



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 55

September 30, 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 see the important announcement from **IRCC** (previously emailed)
- **Reach Community Health Centre** has provided MAP with 2 Information sheets (attached) re: COVID-19 updates, testing sites and other important medical information. Thanks REACH!
- Thank you MAP for the major endorsement of this bulletin through the poll at last week's MAP meeting. 97% of poll respondents said they read the bulletin and 98% stated the bulletin had been of benefit to their agency.
- **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. Try it out: <https://mapbc.org/members/>
And thanks again to Richard for his ingenuity!

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!

Update on operations at IRCC Vancouver Hornby – September 2020 (previously emailed to MAP members – 3 pages)

At the onset of the pandemic, IRCC moved quickly to put operational safeguards in place to protect the health and safety of our staff and those using our services. Over the past few months, IRCC has taken steps to provide virtual services where possible, but there have still been significant disruptions in our services. In regards to Asylum, when our office shut down, we initially moved to a drop-box system for refugee claims, and then to an online application system using Epost.

Starting September 21, 2020, IRCC will commence piloting the gradual resumption of in-person services by appointment at the following offices: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Etobicoke, and Montréal. Please note that services are currently by appointment only. IRCC will be reaching out to clients to schedule appointments.

At our Vancouver Hornby office, the initial services that will be piloted are biometrics collection for asylum seekers, seizure of identity documents, and refugee eligibility interviews. Clients will be contacted 5 to 10 days in advance to book an appointment based on their location and the date of submission on their application. Asylum clients should expect to be contacted via epost.

Note: Applicants for asylum who are invited to appear for biometrics collection must bring the following items with them:

- **All original** identity documents in your possession which may include passport(s) (valid and expired), travel document(s), military ID, national identity card(s) and birth certificate;
- 4 original passport size photos for each applicant.
- Original identity document(s) and **4 passport size photos** for all dependent(s) included in the claim who did not receive a call-in notice.

Furthermore, if the client is a minor (under the age of 18) that received a Notice to Return for Interview letter, they are required to attend the office and their parent or legal guardian **MUST** accompany them if they reside in Canada. Original custody, guardianship or parental consent document(s) must be provided, if applicable.



Only persons with an appointment will be admitted into the office. If the client requires assistance due to age or disability, they may be accompanied by one person. Clients do not need to bring an interpreter. Whenever possible, children under the age of 14 should not accompany clients to the office, even if they are part of the refugee claim. Clients should be prepared to spend up to one hour in the office.

To keep employees and clients safe, IRCC is following public health guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada and provincial and municipal public health authorities. IRCC takes the health and safety of its employees and clients very seriously. For everyone's protection, a number of measures have been put in place, including but not limited to the following:

- Staff members will complete a COVID-19 health screening self-assessment each day before coming into work.
- Clients will be asked to complete a self-assessment questionnaire before arriving for an interview.
- Upon arrival, clients will be asked the same questions in the self-assessment questionnaire in order to determine if they can enter IRCC premises.
- All clients must wear a mask or face covering in IRCC offices.
- Clients who appear ill will be asked to reschedule their appointment.
- Workspaces have been modified to respect physical distancing requirements, and occupancy limits have been set.
- Signs have been put up to direct the flow of foot traffic for both clients and staff.
- High-touch surfaces are being cleaned frequently, and disinfectant wipes are widely available for staff and client use.
- For the safety of both IRCC employees and clients, plexiglass has been installed at all front counters, interview rooms and biometrics rooms, where physical distancing is a bit more challenging.



Cancellation/Rescheduling of appointments: To be fair to all applicants awaiting service, appointments will not be rescheduled unless there are extenuating circumstances. If there are **compelling** reasons why the client and/or their dependents are unable to attend (e.g. they or their family member are ill, they have been asked to quarantine, etc.) please notify this office by e-mail at CIC-VancouverTRRU@cic.gc.ca in advance of the appointment date with an explanation and the client's UCI number. We will review the client's submission and advise by e-mail whether we are able to accommodate their request to reschedule.

If you have any further questions, IRCC encourages you to see the following webpage:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-outside-canada.html>

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

. DIVERSEcity

13455 76 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3W 2W3



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
or

Visit us at www.burnabynh.ca

The Settlement and Integration Program at Burnaby Neighbourhood House Presents

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 contact Elva at
Elva@burnabynh.ca
236 833 6515

To get the link for the Zoom Workshop



Burnaby Neighbourhood House
4450 Doreford Street
Burnaby, BC V5H4G9



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Settlement and Integration Program

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

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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 contact Elva at
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To get the link for the Zoom Workshop



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4460 Bereford Street
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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

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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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COVID-19 and the Law

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 [free conflict coaching](#) to teachers to help them navigate the new issues that arise this year.

Separation and divorce

- New Q&A: [Can I write a separation agreement or get a divorce during COVID-19?](#)
- New [COVID-19 updates page](#) 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 help them.

We're here to help!

Family Children/MCF Criminal Immigration

legalaid.bc.ca

604-408-2172 (Greater Vancouver)

1-866-577-2525 (elsewhere in BC)

Legal Aid BC
Support when you need it

- This service is available to parents who:
 - 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 [early resolution / expedited court process](#) to suspend or change a filed child or spousal support agreement or

order because 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)

Canadian Interviews: Oct 7
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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CANADIAN INTERVIEWS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

WED, OCT 7 | 10AM - 11:30AM

Online Webinar

Learn how to prepare for interviews in the Canadian workplace. We will go over common interview questions and how to answer them to impress your employer!

Register here: <http://bit.ly/BCSISRF>

Contact us:

✉ bcsis@success.bc.ca
☎ 236.808.2323 or 604.900.3532
🌐 www.successbcsis.com

BCSIS SUCCESS provides free employment, immigration, and settlement service for temporary residents who hold study or work permits



S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

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>

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SUCCESS BCSIS provides support for international students, foreign workers with a valid work permit, refugee 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.



INVITATION TO REGISTER
BC REFUGEE HUB WEBINAR Interim Federal Health Program:
Overview and Updates due to COVID-19

This webinar is hosted by Bahar Taheri from the BC Refugee Hub. Join speakers Siffan Rahman and Y.Y. Brandon Chen for this training webinar on the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) for refugees and refugee claimants.

Our speakers for this webinar are:

Siffan Rahman, MHA

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.

Questions: E-mail refugeehub@issbc.org



MAP (Multi-Agency Partnership) Bulletin September 30, 2020

REGISTER

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!

Sharalyn Jordan, PhD RCC 3050
Rainbow Refugee, Board Chair
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www.rainbowrefugee.ca



Rainbow Refugee supports people seeking refugee protection in Canada because of persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression (SOGIE) or HIV status. We are Vancouver based, active since 2000 and a registered charity since 2017.

Dear friends,

The North Shore Multicultural Society would like to invite you to join us for a Virtual Town Hall on achieving racial equity on the North Shore on **Wednesday September 30th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. This event is being jointly hosted by NSMS' Centre for Diversity & Innovation and the North Shore Immigrant Inclusions Partnership.

At the Town Hall, we will have an opportunity to hear from expert panelists and have community members share their questions around racism, anti-racism, and racial equity. We are excited to confirm that Senator Mobina Jaffer, Valerie Jerome, Charlene Seaward and Dr. Ismaël Traoré will be joining us as panelists.

Learnings from this event will support the development of a North Shore Racial Equity Strategy that will be supported by the Centre for Diversity and Innovation and the North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP). We hope you will be able to join us at the Town Hall on September 30th, 2020.

Please register at this link: <https://virtual-town-hall-north-shore-2020.eventbrite.com>.

(Poster attached)

Warm Regards,
North Shore Multicultural Society
Centre for Diversity and Innovation
North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership

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

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

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NEWCOMERS
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Dificultades que enfrentan los Trabajadores Migrantes Extranjeros en Canadá

Miércoles 30 de Septiembre | 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

ZOOM

Dictado por Carolina Nuñez en colaboración con Mosaic

- Contratos de Trabajo
- Permiso de trabajo abierto/ permiso de trabajo cerrado
- Número de Seguro Social (SIN)
- Recibo de Sueldo (pay stub)
- Ministerio del Trabajo (Employment Standard Branch)
- Seguridad en el trabajo (¿Cuál es el rol de WorkSafeBC?)
- Líneas de Emergencia para reporte de abuso en Canadá

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
800 East Broadway, Vancouver
Unceded Coast Salish Territory
www.mpnh.org

Para registro, contactar a:
Milagros Martinez
778.319.8210
mmartinez@mpnh.org

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WelcomeBC



Immigration, Refugees
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From Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House



REPEATS:

MOSAIC online English Conversation Circle for Refugee Claimants (Beginners) is hosting on **Tuesday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm from September 29th to November 10th, 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.

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

Frequently Asked Questions:

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

Please don't hesitate to contact Parisa via email at proofigari@mosaicbc.org if you have any questions.



ONLINE: English Conversation Circle for Refugee Claimants (Beginners)

Every Tuesday 11:00 am—12:00 pm
September 29 — November 10, 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.





Settlement and Integration Program

Newcomer Youth Circle

Are you a newcomer interested in sharing your ideas & experiences with others?
Are you between the ages of 15-18? Maybe the Youth Circle is for you!

**Join us on Wednesdays with Shaza,
a UBC student and a newcomer youth herself!**

**September 23rd until December 9th
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
via ZOOM**

All are Welcome!

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

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Poster attached in PDF



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and a newcomer youth herself! Passionate about community integration, she
enjoys supporting and engaging newcomer youth.
Beginning Wednesday, Sep. 23rd - Dec. 9th from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm via ZOOM

- o Finding common ground as a newcomer youth
- o Effective communication
- o Effective time management
- o Applying for a university, scholarships and grants
- o Family relationships
- o Planning for the future: choosing a career and/or field of study
- o Mental health and wellbeing
- o Finding job opportunities
- o Civic engagement
- o Build strong social supports
- o Connect with other BNH programs

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Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés
Canadian Council for Refugees

Dear CCR member,

We will be holding a virtual meeting on issues for refugee claimants on **Thursday 1 October** - one of our regular quarterly meetings.

Virtual meeting on refugee claimants

When: Thursday 1 October 2020, 11am Pacific

The meeting will last 60 minutes.

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtf--grzMiHdEWecJoTIdfQ8B4WY3XE7y1>

Janet Dench, Canadian Council for Refugees

From the Multiculturalism Branch - Resilience BC:

[Resilience BC \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca) hate crimes website, has developed the following videos in partnership with the Vancouver Asian Film Festival Society.

The videos provide a snapshot of what hate crimes are, along with suggestions for victims and witnesses on how to respond.

They are currently available in seven languages: [English \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca), [Mandarin \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca), [Cantonese \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca), [Korean \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca), [Tagalog \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca), [Vietnamese \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca), [Japanese \[hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca\]](https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca)).

They are also available on the [BC Government's YouTube Channel \[youtube.com\]](https://youtube.com) which enables them to be shared more directly on social media.

We are continuing to work with VAFF to develop additional videos in French, Punjabi, Hindi, Farsi, Arabic and Spanish and will let you know when these are available. In the meantime, there is written content on the Resilience BC site in these languages.

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Social Indicators and Trends in Vancouver's Neighbourhoods

Data Webinar: Tuesday October 6th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join us for an overview of the latest local level research on Vancouver's social indicators and community trends and resources.

The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Population-level data on demographics and trends for all of Vancouver's neighbourhoods
- Analysis of how COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted populations and communities in the city
- Current state analysis and recovery work of Vancouver's Non-Profit Sector

The session will also provide an opportunity for attendees to ask specific data questions on any communities of interest in Vancouver relevant to their work area. The Social Policy Data team staff will be available to identify resources that can be accessed to inform grant applications and understand the impacts of COVID-19 on different populations in the city. Participants are encouraged to send questions in advance or bring them to the webinar to be addressed through a personalized break-out session.

To register and for more information contact: SocialPolicy.Research@vancouver.ca

The meeting link will be sent along with the confirmation of your registration.