We invite you to circulate notice of this session with other stakeholders in the Western region.

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

RPD, Western Region – July 10, 2020

Dear stakeholders,

Following the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada's (IRB) [recent notice](#) on its expanded use of *epost Connect*, it is with regret that we need to inform you that transitioning to the new configuration unexpectedly resulted in epost account registrations with the IRB accidentally being deleted.

This email applies only to accounts created prior to June 22, 2020, when the transition took place. For those who created accounts prior to June 22, 2020, the deletion of epost account registration means that you still have access to your accounts but IRB can no longer view conversations.

Accounts created after June 22, 2020 remain functional, and no action is needed. This e-mail can simply be deleted.

Action required for those accounts created before June 22, 2022:

1. Registrations:

Anyone with an e-Post account that was created **prior to June 22, 2020** are required to re-register with the IRB in order to regain the ability to submit documents electronically.

You may register using the [online form](#) available on the IRB's website. The registration process should only take a few minutes.



2. Resubmission of documents:

You should still have the capability to view your previous epost conversations (including document submissions) on your end, but unfortunately the IRB can no longer view the conversations for the accounts created prior to June 22, 2020.

Accordingly, in order to ensure that all recent documents submitted to the IRB through epost have been processed, we ask that you please **re-submit all documents** that you submitted to the IRB through epost Connect **on or after June 17, 2020**. Any documents submitted before June 17th would already have been received and saved on IRB systems.

If you have any questions regarding epost, please find below the contact information for each IRB region:

Western Region: irb.RPD-WO-WO-SPR.cisr@irb-cisr.gc.ca

Please rest assured that our team is committed to increasing all safeguards to prevent this situation from recurring in the future. Please accept our sincere apologies for the inconvenience this situation has caused. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Jason Choueiri, Executive Director,
Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada



Please see the [important update](#) that **Umbrella Multicultural Health** have added to their website this week regarding COVID-19:

<https://umbrellacoop.ca/covid-19-response/>

It contains information on **Public Health basic recommendations and more in multiple languages.**

Wazhma Wakil <http://umbrellacoop.ca/>
Coordinator of Social Determinants of Health,
715 Carnarvon St, New Westminster, BC V3M 1E6
Phone: 604-553-0633
Visit us at: www.umbrellacoop.ca



Dear ISSofBC friend,

We are pleased to announce that delivery of limited in-person services on an appointment-only basis will begin in most ISSofBC offices and locations by the end of this month.

Settlement services – including multilingual settlement supports for Government-Assisted Refugees, **refugee claimants**, and other immigrants; volunteer connections; and youth and women's programs – are available for appointment-scheduling in all locations except Maple Ridge beginning July 27.

Resumption of in-person Employment and Self-employment services and LINC training which continue to be delivered online or by phone will be announced later.

Delivery of all in-person services are strictly by appointment only. All offices will remain closed to drop-in services.

New or returning clients can book in-person service appointments by contacting the centralized intake resources listed on the [ISSofBC Programs during COVID-19](#) webpage.



ISSofBC has spared no effort to ensure a safe workplace for staff and clients to return to. When booking and later, arriving for appointments, clients will be expected to answer a number of health-related screening questions and provide critical personal information to facilitate virus contact tracing should that become necessary. For everyone's protection, they must also arrive wearing facial masks (both adults and children over two years old). Please check out the [ISSofBC Return-to-Workplace Safety Plan](#).

We continue to closely monitor guidelines and directions from public health authorities and by doing so, look forward to a successful and healthy reopening of all the services our clients and the community have come to rely on. Thanks for your continued support and please stay safe.

URL links:

Programs during COVID-19 - <https://issbc.org/program-intake>

Return-to-Workplace Safety Plan - <https://issbc.org/safetyplan-covid19>

Yours truly,



Patricia Woroch
Chief Executive Officer



Legal Aid BC Update: COVID-19 and the Law (July 14, 2020) (2 pages in PDF attached)

In this update:

- COVID-19 updates - abuse & family violence, the BC legal system, immigration & refugees and mortgage & rent
- Video - Should I go to court during COVID-19?
- Date changed - BCSTH & LABC webinar on legal options for women without status fleeing abuse

Janz Raspberry farm want to do a 'giving back' day and have chosen **Inasmuch** as the recipient charity!!

This coming Wednesday (July 15th) they'll be donating 50% of all their Raspberry sales to us!!! They've posted on their facebook page which they'll be updating shortly so if you were able to "like" their farm and share the posting on social media with all your friends and colleagues that would be wonderful!

Their FB page can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Farm/Janz-Raspberry-Farm-137576626254061/> and on Instagram they're @janzberryfarm.

And if anyone has time to stop by on Wednesday and purchase some Raspberries and say thank you to them that would be wonderful! Our contact is Julie Janz and she's SO lovely

Thanks so much,

Tammy Johnson

Community Engagement & Housing Manager

604-850-9214



Find out what we do and why we do it at: www.inasmuch.ca

Inasmuch is a member of the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR)
Registered in Canada. Charity number: 843184706RR0001



MOSAIC and Inasmuch will be hosting career workshops on **Wednesdays, July 22nd and 29th**. 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 refugeeclaimant@mosaicbc.org.

Posters with more information are attached to this email. Please share with any refugee claimant clients who might be interested in participating the career workshops.

- **Getting the Job: The Best Answers to Top Interview Questions**

- *Wednesday, July 22nd from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm*
- How to prepare for common interview questions and answer confidently: advice from a former Head of Human Resources
- Following up after an interview

- **Workplace Culture and Integration: Starting Your New Job**

- *Wednesday, July 29th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm*
- What to consider before starting with a new company: advice from a former Head of Human Resources
- Feel comfortable and confident in a new Canadian workplace

Please don't hesitate to email refugeeclaimant@mosaicbc.org if you have any questions. Have a great day!

Tracy Tang



MOSAIC

You are invited to the **Webinar on Human Rights in the Workplace – An Overview for Employers.**

When: Jul 16, 2020 09:00 AM Pacific Time

Topic: **Human Rights in the Workplace - An Overview for Employers**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hlaZp06eTGa1iIjYjaELIg

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

You are invited to a webinar concerning **Human Rights in the Workplace – An Overview for Employees and Workers**

When: Jul 23, 2020 01:30 PM Pacific Time

Topic: **Human Rights in the Workplace - An Overview for Employees and Workers Webinar**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LR1EUbpoSNGG80JgLgn71Q

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

.Please share these notices with your networks and clients.

Ana Maria Bustamante, M.A. BIPT Coordinator

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How to Sponsor Your Spouse, Partner or Child

[免费国语公共教育讲座

A Free Workshop in Mandarin]日期

Organized by:
Settlement and Integration Program
Burnaby Neighborhood House

(PDF also attached)

夫妻团聚移民申请指南 How to Sponsor Your Spouse, Partner or Child [免费国语公共教育讲座 A Free Workshop in Mandarin]

日期: 7月19日 星期日
时间: 下午3:00-4:00
地点: ZOOM 视频会议 (报名后您将收到邀请信息)
主讲人: Sandy Lian, 持牌移民顾问

Dates: Sunday July 19th, 2020
Time: 3:00-4:00 pm
Venue: ZOOM (Invitation link will be sent after registration)
Guest Speaker: Sandy Lian, ICRC

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Settlement & Integration Program
Burnaby Neighbourhood House
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8



讲座内容 The session will cover:

- 夫妻团聚流程 Process of sponsorship application
- 担保人的要求 Requirements to be sponsor
 - 担保人的义务 Obligations of sponsor
- 团聚移民申请的注意事项 Important things that may affect your application

报名请提前登记 REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE REQUIRED

在线报名 Online:

咨询/报名 Registration please contact:
电话 Phone: 236-877-2616
邮件 Email: nancyz@burnaby nh.ca



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For more information, please visit www.burnaby nh.ca

这是联邦政府资助的项目, 永久居民及公约难民优先。
The program is funded by IRCC. Priority will be given to Permanent Residents and Convention Refugees.



Reaching Home housing grants and supports available from five of our rent bank partners:

These are funds made available through Reaching Home in response to COVID19 and the impact it has had on people's housing stability. People should apply through the regular rent bank application process, but based on their situation either a loan, grant or combination solution will be offered.

Reaching Home – BC Rent Bank Coalition

Due to the impact of COVID19, BC Rent Bank and five of our partners are working together to assist people in accessing or maintaining their housing by providing one time grants that support housing placement and housing loss prevention. These grants are for individuals or families, and can assist with rental assistance, damage/utility deposits, moving fees, and any rent or utilities that have gone into arrears. Some sites are also offering assistance with gift cards to help with food and hygiene supplies. To find out which partners are participating, please go to <https://bcrentbank.ca/covid-19/>. Links to each community partner are located there. Please note – to qualify the applicant must reside or be moving into the community to which they are applying. If you have any additional questions, the best is to contact the agency directly or feel free to email info@bcrentbank.ca or call, 604-877-8453.

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Dear friends,

I am emailing to ask for your assistance in circulating two things; 1) the short survey linked below, and 2) the invitation for a focus group, to as many people in your networks who work (or used to work) in the Settlement Sector as possible:

The **Refugee Livelihood Lab** is a part of **SFU's RADIUS Program**, and we are currently involved in the design of a toolkit that can serve members of the Settlement community in the near future. Please help us by filling this short climate [survey](#) on the human experience of doing Settlement work! The survey is intended to provide a preliminary guide for our design process, and it would be helpful to have completed by as many individuals as possible (so feel free to share widely among your peers!). We would especially appreciate *the input of front-line staff as well as those on short /temp contracts*; but welcome all other voices as well. The materials from the survey will be anonymous, and not used for anything other than our internal discussions on designing our product, and to inform our collective conversation at the focus group.

Which brings me to my next item. The RLL will be hosting a **focus group** on July 28th, when we invite you for a deeper discussion of your experiences in Settlement work. The group session will be held by Zoom and take 2 hours although we are looking into possibly doing it in person as well. As an offer of thanks we will offer gift cards for all those who can join our focus group.

If you would like to participate further or have any questions, please feel free to email us: aurangzeb.hala@gmail.com or nelmasry@radiussfu.com

Thank you,

Hala

Vancouver City calls on youth to help plan their future (2 pages)

Too often the decisions made about planning cities leave out the voices that will inherit them. Decisions like where to build new housing, where new parks or playgrounds will go, or how we will adapt to sea level rise and protect the environment - all these will have big impacts on how our city evolves for future generations.

This is why we need our youth, the Young Planners, to help us guide the right choices for a future city where we can all thrive.

To begin hearing from these voices, the City has launched a [Young Planners portal online](#) that is full of activities and resources to help our future leaders learn more about their city. They can build a model of their favourite building, create their own Vancouver mural and find some great books and movies about cities. They can also share their COVID-19 experiences and ideas for the future.

We know that this summer will look different for many of our Young Planners, their families, and the organizations that work with them. The City is providing activities and discussions via video sessions with partner organizations through the summer.

Parents and youth can learn more about up-coming activities at: vancouverplan.ca/youngplanners/

COVID-19 Experiences

As the City supports recovery across Vancouver and has started thinking about long-term rebuilding, we are asking residents, businesses and community partners about their COVID-19 experiences and ideas for recovery.

Many have shared their thoughts through the City's new digital engagement platform, [Shape Your City Vancouver](#), and the early input highlights:

- City building and public spaces
- Supporting the most vulnerable

- Transportation and road space allocation

Hearing about how people have been affected and what their needs are will help us plan a better future together, and the City is looking for feedback until July 17.

About Planning Vancouver Together

Planning Vancouver Together is an intensely engaging process that aims to reflect the diversity of our population and results a long-term, strategic vision and actionable Vancouver Plan.

The Vancouver Plan has always been intended to shape the future of our City to 2050 and beyond. The scope has shifted to also help guide our community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. While it will not be a detailed instruction book, the Plan will be a tool that helps prioritize future decisions and sets directions for the city we want to become.

It will guide how we heal, invest, govern, and work to build a city where current and future generations can thrive.

More information can be found at:

- vancouverplan.ca
- [June 24 City Council presentation](#)



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés
Canadian Council for Refugees

Dear CCR members

As part of its efforts to bring on board emerging leaders in refugee policy and advocacy, the Overseas Protection & Resettlement (OPR) Working is looking to recruit a number of new members to positions of leadership, including as part of the OPR Steering Committee.

We are reaching out today to member agencies to ask you to consider supporting someone from your organization to take on this role. We are looking in particular for those with refugee or migrant background, and individuals with knowledge of private refugee sponsorship, the government assisted refugee program. See here for more details of this working group.

Please consider identifying staff or volunteers that might fit this profile in your organization and encouraging them to reach out to us to discuss. Mentoring and training opportunities will be offered for those who are interested and new to the CCR. This is a great opportunity to join a passionate and knowledgeable group with members from across Canada to advocate and to organize to promote the protection and rights of refugees.

To learn more, you can reach out to Michelle and Fikre at: mball@ocasi.org and fikre@clwr.org

With thanks,

Michelle Ball and Fikre Tsehai (Co-chairs of the OPR Working Group)

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

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 ਵਿਓਂਤ 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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