



**MAP** Multi-Agency  
Partnership BC  
*Working Together for Refugee Claimants*

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 88

June 9, 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. This week as we all try to come to grips with the deaths of 215 innocent children in just one of the pernicious residential schools, and the cold-hearted killing of a Muslim family and orphaning of a 9-year old boy in London, Ontario we must reach out and check in on one another again. *How are you doing?*

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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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no regular bulletin next week – there will however be a detailed program of all WRD events June 17 – 20.**

### **MAP WORLD REFUGEE DAY EVENTS PROMOTION ROLLOUT**

Please share information about events with your clients, colleagues and friends and upload to your social media if you can.

**Check out:** <https://mapbc.org/world-refugee-day-celebrations-2021/> for all the details.

#### ***Featured events this week :***

- ***Stories Told and the Objects not Forgotten – a delightful lunchtime storytelling session***

Join us with your lunch and your favourite cup of tea to hear stories from refugees about their journeys and those things that stand out for them so clearly from their pasts: a plate of French fries, a suitcase, a loom.

Hosted by Thanh (MPNH) and Richard (inasmuch/MAP) you are sure to pass a delightful lunch hour.

See the poster below and [REGISTER HERE](#)

- ***Writer's Workshop***

Please help us get the word out about this wonderful opportunity for newcomers to improve their skill sets by attending a writing workshop on Saturday 19, 10 am – 1pm. Learning the art of effective communication is so important in today's world and learning via story writing is a motivating and inspiring process. Tell your clients and your colleagues. See the poster below and [REGISTER HERE](#)

**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!

More multilingual information session information from Fraser Health re: COVID-19 Vaccinations **Posters attached**

### Vaccine Information Session in French

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Monday  
June 14, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/66812937687>

Meeting ID:  
668 1293 7687

To call in June 14, 2021  
778-807-2071 and enter  
Meeting ID 668 1293 7687.

This event will be recorded.  
Watch after at:  
[fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)

Learn how, when and why you should get the COVID-19 vaccine and come with your questions.

Featuring Fraser Health Medical Health Officer Dr. Ingrid Tyler, a French Interpreter and members of our French-speaking community.



### Séance d'information sur le vaccin en français

De 15 h 30 à 16 h 30  
Lundi  
14 juin 2021

Rejoignez-vous à la réunion Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/66812937687>

Code de la réunion:  
668 1293 7687

Prenez connaissance de ce qui s'applique à votre pays de résidence au 877-837-8281.

Appeler le numéro d'urgence de Fraser Health (les langues) 778-807-2071 et entrer le numéro de la réunion 668 1293 7687.

Apprenez comment, pourquoi et pourquoi vous devriez recevoir le vaccin contre la COVID-19 et posez vos questions.

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### Vaccine Information Session in Vietnamese

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Monday  
June 21, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87264423368>


Meeting ID:  
872 6442 3368

To call in June 21, 2021  
778-807-2071 and enter  
Meeting ID 872 6442 3368.

This event will be recorded.  
Watch after at:  
[fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)

Learn how, when and why you should get the COVID-19 vaccine and come with your questions.

Featuring Fraser Health Medical Health Officer Dr. Ingrid Tyler, a Vietnamese Interpreter and members of our Vietnamese speaking community.



### Buổi Thông Tin bằng Tiếng Việt về Thuốc Chủng Ngừa

3:30 chiều - 4:30 chiều  
Thứ Hai  
21 Tháng Sáu, 2021

Hãy tham dự Phong Hóp Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87264423368>

Số ID buổi Hóp (Meeting ID):  
872 6442 3368

Mời tham dự vào ngày 21 Tháng Sáu giờ 3:30 chiều và bấm số ID Buổi Hóp là 872 6442 3368.

Buổi này sẽ được ghi âm và sẽ được đăng tải trên trang [fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)

Tìm hiểu về cách thực, thời điểm và lý do quý vị nên chủng ngừa COVID-19 và nêu thắc mắc.

Công thêm dự buổi Hóp là Với Chức Sắc Khỏe Cơ Quan Y Tế Fraser Health, Dr. Ingrid Tyler, một thông dịch viên tiếng Việt và những người trong cộng đồng nói tiếng Việt của chúng ta.



### Vaccine Information Session in Thai

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Monday  
June 28, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82211849822>

Meeting ID:  
822 1184 9822

To call in June 28, 2021  
778-807-2071 and enter  
Meeting ID 822 1184 9822.

This event will be recorded.  
Watch after at:  
[fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)

Learn how, when and why you should get the COVID-19 vaccine and come with your questions.

Featuring Fraser Health Medical Health Officer Dr. Ingrid Tyler, a Thai Interpreter and members of our Thai-speaking community.



### การประชุมข้อมูลเกี่ยวกับวัคซีนเป็นภาษาไทย

วันจันทร์  
วันที่ 28 มิถุนายน 2021  
08:30-12:00

เข้าร่วมการประชุม  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82211849822>

รหัสการประชุม:  
822 1184 9822

โทรมาที่ 28 มิถุนายน  
โดยใช้ 778-807-2071 และใส่  
รหัสการประชุม 822 1184 9822

การประชุมนี้จะถูกบันทึก  
และสามารถดูได้ที่  
[fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)

เรียนรู้เกี่ยวกับวัคซีน COVID-19  
ให้ข้อมูลเกี่ยวกับวัคซีน  
และที่มาของข้อมูลของชุมชน

มีบริการล่ามฟรีให้ข้อมูลทาง  
ภาษาแก่สมาชิก Fraser Health  
คือ คุณ Ingrid Tyler, ผู้แปล  
ฟรีด้วยบริการล่าม  
สมาชิกชุมชนชาวไทย  
ของเรา



### Vaccine Information Session in Gujarati

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Monday  
July 5, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87904217388>


Meeting ID:  
879 0421 7388

To call in July 5, 2021  
778-807-2071 and enter  
Meeting ID 879 0421 7388.

This event will be recorded.  
Watch after at:  
[fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)

Learn how, when and why you should get the COVID-19 vaccine and come with your questions.

Featuring Fraser Health Medical Health Officer Dr. Ingrid Tyler, a Gujarati Interpreter and members of our Gujarati-speaking community.



### ગુજરાતીમાં રસી માહિતી અધિવેશન

બુધવાર 3:30 થી 4:30  
સોમવાર  
૫ જુલાઈ, ૨૦૨૧

ઝુમ માહિતીમાં જોડાઓ  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87904217388>

મીટિંગ આઈડી:  
879 0421 7388

જો આપણે સહાયતાની જરૂર હોય તો  
822-605-8025 અથવા સહી  
બોનું નંબરો 879 0421 7388

આ ઘટનાને રજૂ કરવામાં  
આઈડી:  
879 0421 7388  
[fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)

જાણો કેવી રીતે, ક્યારે  
અને શા માટે COVID-19  
વેક્સિનેશન રસી લેવી  
જોઈએ અને તેમાં  
પ્રતિ સામેલ થવી.

આ ઘટનાને રજૂ કરવામાં  
આઈડી:  
879 0421 7388  
અને આપણે તમારું  
અભાગ સુધારવામાં  
સહાયતા કરીશું.  
[fraserhealth.ca/translated](https://fraserhealth.ca/translated)



IMMUNIZE BC NEWS – Tuesday June 8, 2021

[Joint statement on B.C.'s COVID-19 response, latest updates | BC Gov News](#)



( 2 pages – + Guidelines attached)

Dear Stakeholders

The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) is launching consultations on its revised [\*Chairperson's Guideline 4 on Gender Considerations in Proceedings before the Immigration and Refugee Board \("Guideline 4" or "the Guideline"\)\*](#). [The revised Guideline provides guidance to decision-makers on the adjudication of refugee and immigration cases involving gender considerations, such as gender inequality, discrimination and gender-based violence as well as trauma.](#)

This consultation is with a wide range of stakeholders, subject matter experts, administrative tribunals and Government of Canada departments. We are reaching out to you today as a subject matter expert with specialised knowledge relating to the content of the Guideline. We would welcome your expert review of the revised Guideline and invite you to provide us with your written feedback on the draft **no later than June 29** by responding to [this email](#).

### **Background on the Review of Guideline 4**

Over the summer and fall of 2020 and into the winter of 2021, the IRB conducted a comprehensive review of the *Chairperson's Guideline 4 on Women Refugee Claimants Fearing Gender-Related Persecution*, which was last updated in 1996. The objective of this review was to develop recommendations to modernize the Guideline by incorporating the most up-to-date knowledge and understanding of gender considerations, such as gender-based violence, and to provide improved guidance to facilitate high-quality, trauma-informed decision-making.

The review consisted of consultations internal to the IRB; a case law review of IRB and Federal Court cases; an analysis of current literature pertaining to gender issues and trauma; and a review of other countries' approaches to adjudicating similar cases. Importantly, we also sought the input and advice of other government departments, subject matter experts and stakeholders who have experience and expertise in working with survivors of gender-based violence, refugee and immigration law, and trauma, among other subjects. Thank you to those of you who participated and generously shared your time and advice.



In reviewing the new Guideline, you will notice the following additions:

- A broadened gender-inclusive scope, while still recognizing that women, girls, and LGBTIQ2 individuals are disproportionately affected by gender-based violence;
- An expanded application to also include the Immigration Division and the Immigration Appeal Division;
- The application of a trauma-informed and intersectional approach to proceedings involving gender considerations; and
- Expanded substantive guidance on gender as a basis for persecution, state protection, internal flight alternatives and gender-specific considerations for detention reviews, admissibility hearings, and immigration appeals.

### **Next steps**

Your input will help ensure that our Guideline provides meaningful information and robust guidance on the particularities of cases involving gender-based inequality, discrimination and violence and assist members in making fair and reasonable adjudicative decisions.

Please feel free to share this consultation request with colleagues you think could contribute to the consultation process.


Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

Richard Wex  
Chairperson



# Stories Told and The Objects Not Forgotten: An Afternoon of Storytelling

*June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 12pm -1pm*



Come celebrate World Refugee Day with our live storytelling event and join our three storytellers, Maya, Manuel and Zong May as they take us on their journeys to Canada and hear their tales of the objects from their treasured pasts.

After the storytellers share their journeys listen to the presenters chat with our hosts about the significance of their stories and be able to submit questions of your own for the Q&A period at the end! A lunch time you won't want to miss.

REGISTER AT:

<https://mapbc.org/stories-told-and-objects-not-forgotten-an-afternoon-of-storytelling/>

Please let your clients know about this wonderful opportunity!

12 lucky aspiring writers can join a half day FREE workshop with professionals from the [Shoe Project](#) to learn how to turn their stories into publishable material.

Caroline and Shanga will help you write a story from your childhood memories – which is usually a very good place to start as a writer!

This opportunity will appeal to newcomers in Intermediate to Advanced ESL groups, Conversation Circles as well as your own clients.

Please share with your colleagues to let them know about this opportunity; and register your budding authors at:

<https://mapbc.org/world-refugee-day-writing-workshop/>

WORLD REFUGEE DAY EVENTS 2021

A partnership between MAP & the Shoe Project



WelcomeBC





## 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>



## PCN Workshop: Role of Community Agencies in PCN – Cultural Bridging, Brokering, Guides

As our Primary Care Network (PCN) development plan for Surrey-North Delta unfolds, we would like to mention our upcoming community engagement event. Please join us on **Wednesday, June 16 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** to continue the conversation about the Surrey-North Delta PCNs as we prepare to submit our Service Plan to the Ministry of Health by the end of the month!

This session will focus on the critical role that community agencies can play in the Surrey-North Delta PCNs, and the substantive benefit it will provide to your organization and clients through both increased access to appropriate care and direct influence as to how, when and where that care is provided.

### Goals of the Session Include:

- Develop a common understanding of where cultural barriers to current and proposed care exist
- Identify the need and opportunity for cultural supports – for clients, providers and the PCN itself – to increase access across cultural boundaries and overcome stigmatic barriers
- Identify opportunities for community agencies to support cultural integration within the PCN
- Determine what is required in order to support this integration

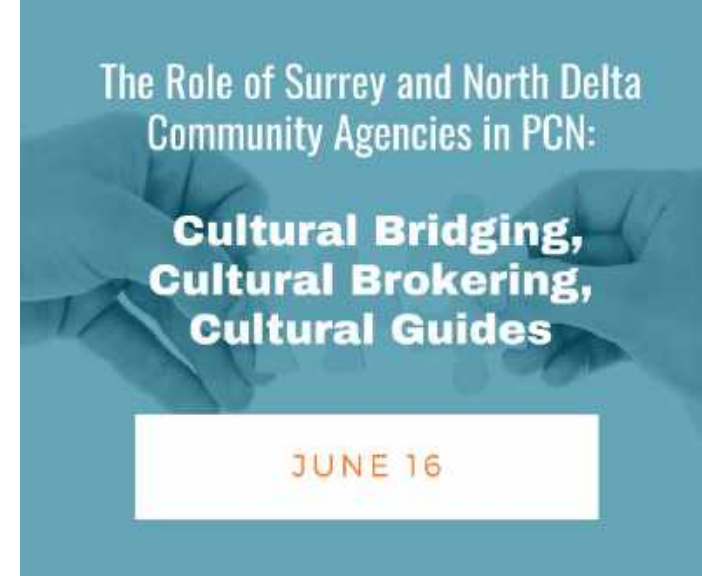
**If your organization is supporting families or individuals who continually experience insufficient access to culturally appropriate primary care, or who do not have access to care because of cultural/stigmatic barriers, your voice is critical in this conversation.**

While the resources available for the PCN in Surrey-North Delta are limited, there are important opportunities:

- to ensure at the outset that these resources are equitably available and support the most vulnerable; and
- to continue exploring future alignment between Primary Care services, resources coming to the community via the PCN, and services offered by organizations like yours.

An overview of the PCN Service Plan submission in its draft form will also be presented.

This is a session that you do not want to miss.



**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

The City of Vancouver Renter Office would like to invite you to a special meeting for organizations serving newcomers, **to provide feedback on a proposed *Renter Services Centre***. We are in the early planning stages, and invite you to join us via WebEx on **Tuesday June 22, 2:00– 4:00pm** to learn more and share your feedback.

### ***About the Renter Services Centre***

The City of Vancouver is proposing to create a *Renter Services Centre* - a community-based hub where renters can access supports, education and legal advocacy services. The *Renter Services Centre* would bring non-profits together under one roof to enhance their capacity to provide renter services and to improve the experience of renters in accessing and receiving the help they need. The future *Renter Services Centre* would offer Vancouver renters a range of services, such as legal support when facing an eviction, education about renter rights and responsibilities, assistance navigating City and Provincial policies, help filling out housing applications, and other types of support.

### ***June 22 meeting with organizations serving newcomers***

- We will present our initial ideas for the *Renter Services Centre*, including **potential ways for non-profit agencies to engage with the *Renter Services Centre***, such as renting space and co-locating services.
- As the Vancouver Immigration Partnership has identified, many newcomers to Vancouver struggle with accessing appropriate, affordable rental housing that meets their needs. Newcomers may also experience challenges pursuing their rights as renters. In our discussion in breakout groups, we are curious to hear your thoughts, including **how a *Renter Services Centre* could be designed to reduce barriers and increase access for newcomers to services**.
- We also know that many of your organizations are critical in providing a variety of supports to newcomers related to housing. We are interested in hearing from you **what value a *Renter Services Centre* could add for your organization and the settlement sector**, including contributing to the goal identified in the 'New Start' strategy of "Enhancing Newcomers' Access to Services".
- We will also share with you some information on the work of the City's Renter Office, including [Renter Services grants](#) for non-profits and the City's [Renter Enquiry Line](#).

If you would like to attend, **please RSVP to [renteroffice@vancouver.ca](mailto:renteroffice@vancouver.ca)** and we will send you the meeting invitation. We hope you can join us!

**Kristin Patten**

Social Planner II, Renter Office

Homelessness Services & Affordable Housing Programs, City of Vancouver

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[kristin.patten@vancouver.ca](mailto:kristin.patten@vancouver.ca)

604-829-9608





Upcoming workshop on Burnaby Public Library services in English and Farsi.

For more details, please contact Maryam Torabizadeh, our Settlement Case Manager at [maryamt@burnabynh.ca](mailto:maryamt@burnabynh.ca)

POSTER ATTACHED

**Settlement & Integration Program**

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

**BURNABY LIBRARY SERVICES - FREE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH 2021  
12:30PM - 2:00PM**

- Learn about library services
- Connect with your community

Virtual Farsi speaking community gathering (by Zoom)

- درباره خدمات کتابخانه اطلاعات کسب کنید
- با انجمن خود ارتباط برقرار کنید

دوره‌ی مجازی فارسی زبانان با استفاده از نرم افزار زوم

For registration, please email Maryam at:  
[maryamt@burnabynh.ca](mailto:maryamt@burnabynh.ca)  
PHONE: 236-877-2531

**WWW.BURNABYNH.CA**

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.



*"Often the serious challenges facing older adults in our community are hidden and this increases their vulnerability, and here at Frog Hollow, we want to change that." said **Gary Dobbin**, Executive Director of Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House.*

According to Ministry of Health documents, approximately 10% of seniors will experience some form of physical, emotional, financial, or sexual abuse. It is also believed that the abuse of seniors is significantly underreported.

Frog Hollow WEEAD Webinar invites the community to bring greater recognition to the mistreatment of older adults and promote prevention activities that allow seniors in the community to live safely and with dignity.

## 15 JUNE 2021 | WEEAD Webinar Schedule

1000-1030	Opening		
1030-1045	Safety Tips for Seniors to Prevent Frauds and Scams		Vancouver Police Department Elder Abuse Unit & Hastings-Sunrise Community Policing Centre
1045-1100	Culturally Appropriate Resources on Seniors' Financial Abuse Prevention- 华语长者如何防范财务诈骗		Daisy Au, Coordinator Chinese BC Association of Community Response Networks
1100-1115	Wellness & Movement		Eda Erton, Social Prescribing Coordinator Collingwood Neighbourhood House
1115-1130	Protecting Indigenous Elders in the community		Kaila Wong, Program Administrator Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre
1130-1145	SGSC's 2021 Resource Directory for Older Adults		Rachael Harnesson, Program and Volunteer Coordinator South Granville Seniors Centre
1145-1200	Closing		

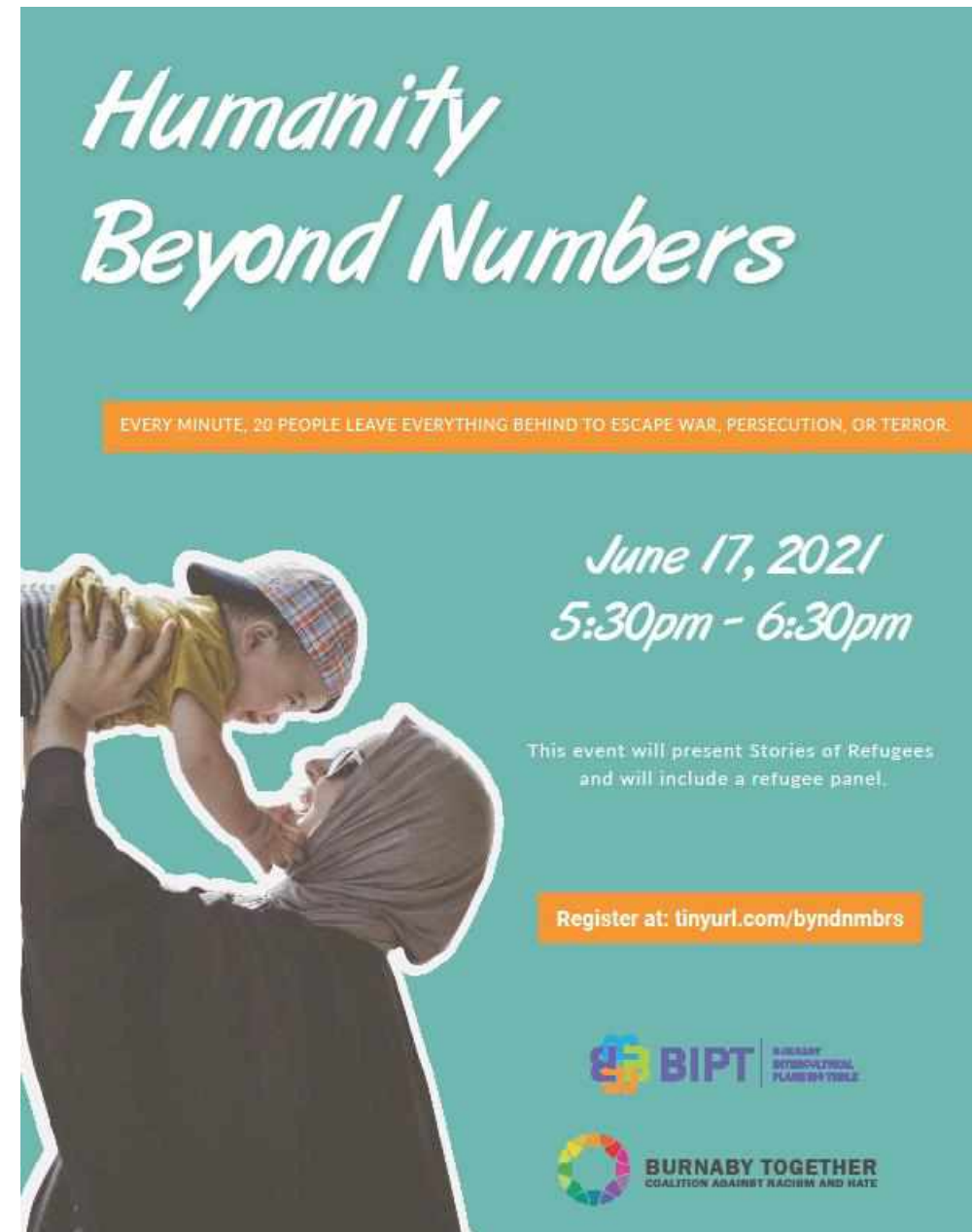
[MORE INFORMATION & REGISTER](#)



You are invited to celebrate Burnaby's World Refugee Day on June 17, 2021 between 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Remember that every minute, 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution. or terror.

We will be presenting a video Humanity Beyond Numbers where refugees are telling their stories. The video will be followed by a panel where the refugees in the video with talk with another refugee who will be moderating the panel.

The event require registration. Please register at: [tinyurl.com/byndnmbrs](https://tinyurl.com/byndnmbrs)




*Humanity  
Beyond Numbers*


EVERY MINUTE, 20 PEOPLE LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND TO ESCAPE WAR, PERSECUTION, OR TERROR.

*June 17, 2021  
5:30pm - 6:30pm*

This event will present Stories of Refugees and will include a refugee panel.

Register at: [tinyurl.com/byndnmbrs](https://tinyurl.com/byndnmbrs)

 BIPT | BURNABY INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TABLE

 BURNABY TOGETHER  
COALITION AGAINST RACISM AND HATE

## Where are all the Black People?

In the spirit of organizational commitments to and increasing interest in anti-racism, I would like to share with you a speaker series on [Black Underrepresentation in the Academy](#). This series foregrounds actionable and measurable strategies to increase Black representation and Black excellence in fields where Blackness is particularly underrepresented.

Ismaël Traoré, PhD, Director, Faculty Equity, UBC

[ismael.traore@ubc.ca](mailto:ismael.traore@ubc.ca)

**Upcoming:** [Click here to register](#)

### Art History – June 10

Speakers: [Dr. Charmaine Nelson](#), Canada Research Chair in Transatlantic Black Diasporic Art and Community Engagement, McGill University, and [Alistair Watkins](#), PhD Candidate, Art History, University of Toronto

### Black Women in the Academy – June 23

Speakers: [Dr. Veronica Fynn Bruey](#), award-winning researcher, author and law and policy reform advocate, and [Dr. Juliet Daniel](#), Award-winning Cancer Biologist, McMaster University

### Black Futures – July 5

Speakers: [Celina Caesar-Chavannes](#), previous Member of Parliament, and Senior Advisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Initiatives, Queen's University, [Dr. Wisdom Tettey](#), Vice-President and Principal of University of Toronto Scarborough, and [Donna Young](#), Dean, Faculty of Law, Ryerson University



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

## **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The [Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration \(CERC Migration\)](#) 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 British Columbia** (with a preference for organizations in 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. For more information regarding the application process, please visit the [call for partners webpage](#).

**Sinthu Vimaladasan** (she/her)

Events and Special Projects Coordinator [Canada Excellence Research Chair \(CERC\) in Migration and Integration](#)

[svimaladasan@ryerson.ca](mailto:svimaladasan@ryerson.ca)



## UBC MIGRATION

- ◆ An opportunity 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. Everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021 12:00 - 1:00 PM



"Edugration" as a Wicked Problem

LISA BRUNNER  
EDUCATIONAL STUDIES PHD CANDIDATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Applying an occupational science  
lens to study migration



ANNE-CÉCILE DELAISSE  
OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE PHD STUDENT

[Don't forget that this Thursday, June 10 at 12 PM \(PT\), we will be hosting the second of our "Migration Grad Student Power Hour\(s\)" with Anne-Cécile Delaisse \(PhD Student, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy\). We hope to see you on screen! To learn more and register, click \[here\]\(#\).](#)

## JOB & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – SENT BY CITY OF VANCOUVER EQUITY OFFICE

Please see attached:

- Job Posting: Job Title: Planning Assistant III – see attached PDF Closes June 11 at midnight.
- Decriminalizing Poverty Community Panel – see attached PDF  
Call for Co-chairs of the panel – see PDF attached
- Funding Information + 2 job opportunities – Heritage Canada Anti-Racism Secretariat – see attached



## New Funding Opportunities from the WES Mariam Assefa Fund

The WES Mariam Assefa Fund is thrilled to announce that we have launched [two new funding opportunities in Canada](#), which seek to identify catalytic leaders and organizations across the country that share our vision of a more inclusive economy and society for immigrants and refugees. One funding opportunity is focused on *employer practices* to support economic integration of immigrants and refugees, and another one is a more *general call for proposals*, focused more broadly on ideas aligned with the Fund's overall grantmaking priorities. Prospective partners will be able to share their ideas and apply for funding through the WES Mariam Assefa Fund's [new online application portal](#).

More detailed information about these funding opportunities and links to the application portal are below. I would really appreciate **if you could share this information with any relevant organizations and leaders in your networks**, since we are trying to reach organizations that are outside of our immediate community. Please also note a [webinar on Employer Practices](#) that we will be conducting on Jun 15<sup>th</sup> – with a panel on best practices on employer engagement and more information about the Employer Practices funding opportunity.

### [Funding opportunities in Canada:](#)

#### Employer Practices

The WES Mariam Assefa Fund is looking to identify and fund promising solutions that can improve employer practices in Canada and engage employers in the economic integration of immigrants and refugees. For funding in 2021, please submit letters of intent (LOIs) through their application portal by June 30. Immigrants and refugees are key to Canada's economic health today and to its future growth. Canadian employers, who have consistently reported labour shortages across a range of occupations, have a critical role to play in building more inclusive economies and supporting the success of immigrant and refugee workers. The Fund seeks ideas from organizations that directly engage with employers to do work toward these goals. [Learn more here](#).

To learn more about this call for proposals and to hear a discussion of best practices in employer engagement, please join our **webinar on Jun 15<sup>th</sup>**, 12pm-1pm EDT, called: ***Engaging Employers in the Economic Integration of Immigrants and Refugees: Discussion of Best Practices Within a Broad Workforce Development Ecosystem***. [Register here](#).

#### General Application

The WES Mariam Assefa Fund is seeking a broad range of funding ideas aligned with the Fund's social impact goals and mission to ensure all immigrants and refugees can achieve their goals and thrive. For funding in 2021, please submit letters of intent (LOIs) through our application portal by August 2. Building on the Fund's launch in Canada in 2020, we seek to continue learning about the great work of organizations across Canada and identify impactful, innovative solutions that support the success of immigrants and refugees. Learn more here. [Learn more here](#).

I write to share a recently-published paper (with the PDF just made available this week; it should be available online soon): "Aiming at Civic Integration? How Canada's Naturalization Rules are Sidelining Refugees and Family-Class Immigrants," *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales*, 2020, 36 (4), pp. 77-97.

It is the fruit of several years of research, thanks to the hard work two Ottawa U academics (Professors Delphine Nakache and Elke Winter). It brings to light the significant impact that increased language & testing requirements for Canadian citizenship, along with the increased fee, have had on naturalization rates, and in particular it highlights what groups have been most impacted by this: family class sponsored immigrants and refugees.

Please feel free to share it in any submissions or advocacy opportunities you have around barriers to citizenship. <https://ln4.sync.com/dl/a809d4990/ddk53v2p-dbg378bt-wc7v6ag9-4gq3sjg2>

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# REPEATS



## WEE-R PROGRAM



Are you looking for work & needing to upgrade your **SKILLS**, **KNOWLEDGE** & **TRAINING**?

If so, we invite you to join the **FREE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM** alongside other career-driven women in your community to develop new skills and share knowledge that will help you to gain **meaningful employment!**

### PROGRAM FEATURES

- Career Planning
- Skills Training
- Wellness Support
- Work Experience
- Certificate Training
- Job Search Services

### ONLINE INFO SESSION

JUNE 2, 2021 1PM - 2PM  
JUNE 11, 2021 10AM-11AM  
JUNE 16, 2021 1PM-2PM

Click here to register:  
<https://bit.ly/2Qtild1>

### NEXT COHORT START DATE

JUNE 21, 2021

### ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Newcomer\* and Visible Minority Women
- ✓ CLB Level 5+
- ✓ Unemployed or Underemployed
- ✓ Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person
- ✓ Living in BC & Legally Entitled to Work

*\*Landed in the last 10 years*

To book an intake assessment please call 778-775-0746 or e-mail [wee-r@options.bc.ca](mailto:wee-r@options.bc.ca)

Poster attached also

Great opportunity for clients who have protected status.

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# Virtual Information session on Financial Literacy: Introduction to Banking and Credit in Canada

- When: Thursday, June 24, 2021
- Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
- Zoom link - <https://bit.ly/3bXyCyn>
- Organizer - Patricia Castillo - 604.761.1054 / [patricia.castillo@options.bc.ca](mailto:patricia.castillo@options.bc.ca)

**(POSTERS ATTACHED IN ENGLISH Y ESPANOL)**





WelcomeBC



**Please see attached an RFP** put out by the BC CHARMS project for a research opportunity titled Innovative Housing Solutions for refugee Claimants

The deadline for submission is June 16

Those involved with claimants and their housing challenges are encouraged to apply.





For more information about and to apply for this meaningful volunteer Property Steward role, click [here](#).

**INFORMATION ALSO ATTACHED AS PDF**

Is there **SOMEONE** you know who might fit perfectly the **new volunteer Property Steward role for Kinbrace?**

You are a person who whole-heartedly subscribes to and expresses Kinbrace's mandate....

You tighten loose nuts voluntarily when no one is looking, set a drawer to slide smoothly at your host's home, and discreetly seek to understand why the door isn't closing quite right....

You enjoy people, taking time to listen and engage, leaving the world a better place after every interaction....

You have proven handy skills (basic construction, appliance, electrical, mechanical, plumbing repairs, light maintenance)....

You are retired or working part-time and have time, skill, and love to give....In a nutshell, you embrace the Kinbrace properties as yours, while recognizing it is all a gift, to be given away.

## REQUEST FROM CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR REFUGEES TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS AT MAP

We are seeking your participation to gather experiences with virtual hearings at the Refugee Protection Division (RPD) of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB).

As brought up in the Refugee Claimant Issues meeting this past month, the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) has long had concerns about videoconferences for claimants. As the IRB continues to adopt its remote hearing model, it is more important than ever to begin collecting information about the virtual hearing process and its implications for refugee claimants.

Our plan is to interview claimants about the positive and negative aspects of their virtual hearings before the IRB, and then to prepare a report for distribution to the IRB. The final written report will aim to increase understanding of how virtual hearings are experienced by refugee claimants and suggest ways to conduct virtual hearings so that claimants have a fair chance to be heard.

**If you are interested in recruiting refugee claimants and conducting interviews, please review the guidelines on the [Interview – Virtual Hearing Project](#) page.** The webform and questionnaire are now available to members of the CCR website. Non-members should contact Olivia Kostin-Cohen at [okostin-cohen@ccrweb.ca](mailto:okostin-cohen@ccrweb.ca) to set up an account for specific access to the virtual hearing questionnaire. Do not hesitate to send any additional questions about the research project to the same email address.

Sincerely,

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## Tablet Lending Program

Our tablet lending program is now in full swing, and we would love for you to participate! Program participants can borrow Samsung tablets for three-month periods. No experience with technology is needed, as participants will be taught everything they need to know by our tech mentors. While we are happy to lend tablets to any seniors, priority will be given to those from communities of colour and/or with a lower income.

[Please Click here to see a brochure with full details of this program \[southgranvilleseniors.us8.list-manage.com\]](http://southgranvilleseniors.us8.list-manage.com)

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## VIP Partner Minna Van from the West Coast Foundation would like to extend the following offer:

As you know, since January 2020, our partnership with ComIT.org to deliver the "Recode your Future" program has delivered 60 scholarships to under- & un-employed individuals in BC. Approximately 70% of graduates have found full-time employment in BC's tech industry. (note from Nadia: ComIT.org has received a lot of positive press coverage)

After the program's first two cohorts successfully delivered remotely (due to COVID-19) we believe we are able to expand our programming to take on more than 25 students per program. We have scoured the job listings in BC and found many job openings with Python as a requisite. With that in mind, we developed a Web Development with Python course for July.

I am reaching out today in hopes that you would forward this email to the appropriate organizations or individuals who could benefit from this scholarship program. **Our program is uniquely designed to suit people with part-time jobs and accommodate individuals with challenges.**

The new program begins July 2021 (date tbd) from 6 - 8:30 pm, Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

Our program is 100% funded from private sources and through the Western Economic Diversification Fund. There is no cost to attend the program. We work with career counselors at Work BC and VCH's Gastown Vocational if further financial support is required to attend the program. For single-parents, we have an emergency fund for child-care in case of an unexpected emergency.

Individuals can apply now at <https://www.comit.org/application> [google.com]

Please contact [comit.org](https://www.comit.org) with any questions

Thank you for your support, Minna



Dear community leader,

The [African Art & Cultural Community Contributor CCC. Inc. \(AACCCS\)](#) has been successful in obtaining a grant to act as the convener for people of African Descent living in British Columbia, in addressing the rise in hate and racism in our province through the BC Resilience Project. As part of this role, AACCCS is committed to produce a needs assessment report that will affect change and build on prior ones conducted for our community.



A need assessment survey and focus group meetings as well as series of conversations on topics, which are of relevance to the needs of our communities will be held in the coming weeks.

The [needs assessment survey \[surveymonkey.com\]](#) is available now and we entreat you to fill it out and share with your contacts in BC.

Please visit our [website \[issambacentre.ca\]](#) and our [facebook page \[aaccsociety.com\]](#) to learn more and also participate in this project. Let's work together to ensure the success of this long awaited and needed community project to build a better Black community in BC.

Your support in having the word out is much appreciated. Stronger, together." BLACK IN BC NEEDS ASSESSMENT <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/blackinbc> [surveymonkey.com]

Questions? Contact [blackinbccommunityconvener@gmail.com](mailto:blackinbccommunityconvener@gmail.com)

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African Art & Cultural Community Contributor CCC. Inc. (AACCCS)





**EXTENDED DEADLINE: June 19, 2021**

CERC Migration invites paper abstract submissions for the **Migration Working Group series 2021-2022**.

The series provides researchers with the opportunity to present their ongoing projects, learn about each other's work and share feedback. Our Migration Working Group sessions are held every last Tuesday of the month starting September 2021 and running until May 2022.

We invite submissions of work in progress that you would like to present and discuss with an interdisciplinary group of scholars and graduate students. We welcome papers with both quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches that relate to any of our [thematic areas](#) or that focus on issues of data and methodology.

Meetings will take place either as virtual or in-person, depending upon Ryerson University regulations and procedures. We expect to be able to accommodate remote presentations in our schedule.

[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)





Refugee Research Network

RRN Research Digest - May 27, 2021

[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