



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!!

- The MAP Bulletin will return to a weekly update starting next week: September 2nd. Hopefully this will help those who have last minute updates and events to share as well as decreasing the SIZE of the bulletin somewhat!
- **Worn Words Project Update - Introducing “Borderstory”** – Erin Glanville has been working with a number of MAP members and agencies to produce this useful and heartfelt video that can be viewed as a Preview for the rest of August. See the announcement below where you can watch it – a useful educational tool to grow compassion.
- **SIGN UP to the website Member area** for access to all MAP’s Agendas, Minutes, News and Member Directory. The website has been refreshed over the summer so take a look at our [co-chair profiles](#), updates about [Refugee Claimant Housing](#), the work of the BC CHARMS* Advisory Committee and much more.

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:

Refugee claimant – related articles from Canada and around the world

August 26, 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*

- **Asylum seekers get early chance at permanent residency**
Halifax Chronicle Herald
- **Program that grants some asylum seekers permanent residency ‘leaves too many people behind’**
Halifax Chronicle Herald
- **Immigration slowdown could derail economic progress: RBC**
Canadian Press
- **Feds to appeal ruling that struck down Safe Third Country agreement**
Canadian Press
- **Home Office accused of playing politics over sudden placement of asylum seekers in Birmingham hotel**
Birmingham Mail
- **‘Marking their own homework’: Seven Glasgow MPs demand independent inquiry into ‘deadly’ refugee living conditions**
Glasgow Times
- **The Observer’s view of the government’s shameful actions in the Channel**
The Observer
- **Germany feels quiet pride five years on from refugee crisis**
Irish Times
- **Gathering marks 10 years since nearly 500 asylum-seekers landed off Victoria’s shore**
Victoria BC News



August 14, 2020

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced a [temporary special measure](#) to provide a pathway to permanent residence for certain asylum claimants working in Canada's health care sector, in recognition of their exceptional contribution during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOSAIC will be hosting 2 free Food Safe trainings for refugee claimants and the trainings will be in English. Clients can register by emailing refugeeclaimant@mosaicbc.org. Please circulate it with any refugee claimant clients that interested in participating to it. Please see attached poster.

- **Date:** Wednesday, August 26th & Thursday, August 27th (**Clients can only register for one of the days, August 26 OR August 27 — not both days**)
- **Time:** 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
- **Location:** MOSAIC, 5575 Boundary Road. Vancouver BC, V5R 2P9
- Lunch, bus tickets and face mask will be provided
- *Outside food is not allowed to be brought in*
- Space is limited and registration required!

Due to the safety restrictions, clients will need to wear a mask for the whole time and they will be asked to fill out the Screening Questionnaire Sheet before they come into the room.

Please note that: the Class has resumed with a size limit of 16 students for Food Safe training. Strict hygiene procedures are in place. Anyone contacting us or arriving with symptoms of illness will not be admitted. Wearing mask is required!

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

DIVERSEcity's Food Accessibility Fund for Migrants and Their Families affected by COVID 19

Through many conversations with partners and having heard from all of you working directly with clients, food insecurity remains a significant concern during Covid19. However, many clients have experienced barriers to accessing financial supports, often due to their immigration status and other complicating factors. Some communities identified were International Students, Temporary Foreign Workers, Refugee Claimants as well as immigrants and refugees with health and developmental complications.

I am excited to announce the continuation of DIVERSEcity's food access supports through the Food Accessibility Fund for Migrants and their Families Affected by Covid19. Through this fund, we can continue to support internal food access needs, and **will also be accepting referrals from external partners.** Please see key info below on the service and how to refer clients. Please note, that due to demand, **we will prioritize clients who have NOT yet received financial or food support through one of DIVERSEcity's food access supports from the last few months.**

*The Food Accessibility Fund For Migrants and their Families affected by Covid19 will support internal DIVERSEcity clients and external clients (referred by partner organizations) whose food insecurity has been heightened by Covid19. The fund is for clients living in **Surrey, Delta or Langley**. Priority will be given to clients who are unable to access other supports or have additional levels of vulnerability. Support will be provided through either:*

- 1) One-time financial support for groceries through a \$150 Loblaws E-giftcard OR*
- 2) Delivery of a hamper of groceries of \$150 value directly to the clients' home or another safe place identified by the client if the client is unable to visit a grocery store.*



Additional support beyond these two options may also be provided on a case by case basis for individuals and families experiencing extreme food insecurity. Families who have already received giftcards through other DIVERSEcity Food Access supports are not eligible. However, in exceptional circumstances, we will consider repeat applications for support.

If you have any questions, please contact us at kitchen@dcrs.ca

Referrals can be made through the following online referral form. Staff may complete referrals on behalf of clients.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZKDX2J>

The John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland is changing its name! Now **John Howard Society Pacific**, the organization's new name accurately reflects its breadth and scope of work across the west coast – now serving a total population of nearly 3 million people across nearly 40 municipalities with the introduction of its services in the Yukon. JHS Pacific will continue to deliver the same essential services to local communities while also providing opportunities to serve more people and communities in the Pacific region.

Brianne Meikle

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Dear friends and colleagues,

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I'm pleased to send you a link to a preview of ***Borderstory***, a 20-minute multimedia film I have produced on the word 'border.' This film is part of the **Worn Words** listening research project, funded in part by the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and a fund held at Vancouver Foundation. It uses animation and cross-sector interviews to create an accessible, introductory invitation to dialogue around a contentious, polarizing concept. And it comes just in time for online learning. So please pass it on to anyone who might be able to use it.

Link: <https://www.eringoheenglanville.com/borderstory>

Password: "preview"

This preview will be available until the end of August. If you would like to use it in your classroom or community education, check the link for updates or email me for additional resources. An article is forthcoming on the making of *Borderstory*. The film will be freely available. If you have ideas for where it might be screened or could prompt dialogue, I would love to hear from you.

A few details to orient you: *Borderstory* begins with a short animation that tells a common story about borders and refugees. The 'border' is its shapeshifting main character (an unraveling piece of yarn) and people on the move find themselves in varying relationships to it. The animation leaves us with the inability of this story to produce an adequate global future for refugees and citizens alike. So, we rewind and begin again; this time the story is interrupted by research interviews from cross-sector experts. Different interviewees have experiential, academic, and refugee support expertise and provide a variety of insights that are put into conversation with the animation.

Some of the topics it introduces include:

- the history of borders
- the usefulness of borders for refugee claimants
- the relationship between safety and borders
- the way internal borders mark people out as not belonging
- common myths about refugee claimants who cross borders
- the ethics of storytelling
- the potential for our societies to live a better story about refugees and borders
- interdisciplinary knowledge mobilization



As a scholarly project, Worn Words has used a critical refugee studies approach to cross-sector interviews and collaborative animation, editing, and illustrations. It fits with a cultural studies approach to narratives and their contexts. Some of you will notice that the film uses postcolonial filmmaking strategies such as rewind, interruption, and montage. You may also have noticed that the animation is told in a fairytale genre and that the ball of yarn alludes to discourse theory, which is the study of linguistic 'strands' 'knit' together. So the film's genre and form might also prompt discussions about what traditions our cultural stories are part of and how we break out of patterned narration.

I hope this is useful to you and your work. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Dr Erin Goheen

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<https://www.eringoheenglanville.com>

Dear CCR member,

You are invited to attend our 2020 Virtual Summer Working Group (WG) Meetings!



Tuesday 1 September 2020

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Eastern
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Newfoundland
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Atlantic
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Central
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Mountain
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Pacific

Joint prep meeting

Join the preparatory meeting to receive updates on key issues and learn about the topics the Working Groups will discuss. The Working Group meetings themselves will be focused on discussion, not information-sharing, so **we are asking everyone to either attend the preparatory meeting or read the handouts in advance so that you can join in the discussion.**

Tuesday 8 September 2020

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Newfoundland
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Atlantic
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Central
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Mountain
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pacific

Overseas Protection and Resettlement WG meeting

Wednesday 9 September 2020

Same time

Immigration and Settlement WG meeting

Thursday 10 September 2020

Same time

Inland Protection WG meeting

We've created a single registration process so by clicking on the Register button below, you'll register for the 4 sessions listed above.

[**Register**](#)

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Information about the Handouts, simultaneous translation and Meeting Pulse will be sent as we are nearing the first session. We will be asking everyone to start sharing ideas through Meeting Pulse **in the week before the WG meetings**, so that we can maximize our limited meeting time.

Check out our [event page](#) for more information about the Summer Working Group meetings 2020.

2020 ATCR and the international refugee system

In addition and as a reminder, on **Wednesday 2 September**, we are holding a virtual meeting on Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) and the international refugee system. For more information please visit [this page](#) or to register to this event follow this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2406122176834899724>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out as it will be my pleasure to assist you.

Alice Alvarez-Pereyre (elle/she/her)

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City of Vancouver

Opportunity: Social Planner III - Anti Racism / Cultural Redress

The Anti-Racism/Cultural Redress Social Planner III in Social Policy & Projects provides strong leadership, analytical and conceptual skills and is a key part of a team that develops and monitors the implementation of various City strategies related to social sustainability, including the City of Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy, emerging Equity Framework, Poverty Reduction Strategy, and Accessibility Strategy. The position will oversee policy development, and city wide public education, dialogue, and socio-cultural programming on anti-racism, multiculturalism, decolonization and cultural redress related issues for racialized, immigrant and refugee communities, and provide leadership in civic and community based initiatives concerning racialized individuals and communities, immigrants and refugees.

For more information:

<https://career17.sapsf.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=20441&company=cityofvancP>

Questions: contact wilma.clarke@vancouver.ca / Assistant Director, Social Policy and Projects

The CAVE Youth Employment Program at Douglas College

is now accepting applications from young people aged 17-29 looking for paid work

Start date: September 14, 2020

100% Online! Participate from the safety and comfort of home.

To apply, send your resume to: cave@douglascollege.ca

5 weeks of Free Online Training:

- discover your dream job
- create an impressive resume and cover letter
- master tough interview questions
- online application forms
- receive 1-on-1 job coaching

--earn **cash bonuses** of up to **\$650**

Job Search Support for 12 weeks

- certificates: First Aid, Food Safe, Forklift
- coaching from a job developer
- assistance from a resume expert
- job placement with potential wage subsidy

Please share with your friends, colleagues, and networks.

Hana Prochazka, Facilitator & Marketer

CAVE Youth Employment Program / Training Group | Douglas College

C. 604.218.4146

E. prochazkova@douglascollege.ca



CAVE Youth Employment Program

A cost-free program for young job seekers.
5-week online class & 12-week paid work placement

For ages 17-29 and Unemployed or Precariously employed,
Canadian citizen, Permanent resident or Protected person (under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, S.C. 2001, c. 27) legally entitled to work in Canada,
Living in British Columbia,
Not a full-time student (not enrolled in high school or post-secondary training) and
Not participating in another provincially or federally funded labour market program

Information Sessions *all interested applicants must attend a registration session to confirm eligibility for CAVE

Register for Online Info Session to Apply
cave@douglascollege.ca | 604-438-3045
www.douglascollege.ca/cave

Next Class
Sept 14 2020



This program is 100% online.
Participate from the safety and comfort of your home.

YOUTH STORIES

My name is Melisa, and I am part of a group based in Metro Vancouver called [Shades of Sustainability](#). I am reaching out to you about a project we are working on in collaboration with [Amplify Vancouver](#) called [Our Stories, Our Futures](#).

We are hosting a virtual dialogue event for youth (18-30) called **Our Stories, Our Futures, Our Voices on Tuesday, September 1st, 6:00-7:30 pm PST**. This second part of the project will feature a **dialogue and creation space for youth to share ideas and stories**, and to **re-imagine a just, equitable and sustainable future**. The purpose of the virtual event is to follow up on the 14 selected story submissions, soon to be published online, to continue the conversations and reflections of the hopes and visions that BIPOC youth in Metro Vancouver have dreamed of. This event will build on the themes and ideas of the storytelling series and aim to hold space for storytelling, engagement, and relationship building for all youths.

We have just launched our promotion for this event to invite youths (18-30) to attend. Registration and details about the event can be found in our [Eventbrite](#).

Please send any questions, we'd be happy to help. Email amplifyyouthvancouver@gmail.com

Melisa (she/her)
Shades of Sustainability

BURNABY PRIMARY CARE NETWORK:

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a DocTalks on Families with Children: Return to School Edition in English and Mandarin with Dr. Billy Lin, Burnaby Family Physician!

The session will take place Thursday, August 27th, 4:00-5:00pm.

Please find **attached the invitation in both Traditional Chinese and English** for posting and distribution to your networks.

If you would like to join,
please register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iL3PT5u9RoOz-aGda9ljjQ

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you so much!

Andrea Creamer
acreamer@divisionsbc.ca

INCLUSIVE PLANNING SURVEY

We are reaching out to you to seek your help in circulating this survey to your networks for participation and completion.

Please take our survey to help inform community planning, and to help create a sense of belonging for all immigrants. You will be entered to win \$50. You can find a direct link to the survey [HERE. \[ubc.ca/qualtrics.com\]](https://ubc.ca/qualtrics.com)

This survey is part of a project intended to help welcome and integrate immigrants and refugees in Canadian cities. Our work may increase the participation of all residents, including immigrants and refugees, in urban planning decisions. Your opinions and experiences are extremely valuable for this work. We will ask you some questions about yourself, your neighbourhood, and your interest in helping shape your city. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The survey deadline is August 27th.

The project is led by Dr. Maged Senbel from the University of British Columbia (UBC) in partnership with MOSAIC, the City of Surrey, the City of Vancouver, Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House, Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS), Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society, and the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC). For more information about this project at UBC please visit [Inclusive Planning Partnership \[facebook.com\]](https://www.facebook.com/inclusiveplanning) or [http://blogs.ubc.ca/inclusiveplanning/ \[blogs.ubc.ca\]](http://blogs.ubc.ca/inclusiveplanning/)

[If you would like to share our Facebook post on your organization's page, you can find the link here: https://www.facebook.com/inclusiveplanning/photos/a.1655752871224597/2007741076025773](https://www.facebook.com/inclusiveplanning/photos/a.1655752871224597/2007741076025773)

Thank you for participating in Statistics Canada's crowdsourcing data collection on the impacts of COVID-19, and for agreeing to let us contact you. So far, more than 525,000 people have participated, and we continue to use crowdsourcing to collect data quickly on topics that are important to Canadians.

Participate now

The current questionnaire is: **Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians – Experiences of Discrimination**. We want to hear from you whether you have experienced discrimination or not. We are asking people if they have experienced discrimination based on race, sex, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability or language, and whether their experiences have changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other topics will also be covered, including your sense of belonging within various places and groups, and barriers to health care services.

Anybody living in Canada can participate.

To complete the questionnaire, please visit www.statcan.gc.ca/COVIDdiscrimination-questionnaire-e.

Remember all information collected is confidential, and protected under the *Statistics Act*.

Access the latest data

Statistics Canada remains committed to providing an accurate picture of what is happening in Canada in order to provide governments, businesses and Canadians with the information they need to respond to, and recover from this pandemic. To see the latest data, visit [COVID-19: A data perspective](#) on our website.

For 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

Thank you, your opinion matters to us!

Jean Labbé
Director, Collection Planning and Research Division
Statistics Canada

MAP Meeting Schedule – Fall 2020



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic ALL MAP meetings are held online via ZOOM currently.

MAP members will receive an invitation to register via ZOOM 2 weeks before each meeting, along with the agenda.

Housing Working Group and Advisory Committee Meetings also take place via ZOOM.

The MAP Executive is constantly reviewing these decisions and when it is deemed safe by the health authorities to hold in-person meetings MAP will return to this preferred format.

In the meantime here is the schedule for the remainder of 2020 and Presentation topics:

DATE

TOPIC OF THE MAIN PRESENTATION

Thursday September 24

Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions ‘Pathway to Hope’ Presentation and discussion on refugee claimant mental health.

Thursday October 22

Employment resources for refugee claimants – a panel discussion with lead employment specialists

Thursday November 26

‘The Neighbourhood House Movement and its impact on the community and refugee claimants’. Association of Neighbourhood Houses and discussion with MAP member Neighbourhood Houses

You are Invited! - Summer Micro-Picnics

Each summer, **Journey Home Community** hosts a large community picnic. With COVID-19, we have had to make some changes. We are **CAREFULLY** planning micro-picnics to balance being a community with our responsibility to promote the health, safety, and well being of all members of the community.

Goal: to facilitate social connections between JHC community members (refugee claimants) and members of JHC's wider support community.

Event: Micro-Picnics - gatherings of no more than 20 - at Moody Park, New Westminster, BC (Southeast Corner of the Park).

Safety Plan:

- All attendees are required to sign up in advance
- While at the picnic, all participants are asked to maintain 2 meters distance from one another
- Bring your own masks and hand sanitizer - we will provide PPE for those who don't have any
- bring your own food and drink - this is not a potluck style picnic

Journey Home will provide:

- Instructions and Guidelines
- A picnic-in-a-box which includes "distance games," plates/cutlery/napkins, sanitizer/masks/gloves, and other helpful items.

How to sign up:

We are offering **three micro-picnics each week through the month of August**. These will take place every:

* **Tuesday at 6pm** * **Saturday at 11am** * **Sunday at 4pm**

Click the link below to register using "Sign-Up Genius" to select a date and time that suits you and your friends/family/group.

If you have any questions about Summer Micro-Picnics, please email our picnic coordinator, Sara Martinez - sara@journeyhomecommunity.ca

MOSAIC'S online English Conversation Circle for Refugee Claimants (Beginners) will be hosted on **Tuesdays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm from August 11th to September 15th, 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.

A poster with more information is attached, Please share with any refugee claimant clients who might be interested in practicing their English and learning more about life in Canada!

Frequently Asked Questions:

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- ✓ 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! Attend even if you are still waiting for your 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 Circle for Refugee Claimants (Beginners)

Every Tuesday 11:00 am—12:00 pm
August 11 — September 15, 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



We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness.

The Settlement and Integration Program at Burnaby Neighbourhood House Presents

Grupo de Orientación Y servicios para hombres latinoamericanos

Contenido

Vivir en un nuevo ambiente es desafiante, incluso pasar a un ciudad diferente en el mismo país presenta una serie de problemas que necesitamos resolver, aprender y adaptar, pero estos desafíos son aún más pronunciados cuando nos mudamos a un nuevo país, con nuevos sistemas y regulaciones.



Únete a otros chicos para ¡Discuta diferentes soluciones de equilibrio vida / trabajo / escuela y retos en estos tiempos de COVID-19!

Miércoles de 6:00-7:00 pm

Dirigido por: Jesús Gonzales

Formato: Via Zoom

Tiempo: 1 hora

Edad sugerida: 18+

Lenguaje: Ingles/Español

Participantes: 12 por sesión

Para más información ingresa a
www.burnabynh.ca

Se requiere preinscripción para obtener el enlace para el Taller de Zoom!
Por favor contacte a Elva en
Elvar@burnabynh.ca
236 833 6515



Settlement and Integration Program

Orientation Group & Services for Latin American Men

Held weekly on Wednesdays
via Zoom

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Register at elvar@burnabynh.ca

or call 226.833.6515

See Poster – PDF Poster

in Spanish and English also attached

Visit us at www.burnabynh.ca



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Orientation Group and services for latin american men

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Living in a new environment is challenging, even moving to a different city in the same country presents a number of issues that we need to solve, learn and adapt, but these challenges are even more pronounce when we move to a new country, with new systems and regulations.



Come join with other guys to discuss different life/work / school balance solutions and challenges in these times of COVID-19!

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00 pm

Directed by: Jesús Gonzales

Format: Via Zoom

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested age: 18+

Language: English/Spanish

Participants: 12 per session

For more information go to
www.burnabynh.ca

Pre-registration is required to
get the link for the Zoom Workshop!

Please contact Elva at
Elvar@burnabynh.ca
236 833 6515



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Grupo de Orientación y servicios para hombres latinoamericanos

Online and offered by Burnaby Neighbourhood House – poster attached

The workshops, in Spanish, are open to refugee claimants and will start this Wednesday August 12th; and they will be ongoing for three months at least (depending on participation)

The facilitator will be **Jesus Gonzales from Kiwassa** who has extensive experience with these workshops for Latin males.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

Elva Rodriguez

Community Connection Coordinator/

Case Manager Hispanic Settlement and Integration Program

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

T: 236.833.6515

Email: Elvar@burnabynh.ca

MOSAIC's online Table Topics for refugee claimants will be hosting on **Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm from August 12th to September 23rd, 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 refugeeclaimant@mosaicbc.org.

A poster with more information is attached, and some answers to FAQs are below. Please share with any refugee claimant clients who might be interested in exploring a wide variety of social discussion topics, creating new connections, improving spoken English and “meeting” new people. The theme for this period will be **storytelling**.

Frequently Asked Questions:

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

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



TABLE TOPICS
Meet Your Neighbors For Weekly Conversation and Laughs, Virtually



- Storytelling
- Create new connections
- Improve your spoken English
- Meet new people

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

Every Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
August 12th - September 23rd, 2020

You can register any week! To get the link, please
email refugeeclaimant@mosaicbc.org

  

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the
Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness.

Journey Home Community: Join our team - Volunteer & Event Coordinator

NOTE: The job description has been revised to provide additional clarity about the responsibilities and goals of the position. Please click on the link below and read the new position description carefully. Thank you!

Volunteer & Event Coordinator:

This full-time position provides an exciting opportunity for an individual interested in supporting Journey Home Community's mission by coordinating volunteers and events.

This individual will take initiative to build excitement and inspire others to support Journey Home Community. Responsibility will be to create meaningful and vibrant events supported by a healthy volunteer base. They will be effective at recruiting, providing effective training, organizing systems, building teams, and providing emotional and practical support and supervision.

The ideal candidate will possess strong leadership skills, a strong emotional intelligence, be relationally oriented, and have effective communication skills, all while being able to remain detailed, organized, and focused on task completion.

Does this sound like you or someone you know?

Download the position description below and email your resume/cover letter to employment@journeyhomecommunity.ca

for more information visit journeyhomecommunity.ca/employment

download the [position description here](#)

My name is Owen Stride, and I'm the Program Manager for YWCA TechLink, our newest employment program and IT/tech support service, at [YWCA Metro Vancouver \[ywcavan.org\]](http://YWCA Metro Vancouver [ywcavan.org]). I'm getting in touch as we'll be launching this free service on August 31, and I believe it could be a great resource for your clients and program participants who find themselves needing support with general IT/tech like video conferencing, setting up devices etc., especially as so much has gone virtual now.

Staffed by Canadians (both immigrants and young Canadians) who have a background in technology and a desire to build their Canadian work experience, TechLink will offer free IT and tech support over the phone and virtually to vulnerable members of the community in Metro Vancouver. The service will be able to help with general IT and tech-related queries - these can include questions around:

- Setting up devices
- Making video calls
- Setting up email accounts
- How to access government services (limited details so as to not expose personal details such as passwords)
- Accessing the internet - and more.

As we plan our training, we'd also love to know - what kind tech support needs do your clients have? Have you identified any specific areas where they need help? Please fill out this [survey \[forms.office.com\]](https://forms.office.com) to share your insights.

If you've got anyone in mind who might need general support with IT and tech, please share this [poster \[ywcametrovancouver.sharepoint.com\]](https://ywcametrovancouver.sharepoint.com) with them, and if you believe they could benefit from TechLink's free and friendly IT support, please email techlink@ywcavan.org to get booked in.

Appointments will be available from August 31.

Please forward this email to anyone working with those who could benefit from TechLink and send your questions re: the service.

Thank you in advance, Owen

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Announcing Pivot 2020: providing 1,200 jobs to youth across Canada. Applications open today!

We're excited to announce the launch of [Pivot 2020 \[trk.cp20.com\]](https://trk.cp20.com) – an urban research project that will hire 1,200 young people across Canada to support 27 cities in coming back bigger and brighter post-COVID. [160 co-op positions \[trk.cp20.com\]](https://trk.cp20.com) are available specifically for SFU students.

Pivot 2020 is a deep urban exploration and information gathering project led by 1,200 young people in 27 cities across Canada. These young people will collect data through surveying youth, interviewing community members and collecting benchmark information on the issues that matter to them most. It's good work changing cities.



want to make change in your city...

...and have experience
managing program
logistics and a team of
people?

you'd be great for our...



city coordinator role

...and can supervise a
small team and
advocate for your
city?



team leader role

...and love doing
research and learning
new things?



team member role

PIVOT

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Through the project, the Pivot team will learn more about city-building and develop future employment skills, while connecting to a network of other young people invested in similar ideas. The findings will populate an open and accessible database grounded in priorities and opportunities determined by youth that can be used by planners, organizations, governments and more to make our cities bigger, brighter and better for all.

Need a job or know someone who does?

[Learn More](#)

Young people can generate momentous change, and that energy and capacity for innovation is needed to pivot from our current reality to hope, opportunity, renewal and connection.

Find out more at www.pivot2020.ca [trk.cp20.com]

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