



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 85

May 19, 2021

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

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. And a presentation by Umbrella Multicultural Health co-op staff on support to claimants and undocumented persons to get registered for COVID-19 vaccinations. [REGISTER HERE](#)

MAP WORLD REFUGEE DAY UPDATES:

- [June 17 at 7:00pm: The Power of Stories: A Conversation on Refugees and Literature](#)

In partnership with **Vancouver Public Library** we invite you to join us for a conversation with three writers who have helped shape our public conversations with the power of their stories about being refugees.

Kim Thuy, Samra Habib and Kamal Al-Solaylee will engage in challenging conversations around our understanding of who we are and increase our empathy for the lives and histories of our neighbours.

[FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER](#)

The event will open with the **Proclamation of World Refugee Day** by the City of Vancouver Mayor Kennedy Stewart.

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

MAP invites aspiring story writers who are also refugees or protected persons to join a writer's workshop from 10 am – 1pm. Partnering with [The Shoe Project](#) MAP invites you to learn how to write a story from your childhood with writing experts Caroline Adderson and Shanga Karim.

[FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER](#) Limited Registration – requirements apply.

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!

IMMUNIZE BC NEWS:

Fraser Health has just released a video in Punjabi on how to register. They have asked me to share so please pass along if you haven't already seen. Thanks.

<https://twitter.com/fraserhealth/status/1392621892209680395?s=10>

Immunize BC Project

Stay Informed: gov.bc.ca/COVID, bccdc.ca, 1.88.COVID19

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*

- **Time to reopen the Canada-US border? Congressman says new CDC guidelines make it a clear yes**
CTV
- **Canada taken to court over policy that pushes asylum seekers to US**
Reuters
- **Someone Like Me (a film about LGBTQi refugees in Vancouver)**
DOXA film guide
- **Task force tackles vaccine misinformation for newcomer community**
Winnipeg Free Press
- **Mississauga immigration office hampers family reunification**
Toronto Star
- **Bell Let's Talk Diversity Fund announces new mental health funding**
Yahoo News
- **UK implements "boomerang deportations" for irregular migrants**
Info Migrants
- **Queen's Speech: Government's cruel asylum plans undermine international and moral obligation to refugees**
Refugee Action UK
- **BC school districts offering meal programs to their students**
BC Government website

News highlights:

Refugee claimant-related articles from Canada and around the world.

May 19, 2021

Poster attached)

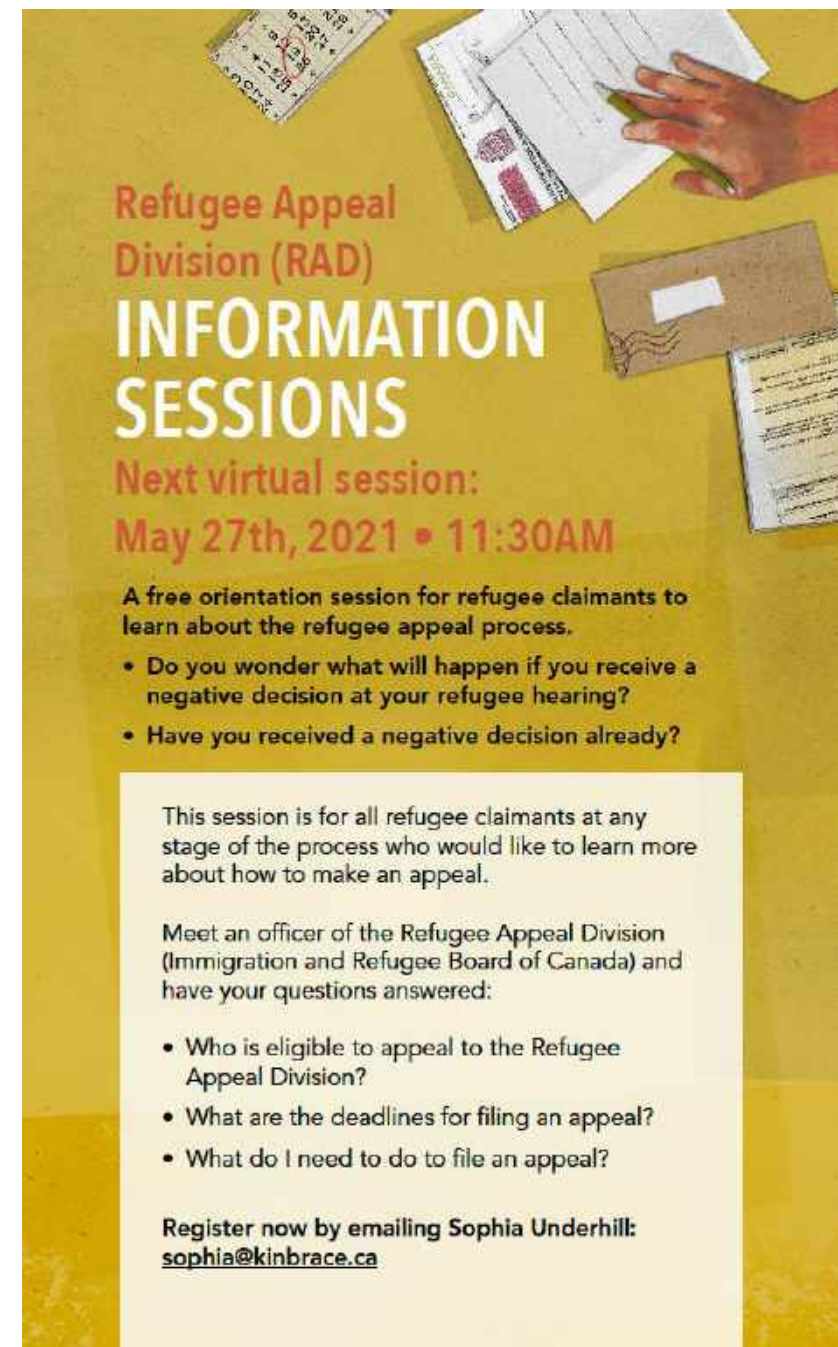
Please spread the word about the upcoming **Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session** on **May 27th at 11:30am**.

This is a free online orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process. Whether claimants are still waiting for their hearing date, waiting for the outcome of their hearing, or have received a negative decision, this session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Claimants will meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have their questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register or refer now by emailing Sophia Underhill: sophia@kinbrace.ca



Refugee Appeal Division (RAD)
INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next virtual session:
May 27th, 2021 • 11:30AM

A free orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process.

- Do you wonder what will happen if you receive a negative decision at your refugee hearing?
- Have you received a negative decision already?

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GRUPO PARA FAMILIAS LATINAS 2021

Técnicas para Combatir el Estrés en Familia durante el COVID-19



¿Cuándo?

El último jueves de cada mes (Próximo es el jueves 27 de mayo)

¿A Qué hora?

10 am - 11:30 am

¿Dónde?

Via ZOOM

¿Preguntas?

Comunicate al (604) 283-6713

o

alejandra@vast-vancouver.ca

para recibir el Zoom ID y unirte al grupo

Poster attached also

The group's purpose is to support families undergoing stress due to the pandemic and their circumstances living in a different country. The facilitators are VAST counsellor **Matias Hacker** and VCH children and youth therapist **Rosa Levy**.

In this group, we share, we invite participants to learn strategies and practices to recognize stress in the body and mind and offer psychomotor strategies to deal with it. We create a supportive community and link families to other resources they may need but aren't aware of where or how to get them. It is a trauma informed practice as the community of families support themselves more so at the end than the facilitator!

Contact: Alejandra at 604-283-6713

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-Referral 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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Settlement & Integration Program

Burnaby Neighbourhood House located on the traditional unceded territories of Coast Salish Nations

THE NEW NEIGHBOURS PODCAST

NEW EPISODES MONTHLY

If you have:

- Stories
- Life lessons
- Concerns
- Cultural knowledge to share
- Music
- Information you want to share with your community

- experience not required.

Get in touch to schedule or get more information about becoming a guest on the podcast

Contact:

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The Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a charitable non-profit organization. We are a volunteer driven community-funded agency with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



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From **Burnaby Neighbourhood House**

A NEW initiative!

Please find details of a new project, the **New Neighbours Podcast** with focus on our community voices, including newcomers.

For more information, please contact **Duy Tong**, Settlement Case Work at DuyT@burnabynh.ca.

A message from Baobab Inclusive Empowerment Society

Dear Participants, People of African Descent in British Columbia,

I invite you to participate in the **Needs Assessment of Blacks in British Columbia**. Your participation in this survey is vital to our co-existence and in the eradication of racism and its systemic impact on people of African Descent.

The enclosed survey is designed to collect information on Education, Wealth, Arts, Inclusion, Social Justice, Health, and Access to Justice, Democratic engagement, Housing and shelter, Employment, and more.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. You may decline or leave out areas that you are not comfortable answering. There are no known risks to participation beyond those encountered in everyday life. Your responses will remain confidential and anonymous. Rest assured we protect your personal information collected under the PIPE DIA ACT and BC's Personal Information Protection Act.

If you agree to participate in this project, please answer the questions on the questionnaire as best you can. It should take approximately 10-15 Minutes to complete.

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact biesbaobab@gmail.com

Please find the survey link here: <https://do250.com/p/black-in-bc>

Thank you for your assistance in this important endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Felix Kongyuy, Baobab Inclusive: biesbaobab@gmail.com

Will you help spread the word of the need to welcome and support refugee claimants as they arrive?

As you know, refugee claimants arrive with few physical resources, but with skills to offer and hope for a safe future for themselves and their children. But it is not easy for them, and we are grateful for your caring and giving.

Your donations equip us to house, offer settlement, and community. **You can help make others aware of refugees' stories and the challenges they face by attending this event and inviting family, friends and colleagues to join you.**

'Round the Kitchen Table

Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

'Round the Kitchen Table is a free event and you will not be asked for a donation at the event. You will be taking part in an interactive activity 'A Walk in Refugees' Shoes''

You can register here <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/round-the-kitchen-table-tickets-151731550151>

As you put yourself in refugees' shoes, you will also hear the story of a refugee claimant who had to flee her own country, what she experienced in her leaving and then during her arrival in Canada. We will see why it is so important for people to be welcomed 'like family'. In break-out rooms you will interact with refugee claimants and other attendees who are gathered around their own kitchen tables.

This event is a way Journey Home Community is building further awareness and involvement. After the event, attendees can expect a call within two weeks, so we can hear from you about what you thought of the experience and whether you could see yourself being part of welcoming refugees claimants into our community.

It will be a great evening – Thank you!

Doug Peat: doug@journeyhomecommunity.ca



City of Vancouver Komagata Maru Apology

I wanted to share the link to watch Mayor and Council's apology live today at today's virtual Council meeting at 9:28am. The link to watch the apology is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpzyXaXWYwI>

The video will be promoted on our social media channels on May. 23. A link to watch the video can be found at the top of this page later this week: <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/celebrating-diversity-and-inclusiveness.aspx>

Lastly, we will also be illuminating City Hall and Burrard St. Bridge in orange to mark Komagata Maru Remembrance Day on the evening of May. 23.

Kind regards,

Arvinder (Ari) Bhullar | Protocol

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers



Join us in celebrating Asian Heritage Month
and BC Anti-Racism Awareness Week

**GA GI -ANG 自己人:
A PARTICIPATORY
CONVERSATION WITH LUNA
AIXIN ON ANTI-ASIAN RACISM**

**May 26, 2021
6 P.M.**

Register for this event event
today:
<https://tinyurl.com/dcsuk8jj>



Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table (BIPT) invites you to celebrate **Asian Heritage month and the Anti-Racism Awareness Week** in BC. We have invited **Luna Aixin** to host this participatory conversation around Anti-Asian Racism.

**Note about Ga Gi Nang. It translates to the phrase "Own People". It comes from Luna's Teochew ancestors and is a well-known trait of Teochews. When you meet another Teochew, we treat you as our "Own People" regardless of how long we are in the presence of each other.*

The event will be hosted via zoom and requires registration. Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/dcsuk8jj>

Poster attached also

ALSO for ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Eyes Open - An Anti-Asian Racism PSA - Melissa Grelo and Elaine Lui, co-hosts of CTV's **The Social**, created a video about anti-Asian racism - based on a powerful poem written by Chinese Canadian poet Christopher Tse - in support of the work by the **Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice**.

See - <https://youtu.be/AGQtaCyp8f8>

This #AsianHeritageMonth CCNC-SJ is calling on all Canadians to confront the historical and present injustices facing Asian Canadian communities, and to #FaceRace.

Learn more at - <https://ccncsj.ca/campaigns-facerace>, Instagram - @ccncsj, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ccncsj>

Eyes Open links -

YouTube - <https://youtu.be/AGQtaCyp8f8>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/tv/COxhQ6RgljT/?igshid=4scjivv2uc83>

Hello BCSIS Service Providers,

As part of AMSSA's work to enhance knowledge and capacity for the BC Settlement and Integration Services (BCSIS) program, we are coordinating a series of Indigenous-led Dialogue Circles. The Dialogue Circles will connect BCSIS settlement service providers with the understanding that we are supporting settlement on unceded and occupied territories. The purpose is to learn from the stewards of this land; to share, listen, and build relations by respectfully participating in discussions and asking hard questions. The sessions will give BCSIS service providers the chance to learn about the land they are living and working on and their own accountabilities to this land. The intention is to learn about how they can relate to Indigenous people and how they can center Indigenous presence in their work and their connection with newcomers.

Indigenous Reconciliation is a foundational principle in Premier Horgan's mandate letter for Municipal Affairs, and in fact, all Ministries. He states that "Reconciliation is an ongoing process and a shared responsibility for us all." In the spirit of shared responsibility, all BCSIS service provider agencies are asked to designate one participant. The Dialogue Circles are open to participants from any level within the organization, including the front lines of service delivery. They are not geared to management, rather, to those who are interested and passionate about this topic and will bring the learning back to their organization.

Five Dialogue Circles will take place between June 2021 and August 2021. Sessions will be held virtually using Zoom. They will not be recorded. Norm Leech, Executive Director for the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre, will lead the sessions and Katie Crocker, AMSSA CEO, will facilitate. There will be one per geographic region, as follows:

- 1.Thompson/Okanagan, Interior and Kootenay
- 2.North
- 3.Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast/Sea to Sky
- 4.Metro Vancouver East/Fraser Valley
- 5.Metro Vancouver

Each circle will be 90 minutes and include approximately 10 participants. All participants must commit to attending one session in their area. There may be opportunities for further engagement in the future, and this session would be foundational. Service provider participants are expected to be fully present during the dialogue circles which means each person commits to the following:

- 1.Being engaged in the topic, approaching the discussion with curiosity
- 2.Active participation throughout meeting(s)
- 3.With cameras turned on and in a space that is appropriate for turning mics on to speak

Please complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) survey indicating who will participate, based on the criteria noted above. You can access the survey through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bcsis-dialogue-circles>

Please submit your responses by Wednesday, June 2, 2021. We appreciate your input and will contact you if we require any further information after you've submitted the survey.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks very much,

Rebecca rferguson@amssa.org



I am writing to invite you to a virtual community presentation of the preliminary results from the research project titled, *Immigration, Education and Employment Pathways of Rural and Urban International Students in BC: What is Going On?*

The project is led by researchers at Langara College in Vancouver and the College of New Caledonia (CNC) in Prince George, along with community partners, Prince George Immigrant and Multicultural Service Society (IMSS), and South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH). Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is also a partner on the project. For further information, please see the project description below.

Data collection consists of a survey of current and former international students at postsecondary institutions in Prince George and Vancouver, followed by interviews and focus groups with international students and professional stakeholders who work with IS in various capacities in fall 2021. The survey portion is now complete, with nearly **1,300 international students** providing information on their experiences with education, employment, housing, immigration and personal wellbeing.

We would like to receive your feedback on the preliminary survey results and to hear what you want to learn from the interviews and focus groups in Fall 2021.

Presentations of the preliminary survey findings will take place by ZOOM on
Tuesday June 22nd from 3-4:30pm PDT & Wednesday June 23rd from 12:30-2pm PDT.

You are invited to attend one or both presentations.

Note: The June 22 - results from Prince George (CNC & IMSS), June 23 results from Vancouver (Langara & SVNH).

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR JUNE 22](#)

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***Please register by June 15 so we may know how many people to expect – thank you.**

For more information, please contact the Project Director, Jenny Francis at jfrancis@langara.ca.



Members are invited to the CCR Spring General Meeting on Thursday 10 June

This year's meeting will be a special edition and we are really looking forward to seeing as many of you present as possible.

Why a special edition?

You may recall that the Executive Committee is currently leading a Strategic planning process. At this stage, it is important that we consult with all our members on your thoughts on what the work and position of the CCR should be for the upcoming years.

When: Thursday 10 June 2021 for 2 hours

Time: 11 AM PST

Please register here: [Spring General Meeting – Thursday 10 June](#)

On the agenda:

The meeting will be organized in two parts:

- Part 1: President's opening remarks and election of the Nominating Committee (0.5h)
- Part 2: Strategic Planning Workshop (1.5h)

Strategic Planning Workshop

All members are invited to give input into CCR's next strategic plan for 2022-2024!

What should CCR focus on in the next three years? How can CCR be the most effective?

This interactive workshop will ask:

- What results would you like to see CCR accomplish? What is the impact that you seek?
- What issue areas, principles and values are important to you, for CCR to act upon?

Since March, the Executive Committee and staff members have been working hard to explore these strategic questions. They have also been drafting a new mission statement to take CCR into its next phase. Join in to hear the new mission statement and share your ideas and feedback. The workshop will be facilitated by Juniper Glass of [Lumiere Consulting](#) and Marlo Turner Ritchie of [Social Impact Consulting](#).



Centre for Migration Studies Events

Migration Grad Student Power Hour (three-part series)

(Poster attached)

The Centre for Migration Studies Grad Student Power Hour provides opportunities for UBC graduate students to share their research on migration beyond their home departments and network with faculty and students from across the university and in the broader community sector. The Power Hour will begin with 10 minutes of networking opportunities, followed by a 30 minute talk and 20 minutes for discussion. Anyone is welcome to attend. The first event will be held at the end of May followed by two more events in June. We look forward to seeing you there!

1. 'Edugration' as a Wicked Problem

Friday, May 28, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PDT)

Speaker: Lisa Brunner (PhD Candidate - UBC Educational Studies)

[RSVP Link](#)

2. Applying an occupational science lens to study migration

Thursday, June 10, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PDT)

Speaker: Anne-Cécile Delaisse (PhD Student - UBC Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy)

[RSVP Link](#)

3. Transcontinental Migration through the Americas

Thursday, June 24, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PDT)

Speaker: Caitlyn Yates (PhD Student - UBC Socio-Cultural Anthropology)

[RSVP Link](#)



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'Antje Ellermann: What Drives a Country's Openness to Immigration'

Mark Hecht (Merion West) sits down with Dr. Antje Ellermann to discuss her new book (*The Comparative Politics of Immigration: Policy Choices in Germany, Canada, Switzerland and the United States*), immigration policy, and a more personal discussion on belonging.

Read the full interview [here](#).



A team of UBC researchers, led by Dr. Monique Gagné and Dr. Anne Gadermann, at the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) in the School of Population and Public Health are conducting a study on the developmental well-being of refugee children. As part of this research, they are looking for teachers, early childhood educators, multicultural/settlement sector workers or administrators who have worked with refugee children and who might be interested in participating in an online Zoom focus group. If you're interested in participating, please see below for more details.

A bit more about the study:

The goal of the research project is to learn more about the developmental well-being of refugee children. We have completed the first part of this research, which involved identifying any differences in the developmental well-being of refugee children in BC in comparison to their peers. Developmental well-being was measured by teacher-assessments of children's development in kindergarten in five core areas, using the Early Development Instrument (EDI). For more information about the EDI and the five core areas of development, you can visit our website: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/edi/>.

Our study results accounted for almost 700 refugee children in BC in their kindergarten year. In order to explore and better understand the EDI results for refugee children in BC, we are conducting online focus groups with teachers, early childhood educators, multicultural/settlement sector workers, and administrators who work with refugee children in BC. With the focus groups, our goal is to develop a better understanding of any early developmental challenges and strengths refugee children may have and how we can best meet their developmental needs.

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(UBC Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) Research continued)

Details of participation:

- We are looking for participants for three different focus groups: One for **teachers and early childhood educators**, one for **multicultural/settlement sector workers**, and one for **administrators/policy-makers**.
- Focus groups will be approximately two hours long (including a 10-minute break)
- Focus groups will take place in mid to late June at a time that works best for all participants
- The focus groups will take place using a version of Zoom that is UBC-licensed and approved for research
- We will offer a \$50 honorarium to participants.

Who is invited to participate?

Any teacher, early childhood educator, multicultural sector worker, settlement sector worker, or administrator who has worked with or provided services for refugee children in the last two years.

If you know of any staff who might be interested in participating, then we would be very grateful if you could pass along this email. ***With questions or for further information, please reach out to Dr. Gagné at monique.gagne@ubc.ca .***

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to rachel.goossen@ubc.ca . You will then receive a confirmation email with possible dates and a consent form to participate.

(Dr Gagné will attend the MAP meeting on May 27)



WHO WE ARE

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is an international charity that champions inclusion through active citizenship and advocacy. The ICC is building an international coalition to create a world where people, policy, and places are inclusive by default.

#EQUALCHANCE – ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

Despite having met the Canadian standards, internationally trained medical doctors (ITMDs) face undue barriers when trying to practice medicine in Canada. The ICC is launching its #EqualChance campaign, aimed at raising awareness and building support to remove these barriers. We want to encourage key decision makers and regulators to create an equitable and fair path to medical practice for ITMDs in Canada. **To learn more visit: [inclusion.ca/equalchance](https://www.inclusion.ca/equalchance)**

INSTRUCTIONS

The success of this campaign depends on the support of organizations and individuals like you. We're asking for your help to amplify our message with your own networks. We've created text and graphics that are ready to use so you can easily share this with your followers on your social pages. The images and post text can be found here:

[→ Click to download](#)

TWEET 1
 Canada has a shortage of doctors, yet thousands of internationally trained medical doctors are prevented from working in their field. @inclusion_ca wants to give all doctors an #EqualChance to support your health. #cdnhealth #cdnpol Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3hy2khk>

TWEET 2
 Thousands of internationally trained doctors living in Canada with credentials are being prevented from working in their field. @inclusion_ca wants to give all doctors an #EqualChance to practice medicine in Canada. #cdnhealth #cdnpol Show your support: <https://bit.ly/3hy2khk>

TWEET 3
 Canada has a shortage of doctors, yet thousands of immigrants with recognized medical credentials are prevented from working in their field. Raise your voice with @inclusion_ca to give all doctors an #EqualChance to work. #cdnhealth #cdnpol Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3hy2khk>

FACEBOOK
 Canada needs doctors, yet thousands of internationally trained medical doctors living in this country are prevented from working in their field. @inclusion.ca wants to give all doctors an #EqualChance to work. #cdnhealth #cdnpol Show your support: <https://bit.ly/3hy2khk>

LINKEDIN
 71% of Canadians agree that there are not enough licensed medical professionals in their community. Canada needs doctors, yet thousands of internationally trained medical doctors living in this country are prevented from working in their field. The Institute for Canadian Citizenship wants to give all doctors an #EqualChance to work. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3hy2khk>

Please make sure to tag us in your posts so we can like and share them. Our social handles are:



If you have any questions, please contact:

Emily Wagar emily@sparkadvocacy.ca 902-410-1170
 Roberto Alvarez advocacy@inclusion.ca 416-825-8297



(Formerly ICC Campaign for credential recognition for international medical graduates)

The #EqualChance/#ChancesEgales campaign HAS LAUNCHED TODAY!

PLEASE SHARE THIS LINK! <https://www.inclusion.ca/equalchance/>, and **CLICK SHOW YOUR SUPPORT to make an impact!**

Thank you for all your support in giving internationally trained medical doctors a fair an equal chance to practice their profession.

You can find our Marketing Toolkit here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u2bku4ig9bzk67y/AABlaJt2eCsbCbk3UPhw1q-Wa?dl=0>

Best,
Inaara and Roberto

Inaara Jivraj: ijivraj@inclusion.ca

Poster attached also



Refugee Research Network

- RRN Research Digest -

Please visit the Digest via the link below for new publications, policy analysis and more

[Read digest on RRN Website](#)

The RRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference



REPEATS

From Fraser Health:

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

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

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

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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/>

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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](#)

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Registration information coming soon