



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 61

November 12, 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 review the following documents before the MAP Meeting November 26 - attached

- Updated MAP Terms of Reference – areas changed are highlighted
 - Umbrella Multicultural Health Coop: 'Patient Attachment Priorities'
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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!



DIVERSEcity
community resources society

DIVERSEcity presents the following workshops for refugee claimants:

- November 17 (Tuesday) – 2-4 PM – Job Search Essentials
- November 20 (Friday) – 2-4 PM – How to spot and prevent job scams
- November 26 (Thursday) 2-4 PM – Resume workshop

Registration details below and on these posters attached .

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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

Job Search Essentials Workshop

For non-permanent residents

Are you looking for a job in Canada?
Learn the basics of an efficient job search! In this workshop, you will learn what you need to know and do to apply for a job and get hired!

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
2-4 pm, online via Zoom

Who's eligible?

- International students with a work permit and their spouses
- Temporary foreign workers and their spouses
- Refugee claimants and naturalized citizens
- English level CLB 4 or above

REGISTER

604-547-2002
bcsettlement@dcrs.ca

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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

Spot and Avoid Job Scams Workshop

For non-permanent residents

Looking for a job?
Not all job postings are what they appear.
Many jobseekers, including newcomers, fall prey to scammers and fraudulent "employers" that look real. Learn how to spot — and avoid — scams and fraudulent job offers.

Friday, November 20, 2020
2-4 pm, online via Zoom

Who's eligible?

- International students with a work permit and their spouses
- Temporary foreign workers and their spouses
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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

How to Write a Resumé Workshop

For non-permanent residents

Looking to improve your resumé and job search skills?
This workshop will help you learn how to write an effective resumé; select a job target; learn what employers want; convince the employer you have the skills and organize your work experience.

Thursday, November 26, 2020
2-4 pm, online via Zoom

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Meet & Greet with Jacob Bros Construction



- Join us for an interactive industry talk in Engineering & Construction.
- Meet the HR and hiring managers
- Learn about hiring processes
- Have a virtual office tour

[Click and Register online](#)

In Partnership with



When:

Thu – Nov, 26, 2020
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
(PDT)

Where:

Webinar Link will be sent
to registrants

To Register click [here](#)



Webinar

Food Insecurity and the Right to Food in BC

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Please join us on Thursday, November 26th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Pacific time for an AMSSA webinar on Food Insecurity and the Right to Food in BC.

About the Webinar:

Food insecurity is the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial limitations. Many people can't afford the quantity or quality of food needed for a healthy diet. It's a serious global issue that impacts over 4.4 million Canadians and over 500,000 British Columbians. Food insecurity contributes to inadequate nutrition. It negatively affects the physical and mental health of both adults and children. It affects vulnerable, low-income populations. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many households are facing increased difficulties accessing nutritious foods.

This webinar features experts who share their knowledge, points of view, and work in food insecurity. Graham Riches, UBC Professor Emeritus and former Director of the UBC School of Social Work, is an internationally-recognized expert on food insecurity, social policy and the Right to Food. Sarah Kim is Coordinator of the Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks and an advocate for food and income security. Zahra Esmail is Executive Director of South Vancouver Neighbourhood House and her portfolio includes food security.

This webinar also introduces a new AMSSA BCSIS e-learning module on food insecurity from the macro level through to initiatives to improve food equity.

[REGISTER](#)

Please register by Wednesday, November 25 at 5:00 PM PT

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from "AMSSA Events" with the link to join the webinar. Reminders will be sent prior to the webinar.

Questions About the Webinar? Send an email to Lori Cameron at lcameron@amssa.org

Webinar: [Refugee/Asylum Claims – National and Local Updates from UNHCR Canada and Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada \(IRB\)](#)

November 17, 2020
10am - 12pm PDT

Speakers: Azadeh Tamjeedi (UNHCR Canada) and Negar Azmudeh (IRB)

Event link to register: <http://bcrefugeehub.ca/training-webinar-refugee-asylum-claims-national-and-local-updates-from-unhcr-canada-and-immigration-and-refugee-board-of-canada-irb/>

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- **Training Webinar: Employment Support and Mentoring for Refugees and Refugee Claimants**
- **Date & Time: November 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PST**
- **Register: Click below to register for this zoom webinar.**
- **For info and to Register: <http://bcrefugeehub.ca/training-webinar-employment-support-and-mentoring-for-refugees-and-refugee-claimants/>**

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General Employment Opportunities (updated weekly):

There are a number of job opportunities available – all information has been posted individually attached to this bulletin:

ISSofBC

- Assistant manager - Outreach (Terminal and Surrey locations)

Burnaby Family Life:

- Trauma Counsellor

Burnaby Pride:

- Burnaby Pride Chair

Save the New Dates! February 24th & 25th, 2021



**BCSIS 2021 PROVINCIAL MEETING
VIRTUAL SUMMIT**

Reminder of re-scheduled dates

The BCSIS Provincial Meeting will be held as a two-day virtual summit on Wednesday, February 24th & Thursday, February 25th, 2021. The meeting agenda will cover a wide range of topics based on service provider needs and interests expressed in the survey AMSSA conducted, and through the guidance of the Meeting Planning Advisory. A virtual summit increases opportunities for participation. There will be topics relevant to all levels, including senior management, supervisors, and front-line staff.

When and Where

Date: Wednesday, February 24th & Thursday, February 25th, 2021

Time: Approximately 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Online - Virtual Summit

Invitations to register and detailed event information will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please share this information with your BCSIS colleagues who will benefit from attending.

We welcome your participation!

Sincerely,

Lori Cameron, Provincial Integration Program Manager

Direct Phone: 604 718-2776

E-mail: lcameron@amssa.org

REPEATS

Poster
attached



INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT REFUGEE CLAIMANT ISSUES?
DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE? | DO YOU HAVE CREATIVE SKILLS?
SOCIAL MEDIA WHIZZ?

JOIN MAP'S INFORMATION WORKING GROUP

In 2020/21 we will be working on the following public education projects:

- Four-part online lecture series in 2021 for the public on international refugee claimant issues.
- Two 'Starting Over' events in different municipalities once in-person gatherings are allowed.
- Expanded World Refugee Day event – possibly in person and online

What's in it for agencies?

- Agencies can be co-sponsors of events and promote accordingly
- Agency staff can facilitate events
- Add these successes to your social media messages

We are looking for people with one or more of the following:

- Event planning skills
- Social media savvy
- Experienced with online event organization
- Design experience
- Knowledgeable about refugee claimants and committed to change

What would you need to commit?

- Monthly meeting of two hours at a time agreed within the group
- Meetings will be more frequent before World Refugee Day
- Tasks between meetings

If you are interested or have any questions please contact MAP Coordinator:
Jenny Moss at info@mapbc.org

Thank you! **Richard Belcham, Jenny Lam and Jenny Moss**

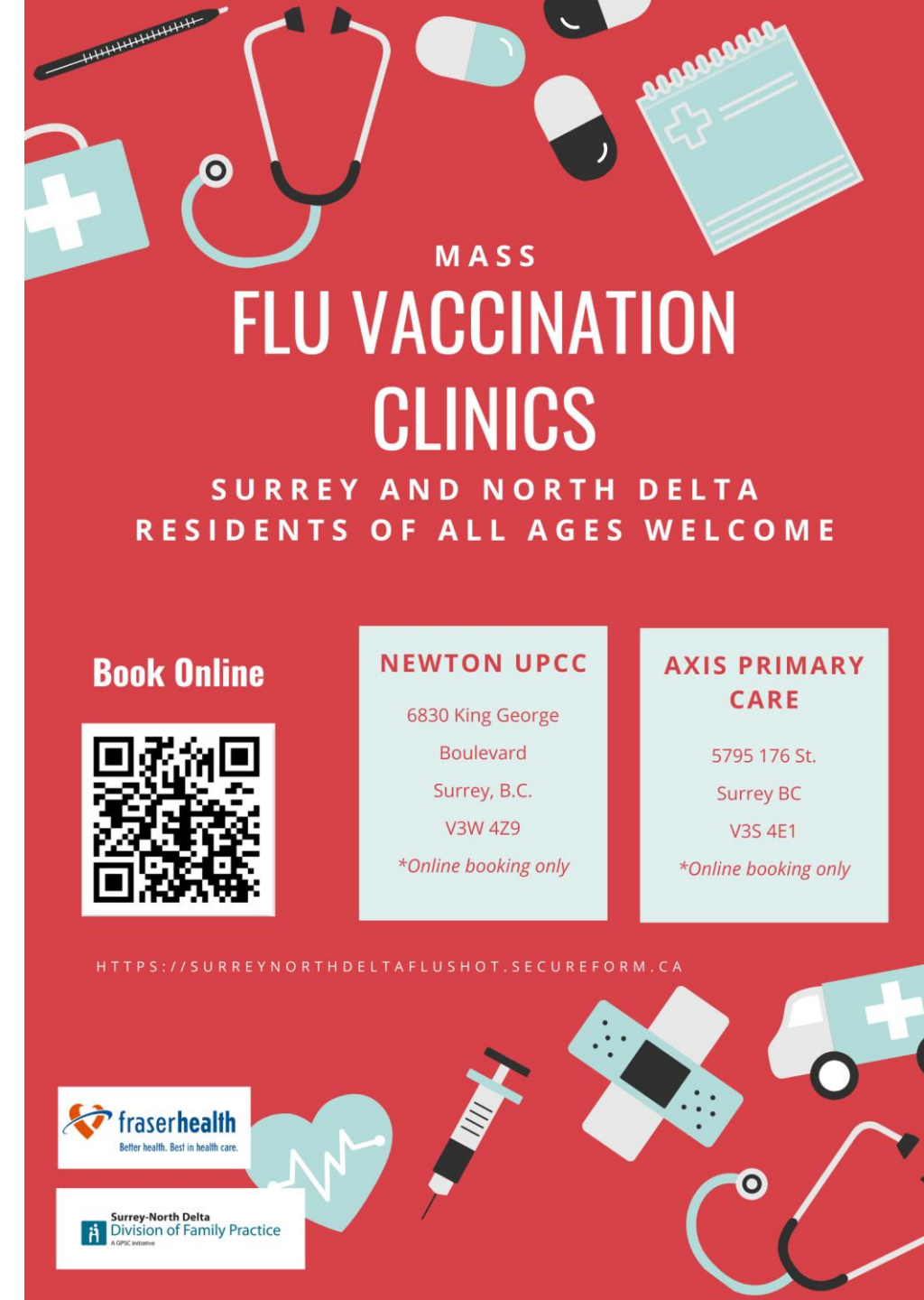


Update from MCC Refugee Office:

We are open again! We will be working with Refugee Claimants who speak English, Spanish, or Arabic.

For more information or to make an appointment please contact:

Sara Tohme saratohme@mccbc.ca or Teresa Fuller teresafuller@mccbc.ca



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**FLU VACCINATION
CLINICS**

SURREY AND NORTH DELTA
RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES WELCOME

Book Online



NEWTON UPCC

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Boulevard
Surrey, B.C.
V3W 4Z9

**Online booking only*

**AXIS PRIMARY
CARE**

5795 176 St.
Surrey BC
V3S 4E1

**Online booking only*

[HTTPS://SURREYNORTHDELTAFLUSHOT.SECUREFORM.CA](https://surreynorthdeltaflushot.secureform.ca)



Appointments are **available as soon as TODAY!** Appointments can be booked at the following website:

<https://surreynorthdeltaflushot.secureform.ca/>

Please note: routine Childhood Immunizations are not available at the Influenza Immunizations Clinics, **only influenza immunizations for Children ages 6 month and older.**

We hope this service will be helpful to the clients you serve. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jody Friesen

Director of Strategic Initiatives and PCN

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Hello BCSIS Service Providers:

AMSSA's new **BCSIS Informal English Language Learning podcast** mini-series promotes the sharing of innovative practices and resources. The first podcast episode, **Everyday Adaptations for Innovative ELL Programming**, is available now on the AMSSA website Resource Centre at the following link:

<https://www.amssa.org/resource/everyday-adaptations-for-innovative-ell-programming/>

For newcomers, English language skills are an important factor in successful settlement and integration. The flexibility of informal English training programs can be ideal for newcomers who are experiencing change and uncertainty and is essential for those who are ineligible for LINC. For service providers, creative, budget-friendly approaches to informal English language learning, including through online methods, are vital. In changeable times, there is greater need for flexibility, adaptability, and innovation. There is remarkable work being done, and value in sharing and learning from one another. That's what this podcast is all about.

In the podcast, four language training experts share their everyday adaptations for innovative informal language programming. They have taken many small ideas and used them to build successful programs that can be readily adapted. Podcast listeners can pick up ideas to try out at their agency. There's an audio-only version, a video version, and a corresponding Podcast Show Notes information sheet that provides links to the resources shared in the podcast.

Watch for the second podcast episode, Employment Related Supports in ELL Programming, coming soon!

Sincerely,

Lori





COVID-19 updates

BC legal system

COVID-19 and physical distancing rules have led to changes in BC's courts.

Provincial Court

•A First Appearance is an important step in a family law case, and it looks nothing like what most of us see on TV and in movies. Our new [First appearance in Provincial Court](#) page contains interactive content, including videos of good and bad examples, to explain what to expect in the courtroom and how the process works. It also helps people write a script they can follow, using the easy-to-use template provided. Having a script helps people use their time and the court's time effectively and make a successful first appearance, even if that first appearance is virtual, as most now are during COVID-19.

Supreme Court

•Starting October 26, 2020 in Vancouver, applications scheduled for hearing in Masters chambers (estimated at 2 hours or less) [will be heard on Microsoft Teams](#). All other chambers applications in Vancouver will be by phone. This page provides information about the process.

Coping with Separation during COVID-19

This [online-only updated edition booklet](#) was developed to help people deal with the emotional aspects of separating.

It describes the emotional stages of separation and

suggests ways to cope during COVID-19, including how to:

- recognize symptoms of stress using the checklist provided
- deal with the uncertainty of the pandemic effects on living arrangements and financial situation during separation
- reduce anxiety about the legal process as it evolves during COVID-19
- reduce conflict and communicate with the other person to solve parenting and other issues during the pandemic
- help children cope with their emotions and give them support during COVID-19

Also has an extensive list of where to find support services and legal help.



LEGAL AID UPDATES contd.

Evolving government benefits

The pandemic has created financial hardship for many British Columbians, and government services and benefits continue to evolve to meet changing needs. Legal Aid BC has updated information in several locations, including:

- [Q&A - Welfare and benefits](#) - for people who need or receive welfare or disability benefits
- [Q&A - Family violence](#) - for people who need financial support so they can leave an abusive partner
- [Q&A - Support](#) - for people having trouble making or receiving support payments



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](#).



Legal Aid BC is still here to help your clients. Our services, including legal aid applications, Parents Legal Centres, duty counsel, and community partners, can be reached by phone. The Family LawLINE (a free telephone advice service) is also available.

For up-to-date information about LABC services, click [Legal Aid Services](#). You can also check out our [Latest News](#).

Rainbow Refugee Society continues with virtual drop-in support for refugee claimants and LGBT refugee community members, while still offering referrals, advocacy and support for those who need that.

To make a connection or find out more, contact support manager, Nazanin at: support@rainbowrefugee.ca

Thank you,

Nazanin Moghadami
Support Manager
Phone: 613.604.5024



Dear Community Partners,

2 pages



PeaceGeeks is excited to announce that the registration for Snapp (Skilled Newcomers and Professionals Partnership) Pilot 2 is now open! We are sharing the key pilot information and some of the changes from Pilot 1 below; and have included an email template for you to share with newcomers in your network.

The full overview of the pilot can be found on the **attached document**. We also prepared [this social media kit](#) and **the attached poster** for your ease in sharing the information with your network.

What is Snapp?

Snapp (Skilled Newcomers and Professionals Partnership) is a pilot program by PeaceGeeks that connects newcomers and local professionals in BC for 1:1 video calls to meet and share employment advice. The upcoming pilot will run from Nov 1 to Dec 11, 2020. [Register by Nov 13 to participate!](#)

Who is eligible to participate?

- **Local professionals** with at least two years of experience in their profession in BC

- **Newcomers** who:

- are one of the following: Permanent Residents of Canada; Refugee Claimants and Protected Persons as defined in Section 95 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA); Individuals who have been selected, inside or outside Canada, to become permanent residents (pending verifications) and who have been informed, by a letter from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Convention refugees and protected persons outside Canada who have been selected for resettlement in Canada by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; and Temporary foreign workers who hold or received approval of a work permit under section 112 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR) or received initial approval for permanent residence under section 113 of the IRPR.
- have intermediate English communication skills, are able to complete the registration form on their own. We offer an option to match based on language (if a match is available), but a newcomer should expect to communicate in English for their meet-up.

- **Professions:** Snapp welcomes participants from all professions; however we are prioritizing our recruitment efforts in the technology and non-profit/social sectors. The professions available to select on our registration form include: software development, product management, project management, business analysis, data science, quality



Professions contd.

assurance, design, marketing, customer service, sales & business development, public relations & communications, human resources, operations, accounting & finance, administrative, manufacturing & distribution, education & training, planning & strategy, non-profit & social services, and civic & government. If a profession is not shown, registrants can include it in "Other". Note: acceptance into the pilot is not guaranteed and depends on availability of a match.

What's new in Pilot 2?

- This is our first public pilot where newcomers and local professional volunteers can register without being referred by a settlement agency. Feel free to share with your friends and other networks.
- *Matching:* In addition to profession and employment advice areas, our matching now also includes interests and language (optional).
- *Number of matches:* Participants can now select to meet up to 4 matches. Each match intended to be a one-time 1:1 meet-up for about 45-60 min.
- *Vetting:* We are reviewing all newcomer and local professional registrations before they are accepted into the pilot. All local professionals are asked to indicate if they were referred by an individual or an organization. Our primary recruitment method for volunteers is through company contacts so we will be prioritizing participants from employer partners or referred by other already verified participants. For newcomers, they are expected to have an intermediate level of English in order to be able to complete the registration form and are asked to indicate when they arrived in Canada. We also ask them to include a referring party and prioritize those who are referred.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Jean Parlina, *Project Coordinator, Community Engagement & Outreach*



Overcoming isolation together, one cup at a time!



Intercultural Tea Time

CROSS CULTURAL LEARNING
MEET AND CONNECT

We welcome newcomer women to connect and join us for tea and conversations

November 2020 meetings
In Person:

Wednesday, Nov 11
1723 Victoria Dr, Vancouver
from 4 - 5:30 pm

Online:

Wednesday, Nov 4, 18 & 25
from 4 - 5 pm
A Zoom link will be sent after registration

Register: Sign up by emailing trixie@flavoursofhope.com



Creative Coffee



Connect, drink coffee & create art



Saturday
Nov 7 & 21
Groundswell School
268 Keefer St, Vancouver
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Meet up with newcomer women to enjoy coffee and desserts together. We will use art to express ourselves and our stories

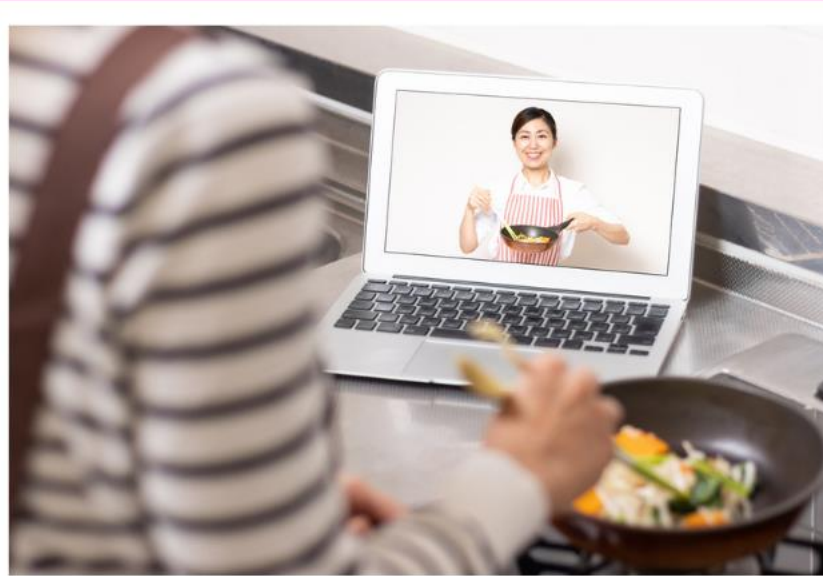
Register: Sign up by emailing trixie@flavoursofhope.com



Healthy Cooking Together

Get inspired with healthy, fast and affordable meals!

Learn new cooking skills and cultural dishes from newcomer women



**ONLINE COOKING AND
STORYTELLING SESSIONS**

2 times a month

**Upcoming sessions:
November 9 & 23
from 5 to 6pm**

A recipe and zoom link will be sent after registration

Register: Sign up by emailing trixie@flavoursofhope.com

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

BIPOC VOICES ON RACISM & HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST

Listen and learn from Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) on racism, how it shows up in our communities, and what it means to be anti-racist. Join for an opportunity to learn and ask questions on racism, responsibility, biases, and how to be anti-racist.

November 17, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

Registration Required:

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

ASL interpretation available

Panelists:

Ta7taliya Michelle Nahanee, Skwxwú7mesh, decolonial facilitator & strategist catalyzing social change to transform colonial narratives & impacts.

Dr. Moussa Magassa, PhD, IDI.QA, University of Victoria Human Rights Education Advisor and Specialist in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Partnerships.

Moderator:

Aslam Bulbulia, Advisor for the SFU Dialogue and Engagement Certificate program.



Virtual Town Hall

BIPOC Voices on Racism and How To Be Anti-Racist

Nov 17, 2020 06:00 PM

Listen from black, indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC) on racism, how it shows up in our communities, and how to be anti-racist. Join us for an opportunity to learn and ask questions on racism, responsibility, biases and how to be anti-racist.

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RESEARCH at a Glance
RECHERCHE en un coup d'oeil



External publication alert | Alerte de publication externe

COVID-19 - Immigration in a Time of Pandemic: Confronting the Challenge

Download the full issue (EN):

https://www.ciim.ca/en/fiche-229-COVID_19_Immigration_in_a_Time_of_Pandemic_Confronting_the_Challenge

Behind Closed Doors: Exposing migrant care worker exploitation during COVID-19

Migrant Rights Network

Published online October 28, 2020

https://migrantrights.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Behind-Closed-Doors_Exposing-Migrant-Care-Worker-Exploitation-During-COVID19.pdf

More agricultural workers should become permanent residents

Naomi Alboim & Karen Cohl

Policy Options - IRPP (Institute for Research on Public Policy) |

Options politiques - IRPP (Institute de recherche en politique publiques)

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<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/october-2020/more-agricultural-workers-should-become-permanent-residents/>