



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 93

August 11, 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. 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

• INFORMATION WORKING GROUP UPDATE

The IWG has been working through the summer to develop two more **IN FOCUS** presentations for September 30 and December 2 (7pm) on issues of interest to the sector and the general public concerning refugee claimants.

Our first event (online) will focus on the **impact of the pandemic on refugee claimants through first person narrative**. What happened to their claim? How were they impacted by delays, the shift to online communication, navigating a shifting and uncertain world in a new and largely unknown country? And what helped along the way?

The IWG would be grateful for any suggestions or referrals by MAP member agencies of possible claimant speakers for this event. They should have arrived just before, or during, the pandemic; but beyond that the only request would be to speak in conversation for about 20 minutes regarding their claimant journey here in Canada.

Claimants are provided an honorarium and full support from the IWG throughout and after the planning and the event.

Thank you – please contact Jenny at info@mapbc.org regarding this event.

NEXT MAP BULLETIN: Wednesday August 25 – please have your items in by Tuesday August 24, midday. Thank you!

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants - especially during these unprecedented times. Stay safe and well - and let's not let social distancing be a barrier to the folks we serve.

Jenny Lam and Richard Belcham - and the other Jenny!

DIVERSEcity is hosting a vaccine clinic in Surrey at our King George/76 Ave location on **THURSDAY Aug 12, 2-6pm.**
Posters attached in English, Swahili, Arabic & Punjabi.

Please share important details below with your networks – everyone 12 years and older is welcome including non-DIVERSEcity clients, those without citizenship or permanent residency, and those without personal health numbers.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

August 12, 2:00-6:00pm

DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society's Community Campus (13455 76 Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3W 2W3)

First doses will be prioritized – an appointment can be booked with us immediately. Second dose requests will be put onto a waiting list and a limited number of walk-ins will be available for those not registered.

To book an appointment or for your questions, please contact:

English – Amie Johnson (604 306 8849)

Arabic – Nedaa Alsagga (604-547-2163)

Swahili – Marieth Kiiza (604-306-6726)

Punjabi – Shweta Bassi (604-507-6060)

Karen – Saw Joe Teeshara (604-547-1316)



Additional information:

- Masks are mandatory at the vaccine clinic.
- Do not attend if sick, have COVID-19, or have been asked to self-isolate.
- Please register in the provincial [Get Vaccinated](#) system if possible prior to the clinic.
- Please bring ID. If you don't have a government issued ID, sufficient ID can include anything with your name and address.
- Please bring your personal health number (PHN) if you have one.
- Be prepared to wait 15 minutes after receiving your vaccine.



Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Umbrella Co-op

715 Carnarvon St. New Westminster

**Confidential, free COVID-19 vaccine clinic
For people aged 12 and up, no MSP needed.
Interpretation provided. Walk-ins available.**

**To register for this clinic, please complete this form
<https://forms.gle/Acuzg5qvYGq3kNNAA>
or contact us at +1(236)513-8307 (text/call/WhatsApp)**

- **Bring your Personal Health Number (medical care card) and photo ID, if you have them.**
- **Wear a mask. Do not attend if you are sick, have COVID-19 or have been asked to self-isolate.**

Posters attached in English, Dari, Spanish, Arabic and Tigrinya

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<https://forms.gle/Acuzg5qvYGq3kNNAA>

or contact us at +1(236)513-8307 (text/call/WhatsApp)

Hello Community Partners,

FYI, Fraser Health now offers second dose walk-in options for residents in FH. Various locations available.

Please visit the FH link for most up to date information: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/vax#.YQs70cMTFSB>

Thank you

Alan Huang

Physician Engagement and Practice Support



WWW divisionsbc.ca/surrey-north-delta

Please spread the word about the upcoming **Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session** on **August 20th at 11:30am**.

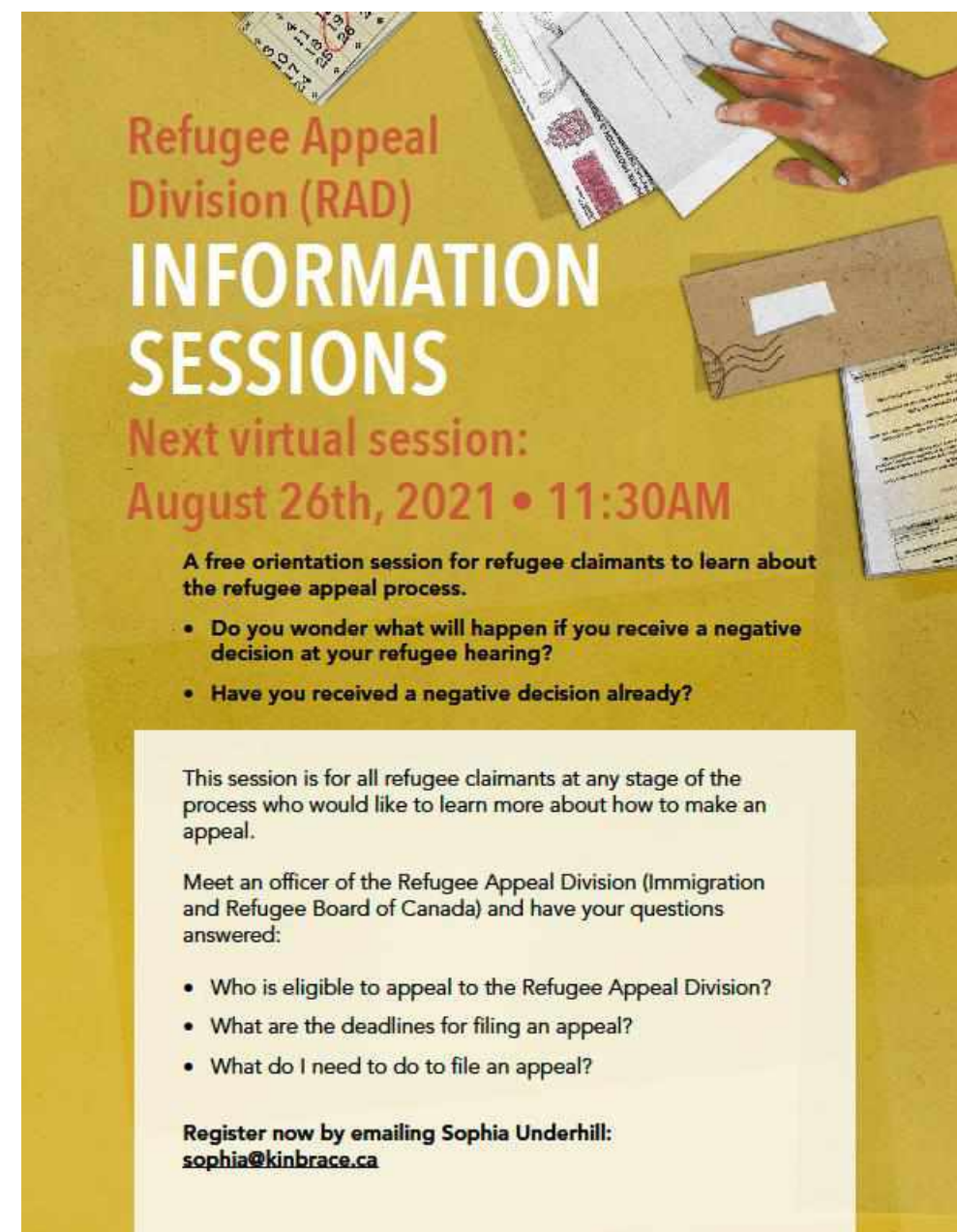
This is a free online orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process. Whether claimants are still waiting for their hearing date, waiting for the outcome of their hearing, or have received a negative decision, this session is for all refugee claimants at any stage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

POSTER ALSO ATTACHED



**Refugee Appeal
Division (RAD)**

INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Next virtual session:
August 26th, 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?

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.

Meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have your 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 now by emailing Sophia Underhill:
sophia@kinbrace.ca**



NEWS from Inasmuch Community Society:

Please welcome our newest team member and Settlement Worker: **Catherine Jantzen!**

She will be continuing to provide support to refugee claimants in Abbotsford, Mission and Chilliwack.

Catherine's email is catherine@inasmuch.ca and her phone number is 604-768-8079.

Find out more about Inasmuch at: <https://www.inasmuch.ca/>

RIDE 4 RIGHTS with DIGNIDAD MIGRANTE SOCIETY

August 15, from 1 to 4 PM – meet at Alexandra Park, 1755 Beach Ave, Vancouver.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cvReqxSqy0&list=PLJ9sziyw_7Hbu103TbyS8Zyo6PHL0edpj&index=43

After the event Dignidad will share delicious Latin food and drinks.

Everyone is welcome to join us to help Migrant workers to gain the same rights that Canadian workers have.

For more information contact Daniela at 778-791-3419 or by email: amigas.dignidad@gmail.com

RIDE FOR RIGHTS

AUGUST 15, 2021
TIME: 1 TO 4 PM
Alexandra Park, 1755 Beach Ave. Vancouver

THE TEMPORARY FOREIGN FARM WORKERS INVITING YOU TO RIDE TO GAIN THE SAME RIGHTS CANADIANS HAVE.

Wear fruit, vegetable clothes, or your work equipment and put on your superhero cape.

After the ride join us to enjoy a tasteful latin food and drinks.

Open work permit for all
FAIR WORK CONTRACTS
Path to regularize undocumented workers
SAFE AND DECENT HOUSING
PR to farm workers
Overtime and holiday

¡Nos ayudamos unos a otros en las buenas y las malas!
778-791-3419 / 604-754-3419 | Dignidad Migrante
@dignidadmigrantesociety | dignidadmigrantesociety.org

PEDALEA POR TUS DERECHOS

15 DE AGOSTO 2021
DE 1:00 A 4:00 PM
Alexandra Park, 1755 Beach Ave. Vancouver

LXS TRABAJADORXS AGRÍCOLAS MIGRANTES TE INVITAMOS A PEDALEAR PARA LOGRAR DISFRUTAR DE LOS MISMOS DERECHOS QUE TIENEN LOS CANADIENSES.

Disfrázate de fruta, verdura o de tu equipo de trabajo y ponte la capa de superhéroe.

Después del recorrido disfruta rica comida y bebida latinoamericana.

Permiso de trabajo abierto
CONTRATOS JUSTOS
Una vía para regularizar a lxs indocumentadxs
VIVIENDA SEGURA Y DECENTE
Residencia permanente para lxs trabajadorxs del campo
Pago de días feriados y tiempo extra.

¡Nos ayudamos unos a otros en las buenas y las malas!
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Posters attached

Settlement & Integration Program

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



EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Looking for work?
Join us on a FREE 3-part virtual workshop series (via Zoom) ...

3 Wednesdays, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Aug. 11, 2021- RESUME BUILDING AND WRITING A COVER LETTER
What do employers look for on a resume? Learn how to write a customized cover letter

August 18, 2021- JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES & NETWORKING
How to find jobs and access the hidden job market

August 25, 2021- INTERVIEW SKILLS
Prepare for job interviews/Tips for a successful interview

To register contact:

English/Arabic: sihamaa@burnabynh.ca #236 877 2517
English/Tagalog: avelinad@burnabynh.ca #236 889 4065

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (səlilwətaʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwəlam), Squamish (Sḱwəwúʔmesh Úxwumixw) and Musqueam (xʷməbkʷəjam) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

Burnaby Neighbourhood House offers a series of workshops on **Employment in English with interpretation in Arabic and Filipino**

For registration and more information, please contact:

Avelina, our Settlement Case Manager @ AvelinaD@burnabynh.ca (English and Tagalog)

Siham, our Settlement Case Manager @ SihamAA@burnabynh.ca (English and Arabic)

POSTER ATTACHED

2 posters attached

Do you have Spanish-speaking clients who are looking for jobs? On August 23rd from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, we are hosting an In-Person Employment Workshop in Spanish "**Finding a Job: Where to Look and How to Apply**" for **Refugee Claimants** at HQ MOSAIC.

You can find the full event details in attached both English and Spanish posters. The event is free, but registration is needed. Lunch and Beverages will be provided.

Please feel free to circulate this event to your outreach clients as you see fit.

As always, thank-you for your continued interest in MOSAIC events.

Mia Yu
Program Assistant,
Refugee Settlement & Integration | Legal
Advocacy Program | Family & Settlement Services
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Email: myu@mosaicbc.org



IN-PERSON WORKSHOP
in SPANISH for
Refugee Claimants

Finding a Job: Where to Look and How to Apply

Monday August 23rd from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
In person Spanish Workshop
MOSAIC- 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver

- Maximize resume and cover letter
- Interview Skills
- Workplace Culture and Integration

Registration: lhernandez@mosaicbc.org
Phone: 604 254 9626 ext 1022



We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.



You are invited to participate in the Virtual Tour of the Mohawk Institute Residential School next August 17, 2021 at 11:30 am.

This is an opportunity to understand better the impact of the residential schools in Canada and how they affected so many people.

Please use this link to register

[MOHAWK INSTITUTE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL TOUR REGISTRATION Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MohawkTour081721)

Ana Maria

Ana Maria Bustamante, M.A. (She/her)

BIPT/LIP Coordinator

Burnaby Together Coordinator

Burnaby Family Life

Poster attached also

The poster features a black and white photograph of the Mohawk Institute Residential School building, a large, multi-story structure with a central tower and a clock tower. The building is set against a dark, overcast sky. The image is framed by a large orange triangle on the left and a large yellow triangle on the right. The text is in white and yellow. The main title is "MOHAWK INSTITUTE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL TOUR". Below it, it says "Registration Required:" followed by the URL "https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MohawkTour081721". The date and time are "August 17, 2021 11:30AM (PST)". A paragraph of text describes the tour: "Education Tour Coordinator, Lorrie Gallant, guides viewers around the former Mohawk Institute Residential School. Lorrie provides the history of the institution's 140 years of operation. Viewers will see the different rooms in the school, including the girls' and boys' dormitories, cafeteria, laundry room, and other rooms throughout the building. This session will also include interviews with five survivors of the Mohawk Institute." At the bottom, there are several logos: the Canadian flag, the BC logo, the BIPT logo, the Burnaby Together logo, the Anishnawbe Network logo, and the Resilience logo.

**MOHAWK INSTITUTE
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL TOUR**

▶ **Registration Required:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MohawkTour081721>

**August 17, 2021
11:30AM (PST)**

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SURVIVOR ADVOCATE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Fall 2021

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

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

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

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Persons 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 conversation 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/hD7Mj8BDENW3VoDr8>. Please email: fatima@vast-vancouver.ca for more information, or call Luke at 604.283.6618



Poster attached
also



UNHCR Canada just released videos that provide a very simple explanation of asylum and why it's important. The longer video also has additional explanations about the process in Canada.

You can find the links to the videos here:

- Long English version: <https://youtu.be/2LBjmr2fRw>
- Long French version: <https://youtu.be/G7NZOGuBN0Q>
- Short English version: <https://twitter.com/UNHCRCanada/status/1420434125132025859?s=20>
- Short French version: <https://twitter.com/UNHCRCanada/status/1420479374185406466?s=20>

Please feel free to share!

Warm regards,

Azadeh Tamjeedi

Senior Legal Officer / Head of Protection Unit

UNHCR Canada

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Ottawa, ON K1P 5G8

Phone: 613-232-0909 ext.236

www.unhcr.ca

From the BC Government:

The 2021 B.C. Newcomers' Guide is available to download at <https://www.welcomebc.ca/Start-Your-Life-in-B-C/Newcomers-Guides>

It is available as a PDF in eight languages:

- [English \(PDF, 7KB\)](#)
- [Arabic \(PDF, 5KB\)](#)
- [Simplified Chinese \(PDF, 5KB\)](#)
- [Traditional Chinese \(PDF, 5KB\)](#)
- [French \(PDF, 5KB\)](#)
- [Korean \(PDF, 5KB\)](#)
- [Punjabi \(PDF, 5KB\)](#)
- [Tagalog \(PDF, 5KB\)](#)

Print copies of the B.C. Newcomers' Guide are not currently available. When print copies become available, the page will be updated with a link to the order form. Copies can be ordered for free within British Columbia.



Kristi Pinderi is a finalist in the Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards

Kristi Pinderi, DIVERSEcity's LGBTQ+ support worker and a human rights activist in BC and his home country of Albania is a finalist in the 13th annual Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards!

The Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards, a national awards program presented by *Canadian Immigrant* magazine, will be given to 25 inspirational immigrants, who have made a difference to Canada, whether they are a community advocate, a successful entrepreneur, an artist or a volunteer. We can view all the 75 finalists online and vote for them at canadianimmigrant.ca/top25. Originally from Albania, Kristi Pinderi was forced to leave his country in 2017, together with his partner because of his activism for gay rights. He co-founded both ProLGBT and the Alliance Against Discrimination, the two major LGBTI organizations in Albania. He also co-launched with his partner, Erjon Tela, an online news portal dedicated to human rights that remains the main source for human feminism and LGBT issues in Albania. Today, as a new Canadian, he leads Together Now, a peer support group for LGBTQ+ newcomers and offers one-on-one support services to LGBTQ+ newcomers, as part of a unique service launched by DIVERSEcity.

[Read more about Kristi and the awards here ...](#)



participate in the 02 October 2021

[Kinbrace Ride for Refuge](#)

It may be your most exhilarating and effective way to influence the wellbeing of people seeking refugee protection this Fall



Questions?

Contact

Laura Wallis-Wood

laura@kinbrace.ca

[REGISTER HERE](#)

(Sent in by City of Vancouver *Equity* Office)

Hi everyone:

I hope everyone is having a good summer. We are going to be hiring a few new positions at the Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Division in the coming weeks and months, including a mix of unionized and managerial staff. This Program Advisor position is first out the gate. Could you please share this across your networks? Thanks very much.

<https://bcpublicservice.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/78666> [bcpublicservice.hua.hrsmart.com]

Alison

Alison Dudley (she/hers)

Executive Director | Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Division | Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing
Suite 301 – 865 Hornby St., Vancouver, BC V6Z 1T9

Territories of the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓l̓wítulh (Tsleil Waututh) peoples

Email: Alison.Dudley@gov.bc.ca; Cell: 236-818-1150; www.resiliencebcnetwork.ca [resiliencebcnetwork.ca]

A wonderful opportunity for refugee women to learn how to share their stories:



The Shoe Project will be offering a **Writing Workshop** starting in September in Vancouver for any immigrant and refugee woman who wants to write her story with the writer **Caroline Adderson** www.carolineadderson.com who will help women write their journey to Canada.

It's a 10-day, free writing workshop to learn how to write their stories in 600 words and then read the story at a performance in January.

All applicants will be interviewed first.

Please see the attached poster for more information about the workshop and the interview questions for the women who want to participate. Applicants should answer the questions and send them back to this email, please theshooprojectvancouver@gmail.com

Warm Regards,
Shanga Karim

Vancouver Local Coordinator
www.theshooproject.online

PS This is the wonderful writing group who provided a very successful workshop at MAP's World Refugee Day! Highly recommended!

There is a lot of confusion about the re-opening of the Canadian border. Our podcast **Borderless Voices** is looking to clarify some of the questions we are receiving from Spanish speaking people. Please feel free to share it.

<https://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org/podcast/spanish-episode-24-apertura-de-fronteras-entre-canada-y-ee-uu/>



Dear Community members: Asalaamelykum wr. wb.

InshAllah you are well and in good spirits. As October approaches we have started getting ready for Islamic History Month Canada. The IHMC Board has decided on the theme for 2021:

"Anti-Indigenous Racism and Islamophobia: Coming Together -Sharing Stories and Healing"

We encourage communities to organize information sessions, joint healing circles, inviting Indigenous people to mosques, hosting art exhibits, highlighting artists, and hosting any other relevant, COVID-safe gatherings.

These are just some ideas please feel free to share yours, we have put together a [short guide](#) to hosting IHMC events for community organizers. We encourage you to register your events by emailing IHMC@ihmcanada.com with the event name, date, time, and link for further details to be shared on our national calendar and social media accounts. If you haven't done so already, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

There is a growing need for us to be brave and courageous in our conversations, being respectful and honest. There cannot be any healing when we have not acknowledged the pain, the harm, and the generational trauma that has impacted the lives of those colonized here in North America and across the world. Please consider the importance of leading these difficult conversations with the utmost respect and utmost sincerity. If you're interested in virtual facilitator training for these events, please contact the IHM team.

The IHM team is moving to a model with advisors, board members, and community organizers. If you'd be interested in a commitment to any of these roles please see the following links:

- [Call for Advisors](#)
- [Call for Board Members](#)
- [Call for Community Organizers](#)

Let us make this IHMC about healing and rejuvenating our social connections; listening to Muslim and Indigenous women and youth; celebrating our cultures, accomplishments, and facing challenges together.

Sincerely,

Shahina Siddiqui LLD , Chair, Islamic History Month Canada Email: shahinasiddiqui@hotmail.com

The Refugee Law Lab has just released our 2020 data on the annual recognition rates of IRB members in the Refugee Protection Division and the Refugee Appeal Division.

You can access the data via links here: <https://refugeelab.ca/projects/refugee-law-data/>

As with past years, the 2020 data shows substantial variance for some decision-makers between the recognition rates that would be predicted based solely on the average recognition rates for the countries of origins in the cases they decided, and their actual recognition rates. For instance, R. Khalifa (predicted 48.5%; actual 79.5%), G. Pagidas (predicted 48.0%; actual 76.3%) and J-G. Jam (predicted 63.9%; actual 91.5%) had much higher recognition rates than predicted, whereas K. Gibson (predicted 71.1%, actual 15.1%), L. Stewart Ferreira (predicted 70.3%; actual 17.8%) and G. Brien (predicted 47.0%; actual: 1.8%) had much lower recognition rates than predicted. All decided at least 30 cases.

Like the variations seen in RPD decision-making, RAD decision-makers also have very different rates at which they grant appeals. For example, in RAD cases decided on the merits, claimants were much more likely to succeed in their appeals before J. Pollock (77.8%), J. Bousfield (75.9%) or C. Maxwell (69.1%) than before J. Sadek (3.8%), M. Lamani (5.5%) or M. Jobin (5.6%). All decided at least 30 cases.

Note that, unlike past years, the IRB initially declined to provide the data requested in our annual Access to Information Request, pointing to the new Treasury Board Privacy Implementation Notice and the need to protect the privacy of refugee claimants. The IRB did, however, agree to enter into a data sharing agreement to facilitate this research. While we are grateful to the IRB for engaging with researchers in this way – and while we share the view that it is important to protect the privacy interests of refugee claimants – the agreement limits how much data we are able to publicly share. Thus, for example, we are not posting the raw data we obtained. We are also only posting statistics relating to outcomes in cases decided on the merits by Board Members (leaving hundreds of claims decided on other grounds out of the reported figures). We are also only posting recognition rates, rather than counts of cases and breakdowns of outcomes. If you are interested in general statistics on refugee claim outcomes, including breakdowns for all claims from particular countries, we encourage you to consult the statistics webpages of the IRB and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Best,

SEAN REHAAG
Director, Centre for Refugee Studies
Director, Refugee Law Laboratory
Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School
York University, Toronto, Canada



We are glad to announce the following opportunities for **Work Learn** candidates to join us:

1. Project Assistant, Centre for Migration Studies. [Learn more.](#)
2. Project Assistant, Narratives Group, Centre for Migration Studies. [Find out more.](#)
3. Research Assistant, Narratives Group, Centre for Migration Studies. [Learn more.](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

We're looking forward to welcoming you back this coming year, and we have a full calendar of **in-person** and **virtual events** scheduled for the coming fall.

Details are still being finalized but check our [calendar](#) and [Twitter](#) account for the latest updates.

See the full UBC Migration August Update at:

<https://mailchi.mp/e0e49741ac5a/june-update-5629344?e=9fba11ae0c>

Centre for Migration Studies

[\[migration.ubc.ca\]](http://migration.ubc.ca)

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admin.migration@ubc.ca

Follow us on Twitter at [@UBCMigration](#) for more updates and announcements!

From City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation Board:

As you may have heard, Park Board is developing a citywide strategy to guide community centre renovations, additions, and renewals. As part of our public engagement, we have prepared a survey on [Shape Your City](#) and have translated versions available in the following languages: **Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Punjabi, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Spanish**. Digital copies are available for print in these languages and includes **Arabic**. Please let us know which languages would be appropriate for your organization and we can forward it to you.

We would very much appreciate if your organization could distribute through your channels and invite people to participate in this survey **before September 10, 2021**. Your feedback will help inform and guide the future planning and investment of community centres in Vancouver for generations to come.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to connect with Leila Todd, our project manager, or myself if you have further questions.

Best regards,

Angela

Community Centre Strategy

ccstrategy@vancouver.ca

[Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation](#)



REPEATS

CONVERSATION CIRCLE

FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN



- Drop-in program for immigrant and refugee women to **gather, connect, socialize** and **learn** with peers.
- New and returning participants with **Intermediate level spoken English** skills are welcomed
- Practice spoken English in a **supportive** and **friendly** environment.
- Chat about a topic of **interest**
- **Join one or all sessions as you like!**

Date: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
(July 21 & 28, August 4, 11 & 18)

Location: Online on Zoom

For More Information Please Contact

Sanzida Habib

Program Facilitator / EAL Teacher
Email: shabib@pirs.bc.ca
Phone: (604) 298-5888

Zarmina Ali

Outreach Support Worker
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Phone: (604) 298-5888

REGISTER ONLINE at: <https://bit.ly/36nQzTD>

From Burnaby Neighbourhood House:

Positive Parenting Skill, ongoing sessions - for details please contact Siham, our Settlement Case Manager at SihamAA@burnabynh.ca

Poster attached also

Settlement & Integration Program

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

POSITIVE PARENTING SKILLS PROGRAM

EVERY TUESDAY
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Starting Date: July 13, 2021 With Mona Alharbi

- Learn how to grow a better relationship with your children
- Learn how you can support your child's growth
- Build parenting skills for a happier, healthier and better life in a new society

السيرة الذاتية لميسر الدورة، حتى:
ماجستير علم الاجتماع والأنتروبولوجيا
بكالوريوس العلوم في علم الاجتماع والخدمة الاجتماعية
سنتين من الخبرة في العمل مع المهاجرين
فهم قوي للقضايا المتعلقة بالعنف ضد النساء والأطفال المهاجرين والأجانب

تعلمي كيفية تنمية علاقة أفضل مع أطفالك
تعلمي كيف يمكنك دعم نمو طفلك
بناء مهارات الأبوة والأمومة من أجل حياة أكثر سعادة وصحة وأفضل في مجتمع جديد

Bio of the Facilitator of the session, Mona :
-Master of Sociology and Anthropology
-Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Social Work
-2 years experience working with vulnerable populations and immigrant
-Strong understanding of issues related to violence against immigrant and refugee women and children

For registration, please email /call Siham at: sihamaa@burnabynh.ca
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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.

Newcomer Women Job Connection program

For immigrant women

The Newcomer Women Job Connection program is designed to assist immigrant women in finding employment in childcare service settings. The following activities are included.

- A series of paid training component (Foodsafe, Emergency Childcare First Aid & CPR/AED, and Responsible Adult in Childcare Settings)
- Completion of 20 hours volunteer/mentorship placement
- English language and computer skills development programs
- Customized job search skills services
- Settlement and family support services during program participation
- Childminding services and bus tickets

Program eligibilities:

- Permanent residents or protected persons (IRCC eligible clients)
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Not registered in full-time training/education
- Having multiple or complex barriers to employment
- Ready to work upon completion of the program
- Equivalent to LINK 5 or Grade 8 English skills

**for further inquires and registration, please contact Kwangyoung
at 604-324-6212 ext 117 or kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org**

We will be launching a new employment program, Newcomer Women Job Connection in September. The program will serve immigrant women trying to enter the workforce in childcare settings. Please find the attached poster as well as the information below for more details.

We are currently accepting 15 women who can join in September. If you are qualified for the program and interested in joining or inquiring more information, please complete the online registration form below. You will receive an email for an intake meeting invitation upon completing the form. Please read the program eligibility before completing the online form. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fufJUuxtus>

Program description next page



Newcomer Women Job Connection: Program description

Our program participants will join in a cohort to take a set of training courses (course schedules below) starting in Sept followed by a 20-hour volunteer placement for practical work experience. Each participant will be guided by an assigned case manager who provides full employment/job search support in obtaining employment upon completion of the program.

Foodsafe Level 1: October 9 @8:30-3:30 (in-person class)

Emergency Childcare First Aid CPR/AED: October 2 @8:30-4:30 (in-person class)

Responsible Adults Childcare: Septmeber 13,14,20, 21, and 27 (5 Mondays) at 10-1:30 (via Zoom)

The length of the program is 3 months, and our participants are expected to find work in childcare settings such as school-age group childcare, preschool as an ECE Assistant, before and after school care, own licensed family childcare, summer camps etc.

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WANT TO FIND A JOB?
NEED HELP GETTING ONE?
VOLUNTEER WITH



KARMA CONNECTIONS

AUGUST 10 TO AUGUST 20, 2021

FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT AND REFUGEE
YOUTH GRADES 9 TO 12

EARN UP TO 30 VOLUNTEER HOURS
THROUGH PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING
AND EXCITING VOLUNTEER FIELD TRIPS!



To register: Please contact Salma at salma.ismail@southvan.org

Other SVNH programs:

Please check the following group programs via Zoom for English language learning and social connections.

- ESL Conversation Group on Wednesdays @1-3pm
- Multicultural Women Peer Mentoring Group on Fridays @1-3pm

Please click the link below for the Zoom meeting information.

<https://zoom.us/j/3955979455>

Poster attached





Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Please see a posting from **Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op** for a Cross- cultural Health Broker with the Spanish speaking community [attached](#)

Contact Wazhma Wakil at wwakil@umbrellacoop.ca with any questions you may have.



DIVERSEcity Awards and Bursaries

DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society offers three annual awards and bursaries of \$500 each.

We are now accepting applications for three DIVERSEcity Awards and Bursaries for 2021: The **Maria Celaje Bursary** (youth employment), **Funke Ilumoka Bursary** (food security) and the **Tom Kwok Award** (community leadership).

The application deadlines for all 2021 awards and bursaries is Friday, August 20, 2021.

Please see full details and the Application Form here: <https://www.dcrs.ca/about-us/organizational-impact/awards-bursaries/>

FUNDED TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR B.C. RESIDENTS



Building Service Worker + Training Program

Are you a recent immigrant (landed within the last 10 years) with permanent resident status or a member of a visible community? Are you experiencing difficulties securing employment? Do you need training/certification and related work experience to find employment? Are you interested in working as a Building Service Worker?

If 'yes', VCC's Building Service Worker + Training Program may be able to help you with your training/work experience needs.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Building Service Worker+ (BSW+), a 12-week full-time Skills Training for Employment (STE) program is designed to serve 16 eligible participants through classroom training and hands-on work experience and provide them with the skills/certifications needed to secure employment. Upon completion, participants will receive VCC credential and three industry certifications; WHMIS, Pool Operator Level 1 and SuperHost. Program graduates will have the qualifications required to secure employment as janitors, caretakers, custodians, building service workers, housekeepers or general helpers.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You may be eligible if you are:

- i) A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person (under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, S.C. 2001, C. 27) legally entitled to work in Canada
- ii) Living in British Columbia
- iii) Unemployed or Precariously Employed (working in unstable employment or self-employment with irregular work hours, unreliable remuneration to support self or family)

TRAINING SCHEDULE (Schedule includes 3-weeks of Work Experience)

Cohort 2: September 27-December 17, 2021

Cohort 3: December 06, 2021 – March 11, 2022



REGISTER FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION

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Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund.

Posters attached

PHARMACY ASSISTANT DIPLOMA TRAINING

Program Starts: September 7, 2021

A 28-week program that prepares you to be able to work safely and productively within any pharmacy environment.

100% Fully Funded Training Program

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

- Unemployed or Precariously-Employed (casual, seasonal, part time)
- Resident of BC
- Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person with authorization to work
- Grade 10 (including English 10 and Math 10) or
- Mature student (19+) & Successful completion of English Language & Math Proficiency Assessment Test

BENEFITS

- **100% FREE**
- Receive the following certificates: **WHMIS, Personal Protective Equipment, Pandemic Awareness, Emergency First Aid, Medication Management & SBA+, Privacy Training**
- Get 4-weeks of practical, **hands-on work experience**
- Earn up to **\$27 per hour**

APPLY NOW

For more information contact:
Marie Cardeon 604.547.2875 mariec@wcc.ca



From the **Canadian Council for Refugees:**

The IRB has sent out a message (below) about continuing virtual operations. As you may know, the CCR is collecting information about the experiences of people appearing at virtual refugee hearings, so that we can give the IRB informed feedback on this model. If you can help gather input, that would be great: <https://ccrweb.ca/en/virtual-hearing-monitoring-interview>

We have also opened a questionnaire for refugee lawyers - <https://ccrweb.ca/en/virtual-hearings-questionnaire-lawyers>. If you are a refugee lawyer, please consider filling it out. If you work with refugee lawyers, please recommend it to them.

In addition, we would like to hear from **NGO workers** who have comments to share on experiences with virtual hearings, whether from attending hearings as observers or from speaking to claimants. We haven't created a specific form for NGOs - instead we are encouraging them to review the questions on the form for lawyers <https://ccrweb.ca/en/virtual-hearings-questionnaire-lawyers>, and send comments on as many points as are relevant to jdensch@ccrweb.ca with "Virtual hearings" in the subject line.

If this applies to you, please email your comments. Or pass the request on to colleagues that might have comments!

Message from the IRB

For the foreseeable future, the IRB is continuing with its current remote-by-default operating model. We will review our approach again later this fall and communicate any changes at that time. Sufficient advance notice of any changes will be provided to allow all parties time to accommodate any operational adjustments. Further details can be found in a recent announcement posted on our [website](#).

From Equity Vancouver:

The Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act has opened the next phase of their consultation and is accepting input from individuals about their experiences and perspectives with respect to policing and public safety in BC.

British Columbians can share their input by completing a [survey \[bclegislature.checkbox.ca\]](https://www.bclegislature.ca/checkbox). The survey will remain open until **Friday, September 3 at 5:00 p.m.**

Your participation and assistance in sharing this information with anyone who may be interested in participating in the Committee's consultation would be greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, the Committee is also currently hearing presentations from a number of organizations and individuals who made submissions during the first phase of the Committee's consultation earlier this year. The meeting schedule is available via the following [link \[leg.bc.ca\]](https://www.leg.bc.ca)

The Special Committee will consider all input and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly in a report that will be released by April 28, 2022. Further information about the Special Committee is available on its [website \[leg.bc.ca\]](https://www.leg.bc.ca).

If you have any questions about the consultation or require assistance, please contact the Parliamentary Committees Office by email at policeactreform@leg.bc.ca or by calling 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC).

Warm regards,

Ala / Equity Vancouver / equity@vancouver.ca



Your provincial government has the power to give all doctors an **#EqualChance**

Implement **equity-based changes** and **democratize access to residency positions.**

Let's stop the discrimination. **Everyone deserves an equal chance.**



#EqualChance

Thank you for your help in championing the path to an **#EqualChance** for internationally trained medical doctors in Canada. Check out and share some of our latest activities:

- [Listen to Harry's story, an internationally trained doctor living Canada](#)
- [Watch the #EqualChance interview for OMNI Filipino](#)
- [Read our #EqualChance Ask. Equity Changes. Open Residencies.](#)

On Wednesdays, keep an eye out on our socials to learn the life stories of internationally trained medical doctors in Canada. Please share with your friends and networks. This helps our collective quest to give all doctors an **#EqualChance** to practice their profession in Canada. Thank you again from all of us.

#EqualChance

My name is Carly and I am an MA candidate in the Ryerson University Immigration and Settlement Studies program and research assistant for the Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL). The CEBL is conducting a study with the purpose of developing a better understanding of Indigenous, Canadian-born, newcomer, and BIPOC youth basketball participation in addition to barriers to engagement prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently seeking youth between the ages of 15-30 who are currently residing in Canada and are open to sharing their basketball experiences through a survey that will take between 5-10 minutes to complete.

Responses will be anonymous and participation is completely voluntary. Please share the following survey link with youth who fit the criteria: bit.ly/2Uno6ug

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

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