

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 56 October 7, 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 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 at info@mapbc.org

NEWS!!

- PLEASE NOTE: October's MAP Meeting is Thursday October 22 (not Oct 29!)
- **NEW** search tool on the mapbc.org website. Members can use this tool to search past MAP bulletin issues and posted reports, MAP Minutes and articles via keywords. See Richard's instructions next and try it out: https://mapbc.org/members/ (Note you must register as a Member before you can use the search tool)
- MAP 2021 Planning a year of public education and advocacy! It's important to educate ourselves and the public about what's happening in the world of refugee protection both here and around the world. And to make this happen MAP is calling on all researchers, writers, social media and zoom experts, settlement agencies and those with a heart for refugee claimants to volunteer for a re-birthed MAP INFORMATION WORKING GROUP. To find out more contact Jenny at info@mapbc.org or 778-835-3760

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!

New SEARCH function added to the MAP website





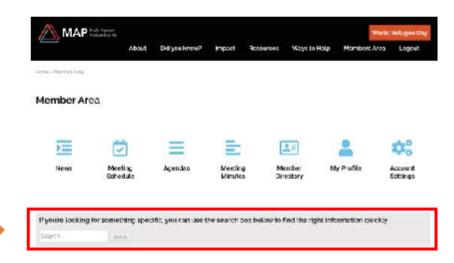
We're very happy to let you know that the MAP website – including all minutes, bulletins and agendas – is now fully searchable. This includes the website as well as all the PDFs, Word documents and attachments.

You'll find the SEARCH function at the bottom of the members' area home page: https://mapbc.org/members/. So if you haven't signed up to get a member account, then now's the time to do so!

It makes the whole site much easier to navigate and means that you can find exactly the information you need in a few short clicks!

Thank you for helping us to keep the website current...

MAP Executive - Jenny, Richard and Jenny





News highlights:

Refugee claimant

– related articles
from Canada and
around the world

October 7, 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

 Global companies demonstrate commitment to include refugees in post-Covid recovery

Tent Partnership for Refugees

- Refugee protection and public health should co-exist in Canada Ottawa Citizen
- A humbling Social Studies lesson courtesy of a grateful refugee
 Calgary Herald
- Refugee nurses admitted to Canada under pilot program
 Canadian Press
- Reception House welcomes refugees to the region once again
 Waterloo Region Record
- More than 250 groups call for full, permanent immigration status for all in Canada

The Chronicle-Herald

 Chocolatier and medical student among top 25 Canadian Immigration Awards winners

CIC News



At Rainbow Refugee Society, we are continuing our online weekly drop-in groups and community outreach groups.

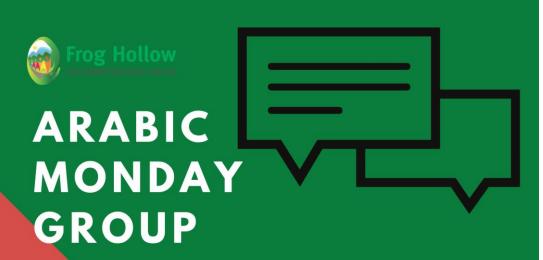
We proudly serve LGBTQ and nonbinary refugee and refugee claimants in Canada; offering emotional support, system navigation, hearing support and a welcoming community.

For more information or to refer a member, please contact Nazanin at: support@rainbowrefugee.ca

Nazanin Moghadami Support Manager

Phone: 613.604.5024





ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB FOR NEWCOMERS

Available for Arabic-speaking permanent residents, refugee claimants and citizens.

4 Mondays, 12:00noon-1:30pm Oct 5th & 19th, Nov 2nd & 16th 2020 Online via ZOOM

INQUIRIES OR REGISTRATION

Contact Maysa Zahranat at 604-941-8064 or maysa@froghollow.bc.ca

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MOSAIC presents 2 ongoing workshops for refugee claimants (new poster attached)

Event Name: Virtual English Conversation Circle for Refugee Claimants	Description:
Date: Every Tuesday, September 29 th – November 10 ^{th,} 2020	We will "meet" each week on Zoom (an app on your phone or computer) • Practice your English
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm	 Talk to new people Learn more about life in Canada
Contact Person: Parisa Roofigari	Clients can register any week! To get the link, please email Parisa at rproofigari@mosaicbc.org

Event Name: Virtual Table Topics for Refugee Claimants	Description:
Date: Every Wednesday, October 7 th – November 11 th , 2020 Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	We will "meet" each week on Zoom (an app on your phone or computer) • Explore a wide variety of social discussion topics • Create new connections • Meet new people
Contact Person: Tracy Tang	Clients can register any week! To get the link, please email Tracy at ttang@mosaicbc.org

TABLE TOPICS

Mindfulness



- Explore a wide variety of social discussion topics
 - 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 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm October 7th - November 11th, 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.



Webinar: Understanding the needs and challenges of recruitment in Retail, Hospitality and Warehousing

This event will provide immigrants and refugee job seekers a better understanding of the needs, skills and qualifications required by the Retail, Hospitality and Warehousing Sectors. The actual situation with COVID-19 has offered challenges to business and job seekers. The event will provide information and offer attendees the opportunity to ask questions to employers.

Panelists:

RETAIL: Mandy Mann, HR Manager for STORMTECH Performance Apparel

HOSPITALITY: Shanna Olson, Owner/Operator Browns Social House in Abbotsford and Chilliwack

WAREHOUSING: Kelly Yao, Senior Engagement Coordinator at Amazon Fulfillment Services

Zoom meeting.

When: Oct 15, 2020 09:00 - 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrfu6trz4jEt2fegbdfEtp9cQRuk FO0EG

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

Ana Maria Bustamante, M.A. (She/her)

BIPT Coordinator

Burnaby Family Life

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Please enjoy Froghollow Neighbourhood House latest newsletter:

https://mailchi.mp/9d2a82f18845/frog-hollow-this-month-september-2020

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

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From the City of Vancouver: an important survey re: Non-profits and their space needs that will most likely be applicable to you.

SPACE for COMMUNITY: SURVEY

Are you a not-for-profit, social enterprise or artist struggling to find and maintain affordable space? We want to hear from you!

SPACE for COMMUNITY is a multi-year study seeking to understand the real estate challenges impacting your sector. The Social Purpose Real Estate Collaborative (SPRE) and the Real Estate Institute of BC have commissioned this study and SURVEY to get the facts that will help create actions for change. The City of Vancouver is a member of SPRE.

Join a 1000 respondents to make your experience with real estate known. Take the SURVEY now and be entered to win one of four iPads before the early bird deadline October 15. The final date for participation is October 22. Results will be released via community events in key SPRE member communities in February/March/April 2021.

The survey will take 15 to 30 minutes to complete. Speed the process with your facility information in hand.

Take the SPACE4COMMUNITY SURVEY [surveymonkey.com]

Please consider sharing the SURVEY LINK with your networks and get them to help tell the story of how real estate affects your organizations and your work.

Thank you for participating in SPACE FOR COMMUNITY 2020! For more information please go

to https://www.socialpurposerealestate.net [socialpurposerealestate.net]

If you have questions, please contact **Lesley Anderson Project Facilitator SPRE**, SOCIAL PURPOSE REAL ESTATE COLLABORATIVE, 604-360-0172.

Thank you for making time to take the survey.

Nadia Carvallho

City of Vancouver Social Planning



REPEATS:

DIVERSEcity's LGBTQ+ Newcomer Programs: One-one Settlement Support and Peer Support Programs



• 'Together Now' peer support group- LGBTQ+ Migrant Support Group:

Together Now, a peer support group that offers a safe and welcoming space for self-expression, where participants can meet new people, learn about local resources, access counselling services and feel that they are part of a community. The group, available for all folks regardless of status, also helps in bridging much needed social services, beyond peer support, to assist members with other settlement related issues such as housing, income assistance and employment. The Together Now group meets every week through Zoom, in response to COVID-19 pandemic, and the need for social distancing.

• One-to-one settlement support for LGBTQ+ PR's:

DIVERSEcity is now providing one-to-one support to LGBTQ+ adult and youth clients to help them navigate the complex process of settling into their new community. This client-centered approach is available for LGBTQ+ newcomers who are protected refugees, permanent residents or sponsored immigrants. Our aim is to facilitate the process of settlement by acknowledging the unique lived experiences of LGBTQ+ newcomers who constantly face systemic barriers toward full inclusion due to the complex experience of having intersectional identities

For information or to make a referral please contact:

Kristi Pinderi

LGBTQ+ Support Worker

Phone: 604-306-6316 | Email: kpinderi@dcrs.ca

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Settlement and Integration Program

Canadian Geography and People as entwined by Newcomers' Arts and Crafts

An hour fun filled session for newcomer children and their families Interactive activities using arts and crafts To help children learn about Canadian geography and people

> Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM until December 19, 2020 (via Zoom)

Suggested Ages: 6 – 9 years old

Languages: English/Spanish

Pre-Registration is required

Contact Elva elvar@burnabynh.ca or call 236-833-6515

For more information see attached poster

Visit us at www.burnabynh.ca



Canadian Geography and People as entwined by Newcomers' Arts and Crafts

The objective of this workshops is to learn about Canadian geography and people by using art and crafts combined with fun and interactive activities among newcomer children and families of all age groups.

These repeated series are organized based on successful sessions during this summer.

Facilitator: Damian Oriak, Fourth-year student of Emily Carr University

Format: Via Zoom Duration: 1 hour

Suggested age: 6-9yrs old Language: English/Spanish Participants: 20 per session

Date: Every Saturday from 11am to 12pm

Starting Sep 26th to Dec 19th, 2020

Required materials will be sent 24 hours prior to class to your email.

Pre-registration is required Please contant Elva at Elvan@burnabynh.ca 236 833 6515

To get the link for the Zoom Workshop



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Canadian Landscapes Photography Through Newcomer Eyes

This is a great opportunity to virtually learn and explore the Canadian culture by exploring the towns in Metro-Vancouver and having discussions on places, displacement, migration recollections; towards self-identification and belonging as new immigrants in Canada.

Fridays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM until December 18, 2020 (via Zoom)

All ages and skill levels welcomed

Materials Required: Phone or Camera

Languages: English/Spanish

Pre-Registration is required

Contact Elva <u>elvar@burnabynh.ca</u> or call 236-833-6515

For more information see attached poster

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The Settlement and Integration Program at Burnaby Neighbourhood House Presents

Canadian landscapes photography through Newcomer eyes

The objective of this workshop is to learn and explore the Canadian culture by exploring the towns in Metro-Vancouver and having discussions on places, displacement, migration recollections; towards self identification and belonging as new immigrants in Canada.

Facilitator: Elva Rodriguez, Settlement Coordinator/Case Manager

Format: Via Zoom Duration: 1 hour Suggested age: All ages Language: English/Spanish

Participants: 20 per session

Date: Every Friday from 6pm to 7pm.

Materials: Phone or Camera



Starting Sep 25th to Dec 18th,

2020

Pre-registration is required! Please contant Elva at Elvar@burnabynh.ca 236 833 6515

To get the link for the Zoom Workshop



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Settlement and Integration Program

The Newcomer Learning Club

Are you a newcomer elementary student?
Has your learning been interrupted by COVID-19? Then come join a safe space to learn, experiment and grow!

Tuesday: Grades 2-4
Thursdays: Grades 5-7
Beginning Sep. 15th- Dec. 25th
from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm via ZOOM

Learning is level appropriate using simple material found at home to make exciting experiments with your parents!

Registration in advance required. Priority will go to PR Holders Please contact Amal Ballu at amalb@burnabynh.ca or txt 236-877-2517

For more information

Visit us at www.burnabynh.ca

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Tuesdays: Grades 2-4

Week 1: Force, Work & Energy

Week 2: Simple Machines

Week 3: Let's Lift with Levers

Week 4: Make a spinning top

Week 5: Light

Week 6: Optical Illusion

Week 7: The Digestive and Respiratory Systems

Week 8: The Solar System

Week 9: Matter

Week 10: The Brain

Week 11: Solutions

Week 12: Teeth

Thursdays: Grades 5-7

Week 1: Force, Work & Energy

Week 2: Simple Machines

Week 3: Let's Lift with Levers

Week 4: Make a helicopter

Week 5: Light

Week 6: Optical illusions

Week 7: Refractions of Light

Week 8: The Planets

Week 9: Structure of the Brain

Week 10: Newton's Law of Motion

Week 11: Saturated Solutions

Week 12: Structure of the Tooth

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Back to school

MediateBC's Quarantine Conflict Resolution
Service helps parents resolve many kinds of
conflicts, including if or how children go back to school,
sports, or other activities.

Mediate BC is also offering <u>free conflict coaching</u> to teachers to help them navigate the new issues that arise this year.

Separation and divorce

- New Q&A: <u>Can I write a</u> <u>separation agreement or get a</u> divorce during COVID-19?
- New <u>COVID-19 updates page</u> with links to information about separation agreements and applying for a divorce.

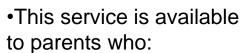


Legal Aid BC is still here to help you during COVID-19. Find up-to-date information about legal aid applications, legal information, and child protection, family advice, and criminal legal services on our COVID-19 legal help page.

Child or spousal support

Families are finding themselves in new circumstances because of COVID-19. Many people are out of work or making less money and struggling to make ends meet.

 Legal Aid BC recently launched a new service that provides free mediation to help people dealing with child support issues. The new Remote Child Support Mediation service connects parents with a free mediator who can



Legal Aid BC

- need to change a child support order or agreement because their income has been affected by COVID-19;
- have recently separated and need to make a child support agreement because they don't have one already.
- Provincial Court has a new <u>early resolution</u> / <u>expedited court process</u> to suspend or change a filed child or spousal support agreement or



of a change in income related to COVID-19. Applicants can contact Family Justice Services to schedule a needs assessment interview to start this process.





The North Shore Multicultural Society is happy to welcome Refugee clients to the following online Zoom workshops:

- October 1: Your Rights in the Workplace: Respect at Work 1:00 PM 2:30 PM
- October 7: Wildlife on the North Shore 10:00 AM 11:30 AM
- October 14: **Starting Your Job Search** 1:00 PM 2:30 PM
- October 21: Online Tour with the North Vancouver Fire Department 1:00 PM 2:30 PM
- October 22: Canadian Workplace Culture 1:00 PM 2:30 PM
- October 28: Careers as a Health Care Assistant 4:00 PM 5:30 PM

Please see detailed posters attached

For registration please contact Masha Rademakers, mashar@nsms.ca or call 604-988-2931.



Masha Rademakers

Settlement Lead (BC Settlement and Integration Services)



S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is offering 2 new workshops on Wednesdays: (2 pages PDF posters also attached)

Virtual Meet with Banking Oct 21

And English Conversation Groups in Oct & Nov

Participants can register for SUCCESS events using this online registration link:

http://bit.ly/BCSISRF

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BC Settlement & Integration Services | Surrey & Coquitlam Region

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- W www.successbcsis.com

Virtual Meet with Banking Professionals

Are you a newcomer looking to start your career in banking or wanting to re-enter the field in Canada?



Wednesday, October 21 6:30pm - 8:00pm Online event

Meet industry professionals from the TD Bank Group online! Discover how they've entered the banking field, listen to their work experiences in various positions, and takeaway networking tips for your job search. *Q&A session included

Registration required: http://bit.ly/BCSISRF

604-900-3532 or 236-808-2323 | bcsis@success.bc.ca | www.successbcsis.com

SUCCESS BCSIS provides support for international students, foreign workers with a valid work permi efugee claimants, PNP Nominees awaiting PR, and naturalized citizens with services including employment, settlement, and immigration. For more eligibility information please visit our website.











English Conversation Groups



Thursdays, Oct 1 - Nov 5 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Online group using Zoom

Practice and improve your English conversation in a supportive setting. Learn common vocabulary and phrases used at work and in everyday life. Registrants are encouraged to attend all 6 sessions.

*Dates: Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov 5

Registration & info:

236-808-2323 | 604-900-3532 | bcsis@success.bc.ca www.successbcsis.com/events

Interested in volunteering as a facilitator? Contact us for more info at bcsis@success.bc.ca

Suitable for foreign workers, PNP nominees, refugee claimants and naturalized citizens.













TION TO REGISTER

INAR Interim Federal Health Program: and Updates due to COVID-19

efugee Hub. Join speakers Siffan Rahman and Y.Y. Brandon Chen for am (IFHP) for refugees and refugee claimants.

Our speakers for this webinar are:



Former Manager, Ottawa Newcomer Health Centre, Hosted by Somerset West Community Health Centre

Y.Y. Brandon Chen, JD, MSW, SJD

Professeur adjoint / Assistant Professor, Faculté de droit / Faculty of Law, Université d'Ottawa / University of Ottawa

Topics:

- History of the IFHP
- Overview of the current IFHP Policy
- The nuts and bolts of the IFHP (e.g., provider enrolment, coverage, billing, etc.)
- Common challenges when accessing the IFHP & some practical tips for overcoming them
- The impact of COVID-19 on providers' and clients' experiences with the IFHP
- We will have plenty of time for a Q&A session with our speakers.

Webinar Details:

Date & Time: October 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. PDT

Register: Click below to register for this zoom webinar.

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Questions: E-mail refugeehub@issbc.org



E-NEWSLETTER



VERY exciting news! Rainbow Refugee is hiring our first leadership positions.

Using a co-leadership model, the Program Director and Managing Director will play key roles in advancing Rainbow Refugee's Mission.



- Having a strong commitment to anti-oppression, social justice and human rights, and an ability to walk the talk, is critical.
- Strong connection with LGTBQI civil society and LGTBQI refugee expertise through lived experience or direct
 work is a real asset.

Please pass this along to good people you know and help us connect with the right people.

Programming Director:

Charity Village: https://charityvillage.com/jobs/programming-director-in-british-columbia-ca/

Managing Director

Charity Village: https://charityvillage.com/jobs/managing-director-in-british-columbia-ca/

Thank you!



Burnaby Neighborhood House Volunteer Request

Burnaby Neighborhood House is looking for volunteers who live in Burnaby (or neighbouring cities) who could help with their Food Banks.

Below is the description. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your assistance.

Food bank or Food Distribution Volunteers

Do you have concern about food security or want to help those in need with accessing free or affordable food? We are looking for individuals who can help sort, bag, store, shop and/or deliver food for isolated individuals and/or seniors living in Burnaby. Times and days are flexible

South Food bank (4460 Beresford Street – near Metrotown sky-train station) runs on:

Tuesdays 9:00am-3:00pm Wednesdays 1:30pm-7:00pm Thursday 11:00am-4:00pm

North Food bank (4908 Hastings Street) runs on:

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 9:30-4:30pm

To apply to volunteer please visit our website: https://burnabynh.ca/get-involved-volunteer/ or contact Janice at janiceh@burnabynh.ca

Thank you!



The New West Community Action Network (CAN) (2 pages)

Is an initiative of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition and the City of New Westminster. This initiative provides an opportunity for capacity building for individuals in New Westminster with lived or living experience of poverty or homelessness. Participants will gain useful skills, including advocacy, committee structure and decision-making, public speaking, etc., and be provided opportunities to apply those skills to ensure that civic plans, policies, programs and services are more responsive to the needs of the entire community.

Quick Facts about CAN New West:

- CAN targets those with either lived or living experience of poverty or homelessness, and is a free, no-barrier program.
- It consists of seven workshops that run from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm on Fridays from October 9th to November 20th, 2020.
- There are 15 spaces available: prospective participants must apply, and spaces are limited.
- All workshops include breakfast, lunch and refreshments.
- Transit and off-site childcare cost coverage is included for those who need it.
- It is a fantastic opportunity to build community and gain key skills in a dynamic, supportive setting.
- The City is exploring ways of reimbursing those with lived and living experience in City advisory committees and engagement activities, and there may be opportunities for graduates to apply their skills and be paid for their time.



Requesting Your Help to Recruit Additional Community Members.

We are asking your assistance to further recruit a diversity of community members to CAN New West, including newcomers, Indigenous and Black residents, those living with disabilities, women, single mothers, and those who are homeless or precariously housed. The first leadership training session starts in approximately three weeks, on Friday, October 9th, 2020, and we want to make sure we can reach as many people who can benefit from this program in New Westminster.

Contact Information

For any inquiries on the CAN New West initiative, or information on how participants can register, contact Lama Mugabo, CAN Organizer, BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, at bcpovertyreduction@gmail.com or by calling at (604) 715-9565.

CAN New West looks forward to hearing from you!

Anur Mehdic, MRM | Housing and Child Care Planning Analyst, T 604.515.3792 (office) & 778.222.5685 (cell) | E amehdic@newwestcity.ca

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EQUIPMENT DONATION

The chaplain at the airport would like MAP agencies to know that he has a large size photocopier to give away if anyone or agency is interested. James says it is a similar copier to the one they use at Journey Home to produce newsletters etc.

MODEL INFORMATION:



Please contact Dennis Kirkley at dennis.kirkley@gmail.com

