



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 86

May 26, 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 TOMORROW!** [REGISTER HERE](#)

MAP WORLD REFUGEE DAY EVENTS PROMOTION ROLLOUT

- Starting today we move into full swing with promoting the 6 amazing World Refugee Day events planned for you this year! Each week the bulletin will feature 2 events in full poster colour! **Registration is now open for all events! Check out:** <https://mapbc.org/world-refugee-day-celebrations-2021/> **for all the details.**

2 events with limited registration:

- Looking for Home: a MAP HOUSING WORKING GROUP/BCNPHA joint roundtable discussion on providing more rental housing for refugee claimants.** If you are a housing provider or work to support refugee claimants looking for a home please register and join the discussion.
Tuesday June 15, 1pm – register [HERE](#) See full poster inside.
- World Refugee Day Writing Workshop:** in partnership with the Shoe Project (<https://theshoeproject.online>) MAP is thrilled to provide a free half day writing workshop to aspiring refugee writers. Learn to write a compelling story from your childhood.
Saturday June 19, 10 am – 1pm – **Very limited registration – please see requirements and registration at <https://mapbc.org/world-refugee-day-writing-workshop/>** See full poster inside.

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!

VACCINATION
UPDATES

VEDIC HINDU CULTURAL SOCIETY



is happy to announce that We have arranged a
Community Vaccination Clinic on

Wednesday, May 26th 10AM- 4PM

with Fraser Health to vaccinate people
(age 12 and above) at our Mandir



1ST DOSE VACCINATIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Two step process to book your appointment:

- **First, Register Online:**
Go to <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/> to register your name
- **Second, Call Surrey Mandir Management to Book a Time Slot:**
Call on the below listed numbers to book your time slot for May 26th.

Call to
Book your
Time Slot

Mr. Satish Kumar Goyal	604-618-5114
Mr. Munish Goel	778-240-3179
Mr. Rajesh Jindal	778-908-1246
Mr. Karan Goyal	604-543-9442

Vaccination Site

8321 140 St., Surrey, BC

www.hindumandirsurrey.com

Fraser Health clinic TODAY! Register – call for appointment! **Poster attached also**



Le vaccin contre la COVID-19



La vaccination

Qu'est-ce que la vaccination ?

La vaccination procure à notre corps la capacité de nous défendre contre une maladie particulière : c'est l'immunité.



Comment les vaccins procurent-ils une immunité ?

Les vaccins introduisent l'agent infectieux afin de déclencher une réponse immunitaire, sans nous infecter. Le corps peut alors fabriquer les outils de combat nécessaires pour détruire le virus. Cela signifie que si une personne vaccinée est exposée, son corps se souviendra de la manière dont il l'a combattu et il sera capable de le détruire.

Le processus de vaccination

1 S'enregistrer

Avec votre Personal Health Number (PHN) : en ligne sur getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca

Sans Personal Health Number (PHN):

- par téléphone au 833-838-2323 (7j/24h, de 7h à 19h) - des traducteurs sont disponibles
- en vous rendant dans un bureau Services BC (trouver le bureau le plus près de chez vous)

2 Prendre un rendez-vous

En Colombie-Britannique, l'admissibilité pour prendre un rendez-vous de vaccin est basée sur l'âge. D'autres personnes telles que les personnes autochtones, certains travailleurs de première ligne ou des personnes ayant des fragilités médicales sont prioritaires, quelque soit leur âge. Lorsque votre tour sera venu, vous serez contacté.e pour prendre rdv.

3 Votre rendez-vous

- Portez un t-shirt à manches courtes
- Les cliniques de vaccination sont toutes accessibles en fauteuil roulant
- Vous pouvez vous faire accompagner par une personne si besoin
- Après avoir reçu votre vaccin, vous resterez en observation à la clinique de vaccination pendant au moins 15 minutes.

4 Deuxième dose

Les personnes qui ont déjà reçu leur première dose de vaccin doivent désormais s'enregistrer pour être contactées pour le rendez-vous de leur deuxième injection.

5 Continuez à suivre les règles de distanciation physiques mises en place par le gouvernement provincial.

Les vaccins au Canada

Les vaccins à base d'ARN messenger

Le vaccin à base d'ARN messenger donne des instructions pour créer une protéine du coronavirus. La protéine va déclencher une réponse immunitaire. La réponse immunitaire produit les anticorps spécifiques pour attaquer le virus de COVID-19.

- Moderna
- Pfizer-BioNTech

Les vaccins de vecteurs viraux

Les vaccins à base de vecteurs viraux utilisent une version modifiée d'un autre virus pour stimuler une réponse immunitaire. Le virus dans le vaccin produit une protéine de surface du SARS-CoV-2 et incite les anticorps à établir une immunité contre le COVID-19.

- AstraZeneca
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)

Questions et réponses

Pourquoi devrais-je me faire vacciner ?

Les effets de la COVID-19 peuvent varier de symptômes légers à de lourds symptômes durant plusieurs mois mais aussi au décès. Le vaccin offre un moyen de se protéger individuellement mais aussi d'empêcher la transmission aux autres et donc d'atteindre la fameuse immunité collective.

Attention toutefois : même une fois vacciné.e, les mesures de distanciation doivent continuer à être respectées.

Puis-je choisir mon vaccin ?

En clinique de vaccination, vous aurez le vaccin Moderna, Pfizer ou Janssen. Vous n'aurez pas la possibilité de choisir vous-même. Si vous y êtes éligible, vous pouvez aussi vous rendre en pharmacie pour obtenir le vaccin AstraZeneca.



Le vaccin a-t-il des effets secondaires ?

Après avoir reçu le vaccin, certains effets secondaires normaux sont un rougeur, un gonflement ou une douleur autour du site d'injection. Moins fréquemment, les personnes peuvent ressentir de la fatigue, de la fièvre ou des frissons. Si vous êtes inquiet.e, signalez vos symptômes à votre professionnel de santé ou appelez le 8-1-1.

Thank you (merci!) to La Boussole for providing this important information in French.

Poster attached as one PDF

La Boussole - Centre communautaire francophone

Si vous avez besoin d'aide pour vous enregistrer ou des questions sur votre éligibilité,

l'équipe de La Boussole est à votre disposition.

Contactez-nous : laboussole@lbv.ca - 604-683-7337

Ce document a été mis à jour le 20/05/2021 et est susceptible d'évoluer.



Looking For Home

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

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM PST

This roundtable discussion is part of MAP BC's World Refugee Day events from June 15th - June 20th. Find out more at:

<https://mapbc.org/world-refugee-day-celebrations-2021/>

We hope to see you there!

Registration open [here](#)

Please click the “sign in or create an account” on the BCNPHA website before you register





world refugee day writers workshop

saturday june 19 10:00-1:00

Join Caroline Adderson and Shanga Karim of the Shoe Project in a writing workshop focusing on childhood stories.

This workshop is free and open to newcomers with Upper Intermediate to Advanced English

Registration available at mapbc.org



Looking for Work? Get some tips from an expert and leads from an employer.

PICS Settlement Services invites you to join a **FREE Online Zoom Information Session: Workplace Language Culture Training for Newcomer Jobseekers**

**Date: Friday May 28, 2021
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Labour Market Information – Transferrable Skills – Networking – Covid-19 impact – Silver Lining

Guest Speaker:  **Lindsay Martin**

Amazon Community Engagement Specialist
Immediate Hiring starting at \$17.25



Eligibility - PR Card Holders Only

To register contact Daljit 604-596-7722 Ext. 122
or
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Funded by:  Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Financé par: Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

PICS Settlement would like to invite you to an *ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION: Workplace Language Cultural Training for Newcomer Jobseekers* May 28, 2021 10:00am to 12:00pm

Topics covered include:

- **Workplace Culture /Soft Skills**
- **Effective Communication Skills**
- **Resume Writing/Cover Letter**
- **Interview Practice**
- **Job Search Methods**
- **Importance of Volunteering/Networking**
- **Labour Market Updates due to COVID-19**
- **Workplace Health and Safety**
- **Employment Standards Act**

ROLES AVAILABLE AT AMAZON AND THE HIRING PROCESS.

PRESENTERS:

Eva Touzard: PICS Community Connections Coordinator
Lindsay Martin - Amazon Community Engagement Specialist

Click here to register or use the following link:

<https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJYode6grT0oE93Ut-d5r4HyNeO1SAzG228p>

REPEATS

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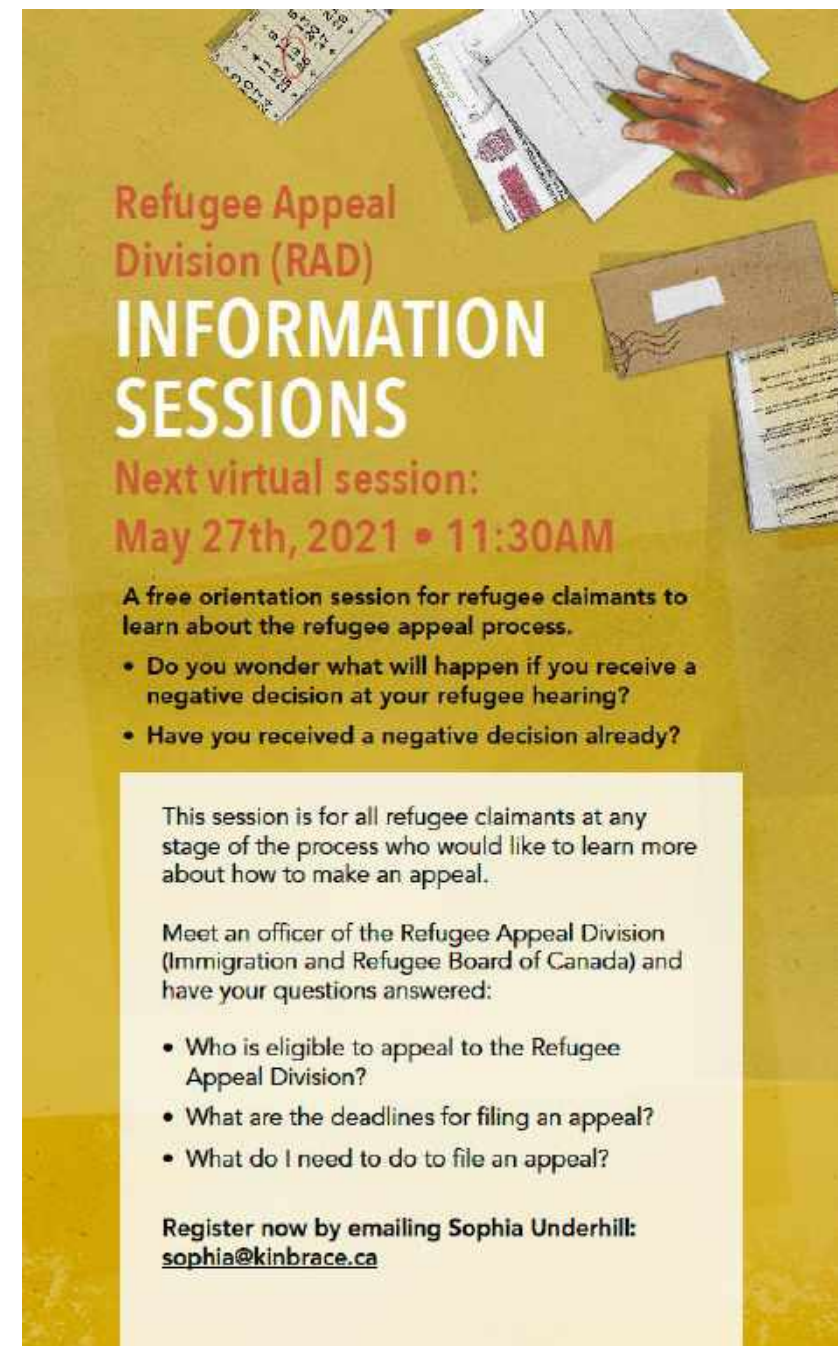
Please spread the word about the upcoming **Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session** on **May 27th at 11:30am**.

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

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- 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-Referrred 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:

duyt@BURNABYNH.CA
PHONE (604) 396 - 6955

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.



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(in front of Metrotown Skytrain)
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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

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 #cdnpoli 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 #cdnpoli 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 #cdnpoli 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 #cdnpoli 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:

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(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/AABlaJt2eCsbC3UPhw1q-Wa?dl=0>

Best,
Inaara and Roberto

Inaara Jivraj: ijivraj@inclusion.ca

Poster attached also



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