



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 at info@mapbc.org

Covid-19 Vaccination campaign information:

- Don't forget that at this time clients need an MSP number to do the online registration. If they do not have one, then they can register by phone at: ☎ 1-833-838-2323 | translators are available. Say your language (e.g. 'Spanish') and the interpreter will be called. Clients will be given a temporary PHN for their first and second vaccinations.
- Right now, pregnant people of any age can book a vaccine immediately by calling the phone number and identify as being pregnant. Online booking for pregnant people is not available right now.
- If you or your clients are having problems with the registration system, feel free to contact Mei-ling, and she will pass the message on to public health, and try to help you troubleshoot the problem. Please email her at meiling.wiedmeyer@ubc.ca

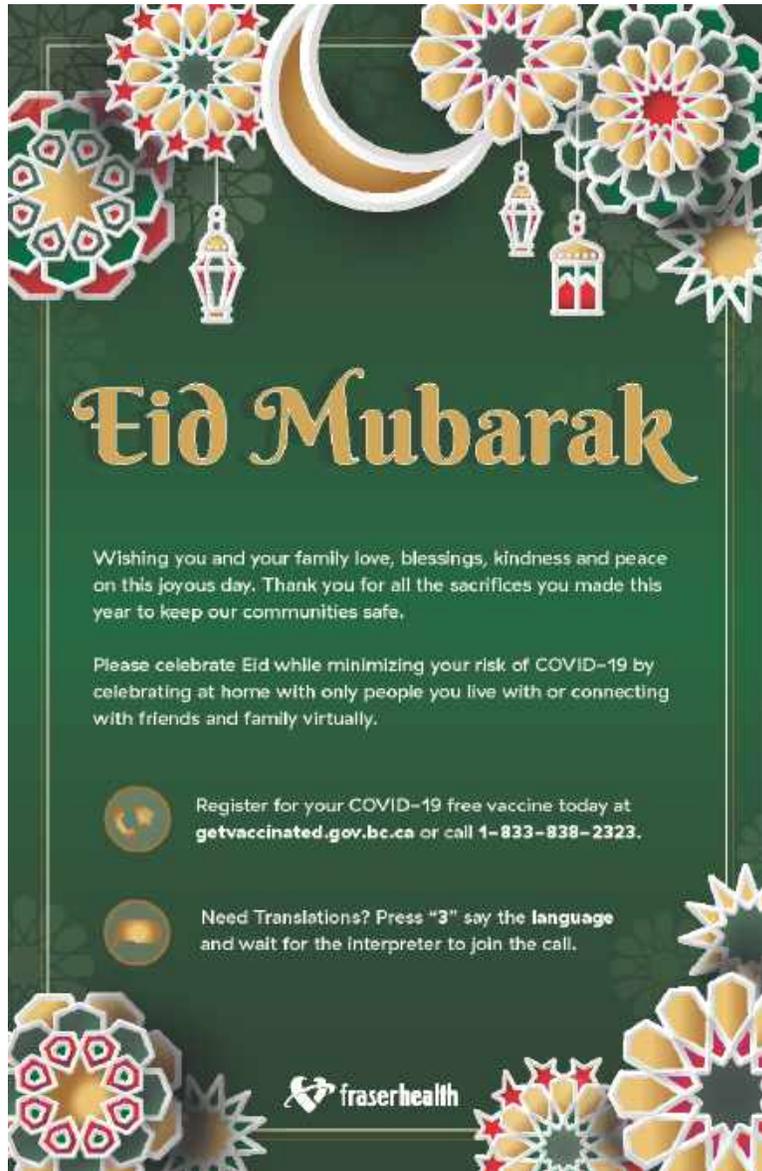
MAP NEWS: MAP MEETING THURSDAY MAY 27: Hear from SWIS team workers from three school districts about their support to refugee claimant children and their families. Agenda and registration details coming out this week!

MAP WORLD REFUGEE DAY CONCERT: the Information Working Group is looking for musicians who are (or were) refugees who would like to participate live (online) in the event on Sunday afternoon – June 20. Contact info@mapbc.org with your recommendations.

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!

Please use our poster for a **safe Eid** which is coming this Thursday and resources in different languages to be shared with MAP members. **Imtiaz Popat, Program Assistant, Sehat Program | South Asian Health Institute | Fraser Health** www.fraserhealth.ca/sahi



لقاح كوفيد-19

سجل. إحجز موعد. إحصل على اللقاح.
ساعدنا حتى نضع الوباء خلفنا.
سجل الآن للحصول على لقاح كوفيد-19.
إتبع هذه الخطوات الثلاث:

1. سجل عبر الإنترنت أو عبر الهاتف أو شخصياً
• عبر الإنترنت: getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca
• عبر الهاتف: 1-833-838-2323 (رقم مجاني)
• شخصياً: بادر بزيارة أقرب مركز خدمة بريتش كولومبيا

2. إحجز موعد
بعد قيامك بالتسجيل، سيتم الإتصال بك لحجز موعد للحصول على اللقاح في أقرب وقت تكون فيه مؤهلاً لذلك.
ستقوم أنت بتحديد موعدك عبر الإنترنت أو عبر الهاتف. ستختار أنت المكان والتاريخ والزمان.

3. إحصل على اللقاح
بادر بزيارة عيادة التلقيحات للحصول على جرعتك الأولى.
شكراً على القيام بدورك للمساهمة في استمرار تحصين مجتمعاتنا ضد كوفيد-19.

تعلم المزيد. fraserhealth.ca/vaccine

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ایمن سازی در مقابل کووید-19

ثبت نام کنید. رزرو کنید. واکسن بزنید.
کمک کنید تا پاندمی را پشت سر بگذاریم.
هم اکنون برای واکسن کووید-19 ثبت نام کنید.
این سه مرحله آسان را دنبال کنید:

1- آنلاین، تلفنی یا حضوری ثبت نام کنید
• آنلاین: getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca
• تلفنی: ۲۳۷۳-۲۳۷۳-۸۳۳۰ (رینگار)
• حضوری: به نزدیک ترین مکان خدمات نسی مراجعه نمایید

۲- رزرو نوبت
پس از ثبت نام، به محض واجد شرایط شدن با شما تماس می گیرند تا نوبت واکسن خود را رزرو کنید.
نوبت خود را به صورت آنلاین یا تلفنی رزرو خواهید کرد. انتخاب مکان، تاریخ و زمان یا شامست.

۳- واکسن می زنید
برای دریافت دوز واکسن خود به کلینیک واکسن مراجعه کنید.
از این که برای ادامه ایجاد مصونیت در مقابل کووید-19 در جوامعمان سهم خود را ایفا می کنید، متشکریم.

بیشتر بدانید. fraserhealth.ca/vaccine

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ALL MATERIALS ATTACHED ALSO

From Fraser Health:

Attached are posters for the upcoming vaccine info sessions for May 17th (Karen) and May 31st (Farsi), which will be uploaded on the FH website soon. Please promote to your networks.

Karin: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/events/2021/Apr/fraser-health-vaccine-information-session-in-karen#.YJm-G7qovbl>

Farsi: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/events/2021/Apr/fraser-health-vaccine-information-session-in-farsi#.YJm-O7qovbl>

Please also note that for those who are not able to attend, the session will be recorded and available on Fraser Health's YouTube channel afterwards.

Here are other sessions in other languages that have been planned:

Jun 7 – Spanish

Jun 14 – French

Jun 21 – Vietnamese

Jun 28 – Thai

Jul 5 – Gujarati

The FH website events will be updated as languages are added.

PLEASE: Do you see a need for future sessions in Fraser Health in a specific language? Contact imtiaz.popat@fraserhealth.ca

IMMUNIZE BC

HIGH TRANSMISSION NEIGHBOURHOODS

•30 existing high-transmission neighbourhoods will be lowered to 18+ today

•This now aligns all 35 high-transmission CHSAs at 18+

•Invitations will start to go out May 11 and it will take a few days for these all to get out

Now vaccinating: Adults 18+ in these neighbourhoods

- Abbotsford Rural
- Britannia Beach
- Burnaby Southeast
- Burnaby Southwest
- Cedar Cottage
- Central Abbotsford
- Cloverdale
- D'arcy
- Dawson Creek
- East Abbotsford
- East Newton
- Fleetwood
- Fort Nelson
Population Centre
- Fort St. James North
- Fort St. John
- Golden
- Grandview-Woodland
- Guildford
- Hastings-Sunrise
- Kensington
- Killarney
- North Delta
- North Surrey
- Panorama
- Pinecrest Estates
- Port Coquitlam
- Renfrew-Collingwood
- Rutland
- South Langley
Township
- South Mission
- Squamish
- Summerland
- Sunset
- Victoria-Fraserview
- West Abbotsford
- West Newton
- Whalley
- Willoughby

[Register now](#)

Join us as we bid farewell to the MCC Vancouver team.



The MCC Vancouver Refugee Office is closing!

We invite you to join us online to celebrate 30 years of serving newcomers and refugee claimants and to honor those who have served with us, including Gerardo Munarriz and Andrew Bauman, our current staff.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

7:00-8:30 pm

Please RSVP to andrewbauman@mccbc.ca to receive the Zoom link. If you are unable to attend, send us your reflections, photos or a video clip that we can share.

Though we are saying farewell to our Vancouver work, we will continue to support Refugee Sponsorship groups. Find out more [here](#).





Hi everyone,

I am writing to remind you about **AMSSA's 6 Virtual Information Sessions** that will address the training and information needs of BCSIS service providers. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the survey and share ideas for session topics!

As a reminder to all those who have not yet submitted ideas, please share your suggestions for session topics through a very short survey. Sessions can focus on any topic that is appropriate for all BCSIS service providers. Sessions will take place between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. The survey is open now at the below link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bcsis-info-sessions>

We ask that you share any initial ideas by the end of this week. However, the survey will remain open throughout the year, allowing you to share more suggestions as new training and information needs emerge.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Rebecca Ferguson (she/her), Provincial Integration Coordinator

E-mail: rferguson@amssa.org

Understanding the Needs and Challenges of Recruiting Transportation and Logistics Industry

May 13, 2021 – 9:00 am



This event will provide immigrant and refugee job seekers a better understanding of the needs, skills and qualifications required by the Transportation and Logistics Sectors. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask employers questions.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpceioqjgpHdUs4UhAgykJaVF_RpuFbxbZ

Panelists:

Purolator – Andrew Graham

Mellohawk Logistics Inc. – Peter Hawkins

Maple Leaf Disposal – Taufiq Ahmadi

BOXHUB – Sylena Urbanoski

TransLink – Antoine Cremaux

Moderator: Nikola Mitrovic

Chat Monitor: Hanif Ladha



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Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpceioqjgpHdUs4UhAgykJaVF_RpuFbxbZ

"Why do Migrants Stay in Small and Mid-sized Cities?" (WHYMS) Project

Seeking to partner with organizations to understand migrant retention in small and mid-sized cities in Ontario and British Columbia

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The [Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration \(CERC Migration\)](#) at Ryerson University aims to produce innovative and usable knowledge by exploring the challenges and opportunities involved in the integration processes of migrants and refugees in regional Canada. Our WHYMS project turns the usual policy and research question (why do people leave?) on its head to ask those who stay:

- Why do they choose to live in small or mid-sized cities?
- What is attractive or important for them?
- How do their motivations evolve in the different life stages of a family/household?
- What then is the role of community organizations and cultural associations in building connections and creating a welcoming environment in small and mid-sized cities?

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

CERC Migration is seeking to partner with community organizations and cultural associations of all types in Ontario or British Columbia (with a preference for organizations in Owen Sound, Peterborough, Belleville, Thunder Bay, Sault-Ste-Marie, Timmins, Chilliwack, Courtenay, and Nanaimo) that are interested in partnering with us to explore the above questions. Partners would help facilitate connections to the local community and recruit focus group participants. We will entertain proposals from organizations covering a range of possible degrees of involvement--from recruitment and co-hosting only, to working with CERC Migration to co-develop the focus group research plan.

WHYMS PROJECT INFORMATION SESSION | May 17, 2021 at 4:00pm EDT

Join CERC Migration for an information session where interested organizations can pose questions to clarify the scope of the proposal and what is expected from them in the research partnership. [Click here to register for the information session!](#)

For more information, please visit the [call for partners webpage via the CERC Migration website](#).

29 Apr 2021 - WACC launches virtual resource hub for inclusive, ethical migration reporting

The number of people who live in a country other than the one in which they were born is growing. “While many individuals migrate out of choice, many others migrate out of necessity,” according to the UN, which put the number of migrants globally at about 272 million in 2019. Within this number, 26 million are refugees and 4.2 million are asylum seekers.

Consequently, news media coverage of migration has increased, and with it, research and studies that show a need for a more inclusive and accurate representation of migrants and refugees.

In response to calls for a more balanced media representation of migration, WACC Global has created a [special section](#) on its website devoted to [Migration Reporting](#), which offers resources from journalism groups, migrant NGOs, scholars and more. The resources are intended for journalists, media and communications professionals, migrants/migrant NGOs, researchers, and anyone interested in migration.

The section, which includes interactive infographics and downloadable resources, is divided into six themes:

- **The situation** provides an overview of migration, including the role of media, and how media covers migration.
 - **Why it matters** discusses the importance of accurate media coverage, along with recommendations for media diversity published by various NGOs and journalism groups, samples of codes of conduct for respectful reporting on migration and asylum, and a guide for migration reporting published by the Ethical Journalism Network.
 - **The challenges** talks about issues that give rise to the lack of representation or misrepresentation of migrants and refugees, and what can be done to overcome them.
 - **Positive examples** is a database of resources from around the world, including guidelines and principles for ethical reporting on migration, guidelines for reporting on race and immigration, guidelines on terminology to employ when talking about migrants, and more.
 - **Resources** offer links to studies, scholarly research, media monitoring, analyses, and academic articles on media and migration.
 - **Downloadable resources** offer 24 publications in English and Spanish on topics such as migration reporting, tips for interviewing refugees, and more.
- You can find this resource here: <https://waccglobal.org/resources/migration-reporting/>

world refugee day
2021

THE WORLD IS SHAPED BY TWO THINGS

stories told

AND THE MEMORIES THEY LEAVE BEHIND

MAP INFORMATION WORKING GROUP

Presents

'Stories told and the Memories they leave behind'

Celebrating the talents and successes of refugees in our communities.

June 15 – June 20

- **June 15: Looking for home**

A roundtable discussion with refugee claimants, non-profit housing providers and settlement workers on providing a home to refugee claimants in BC.

- **June 17 at 7:00pm: Literary event with Vancouver Public Library**

In partnership with MAP – an evening with authors

- **June 18 12:00pm – 1:00pm: Stories told, and things left behind**

Join us at lunchtime to listen to three refugees from around the world share their journeys to Canada and what was left behind.

- **June 19 10:00am – 1:00pm: Story writing workshop with The Shoe Project**

Partnering with [The Shoe Project](#) MAP invites aspiring story writers who are also refugees or protected persons to join a writer's workshop

- **June 19 7:00pm: World Premiere of *After Arrival***

In collaboration with MOSAIC and Victoria Coalition for the Survivors of Torture, see the screening of a heartening refugee arrival story.

- **June 20 2:00pm – 3:30pm: Concert of Music and Poetry**

a celebration of all the art and ideas, culture and beauty that refugees bring to our communities MAP invites you to attend a live concert of music and poetry.

[See more information here](#)

OUR PARTNERS



Registration information coming soon

Refreshed MyLawBC website walk-through

 May 12, 2021 |  3PM - 4PM PDT

MyLawBC is a website that provides free tools to identify, manage, and resolve legal issues in BC. Including: how to make a will, what to do if you're served with a court document, and making a parenting plan with the help of a mediator.

Webinars are free but space is limited. Click below to register:

[Register now!](#)

COVID-19 updates on immigration law

 May 20, 2021 |  10.30 AM - 12.30 PM PDT

Get the latest updates on immigration law by Deanna Okun-Nachoff, one of the most respected immigration lawyers in Canada.

Webinars are free but space is limited. Click below to register:

[Register now!](#)

Pathways for women with precarious status fleeing violence

 May 31, 2021 |  10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PDT

Women in abusive relationships who are also involved with immigration issues have a complex system to navigate. Come join Kamaljit Lehal as she talks about options and helps us be better positioned to help individuals navigate it and keep them safe.

Webinars are free but space is limited. Click below to register.

[Register now!](#)

**Excerpt from our Legal Aid BC newsletter
on training and new resources.**

**If you'd like to join our mailing list,
[please click here.](#)**

There have been a number of requests for communication assets to use. This message is to provide you with a "toolkit" for your use. Please let IMMUNIZE BC know if there is anything else that could be of use:

lizette@umbrellastrategies.ca

As you know as BC's vaccine supply increases and the vaccine program ramps up, we are asking everyone to help spread the word to get all British Columbians 18+ registered for their COVID-19 vaccine. This includes those that have already received their dose 1 but are not registered (for example vaccinated through pharmacies, pre-central system etc.). We need everyone registered in the system so that they can either get their first dose if they have not already received it, or to get their second dose, at the appropriate time.

Attached is a pdf with topline messages and suggestions for how you can help get the message out.

(From MAP: PLEASE NOTE CLIENTS WITHOUT AN MSP # MUST CALL IN TO **1-833-838-2323** WHERE THEY WILL BE GIVEN A TEMPORARY PHN FOR VACCINATION PURPOSES. INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE – JUST SAY YOUR LANGUAGE)

Please share and use the toolkit attached

Survivor Advocate Capacity Building Program

Summer 2021

WHAT: An experiential-based learning program that bridges the personal and collective experience of social injustice with advocacy-informed skills building, and the capacity for social change. The program will focus on introducing participants to core advocacy skills, core advocacy themes, and opportunities to engage in advocacy work in the community.

WHEN: Summer 2021. Weekly for 10 Sessions. Starting June 2021 (exact date to be determined)

WHO: Offered by the Vancouver Association for the Survivors of Torture (VAST). Funded by the United Nations (UN), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Former clients of VAST (including anyone who has accessed groups or individual counselling sessions) who are Convention Refugees (CRs); Protected Persons (PPs); Government Assisted Refugees (GARs); Privately-Sponsored Refugees (PSRs); Blended Visa Office-Referred Refugees (BVORs); Permanent Residents (PRs); or Citizens.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program will be delivered in English. Access to a stable internet connection. Access to Zoom (free virtual conferencing software). Brief interview to assess participant readiness. Upon completing the program participants will receive a joint certificate from VAST and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

NEXT STEPS: Those interested are invited to complete a brief (5 minute) application form at:
<https://forms.gle/Psfwf37ysacjM816A>

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Hello,
We have over 30 workstation setups available. No commitment on seats, but we may have some as well.
We need to remove it from site by May 24th and would really like to find a good/deserving home for it.
We also have a number of items from desks, to file cabinets, bookshelves, boardroom tables, etc.
Please let me know if you are interested
Thanks
Regards

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Our volunteers play a key role in building a community together at Frog Hollow. Even though there has been a drastic reduction of volunteer opportunities last year due to the pandemic, we are so grateful for those who have been side-by-side supporting us during these challenging times. We love and appreciate you all, our volunteers!

This Spring, we have [3 exciting volunteer opportunities](#) for you to consider. Whether it's supporting [isolated seniors in the Hastings-Sunrise area](#) or nurturing the [P'ipa:m Lelum Indigenous Garden](#), there is something for everyone to get involved with.

- **Digital Support Volunteers**

Are you patient and caring individuals with excellent computer savviness?

- **Garden Assistants**

Do you have a love for the natural world? Are you comfortable working in a garden and doing some physically demanding work?

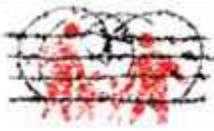
- **Community Resource Navigators**

Are you a self-motivated, flexible, and organized individual with excellent communication skills?

[SIGN UP TODAY](#)



Frog Hollow
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
Creating Our Community Together



Dear colleagues,

The [Your Rights in Research page](#) on the CCR website has been updated to include the following languages:

- English: <https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/ethical-considerations-en.pdf>
- French / français: <http://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/rightsinresearch-final.formatted.fr .2018.02.21.pdf>
- Spanish / español: <https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/your rights in research - spanish.pdf>
- Somali: <https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/your rights in research - somali.pdf>
- Pashto: <https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/your rights in research - pashto.pdf>
- Swahili: <https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/your rights in research - swahili.pdf>
- Farsi: <https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/your rights in research-farsi.pdf>
- Dari <https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/your rights in research-dari-corrected.2021-04-29.pdf>

Hello, (2 pages)

equity@vancouver.ca

You are receiving this e-mail because you have expressed interest in the **City of Vancouver's Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress** work. There is no doubt that you have helped shape this work and that your continued support is important in moving forward. We will soon be starting to send quarterly e-newsletter updates on our work. To receive quarterly updates, we need your explicit consent to email you in accordance with anti-spam laws, **please [sign up to receive this newsletter here](#). If [you do not sign up via our website then we will not be able to continue sending you updates](#).**

Anti-racism and cultural redress

We acknowledge the immense impact that racism has on all of us, especially Indigenous, Black, and other racialized colleagues, neighbours, friends, and family. Through both modest and comprehensive action, we are working to tackle racism and white supremacy within the City and Vancouver. This is an urgent priority. Our anti-racism and cultural redress work is being led by the Arts, Culture and Community Services Department through the Social Policy team, alongside and on behalf of Vancouver residents.

Senior Social Planner – Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress

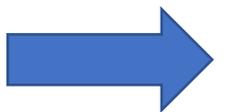
In November, we recruited Jennifer Reddy (she/her) for the full time, permanent position of Senior Social Planner - Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress. Jennifer brings her experience in social policy, public education, policy, governance, public engagement, and youth work to the important goals of anti-racism and cultural redress in the City's work historically, presently and proactively for the future.

Jennifer's immediate work as the Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress Planner will focus on the City's role and response to ongoing and [systemic racism](#) and the current rise in racist incidents. While addressing the broader issues of hate and discrimination will continue to be a priority for the City, as the Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress Planner Jennifer's area of focus will be on the specific issues of racism as they are connected to ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, or class of persons.

This work continues to inform, reflect and address a range of City priorities including, but not limited to: the [City of Reconciliation](#) Framework, [Healthy City Strategy](#), [Equity Framework](#) and [Intersectionality Toolkit](#)

Black and African Diaspora Communities Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress Planner

We are in the process of hiring a full time, temporary Black and African Diaspora Communities Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress Planner



The Black and African Diaspora Communities Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress Planner will work with the Senior Social Planner – Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress to identify and activate the City's role in honouring and advancing specific recommendations provided by Black Canadians and people of African descent through resourced actions, initiatives, and advocacy.

Areas of focus

The City's anti-racism and cultural redress efforts respond to direction from Mayor and Council, and community recommendations and calls to action. Below is our current list of eight key areas of focus as we move forward with this work. By signing up for our quarterly newsletters, you can expect updates on these key areas as the work unfolds:

- o [Access without fear policy](#) and [implementation](#)
- o [Anti-Black racism response and redress](#)
- o Overall anti-racism strategy including anti-Indigenous and anti-Asian racism
- o Anti-racism policy development
- o [Combating anti-Semitism](#) and Islamophobia in Vancouver
- o [COVID-19 anti-racism incident response](#)
- o [Historical discrimination against people of South Asian descent](#)
 - § Including, but not limited to [Punjabi Market regeneration](#) and Komagata Maru Apology
- o Public partners and communities working group on anti-racism

[Click here to view the June 2020 memo to Mayor and Council that summarizes the City's ongoing efforts, and specific next step actions, to address equity, inclusion, and anti-racism.](#)

Anti-racism resources

We have put together a preliminary list of resources to support you if you have experienced or witnessed a racist or hate incident as well as learning tools for your own anti-racism work. [Follow this link to view anti-racism resources, located towards the bottom of the page.](#)

We are humbled and called to action by the continuous efforts and action of the communities most impacted by systemic racism and thank members of Indigenous, Black and African diaspora, Asian, and other racialized communities for their time and labour providing recommendations and analysis to the City to shape this work and move it forward. If you want to continue to receive updates like this, don't forget [to click here to opt-in receive our Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress newsletter](#)

Sincerely,

Jennifer Reddy (she/her) | Senior Social Planner – Anti-Racism & Cultural Redress, Arts, Culture & Community Services (ACCS) | City of Vancouver