



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 104

November 17, 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.

Registration open for:

MAP's In Focus #4 – See the humans behind the trauma: Indigenous and asylum seeker experience

December 2nd 2021, 7pm online

Sign up at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__FR5PKRLTEWc2DjsQWIcpA

With speakers Linda Epp (Native Education College) and Malena Mokhovikova (former refugee claimant)

Moderator: Mariana Martinez Vieyra (VAST)

Both indigenous individuals and asylum seekers have experienced severe trauma and displacement in their lives. How has this disrupted their lives, communities and continuity and how have they struggled to overcome these effects of colonialization and violence? And how can they support one another in moving forward stronger? Lastly – what is the role for the rest of society in making this happen?

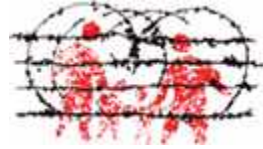
We will meet via webinar with opportunities to put your questions to our speakers.

MAP Meeting – November 25 at 9:30 am – registration and Agenda out tomorrow!

There will be some exciting announcement and an opportunity to share your ideas and feedback at our presentation.

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, Thanh Lam - and the other Jenny!



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés Canadian Council for Refugees

Dear colleagues,

Now that Canada has loosened its rules in order to admit such travellers as vaccinated tourists and international athletes, it is shocking that the door continues to be slammed shut on people seeking protection at our border.

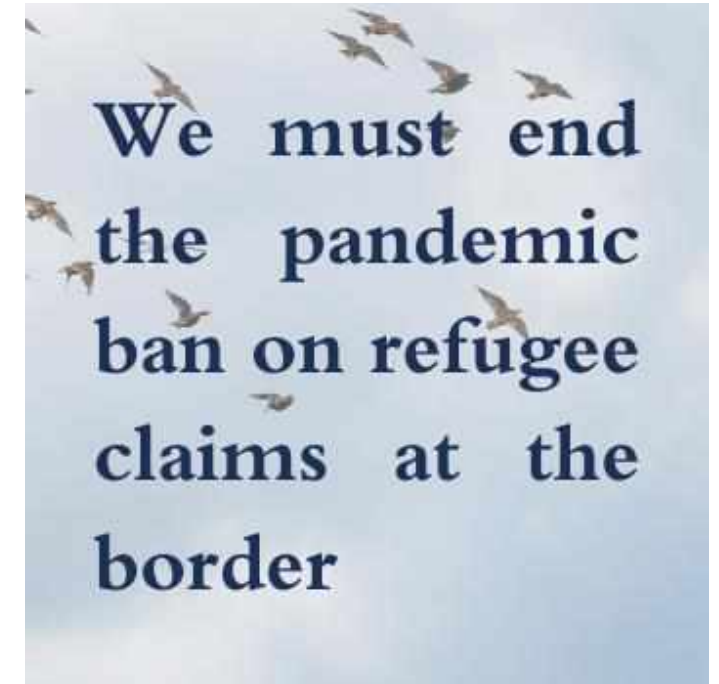
The CCR is calling on the Government of Canada to respect its fundamental obligations towards refugees by ending the pandemic ban on refugee claims at the US-Canada border.

What you can do:

We invite you to share our statement within your networks to raise awareness and advocate for the rights of refugee claimants:

- [Our full statement online](#)
- [Share/comment/like our Facebook post](#)
- [Retweet/reply/like our tweet](#)

Thank you for joining our call!



Rainbow Refugee continues to support LGBTQI+ refugee claimants by providing one-on-one and virtual group support. To connect a community member, contact Nazanin at: support@rainbowrefugee.ca

Rainbow Refugee also welcomes their first Community Engagement and Belonging Coordinator, Sean. A little about Sean: "Hello, my name is Sean Ko, and I am the Community Engagement and Belonging(CEB) Coordinator at Rainbow Refugee Society. In my job, I work on building a sense of community and belonging for LGBTQI+ refugees and migrants in Vancouver and BC region. The CEB team works to create a safe space for our members to interact in social gatherings. We support the members to connect with safe and equitable LGBTQI+ resources and accessible resources in BC. Community Engagement and Belonging currently facilitates two to three Sundays through virtual, social drop-ins each month, a handful of events each year, organizes social justice, anti-oppressive and informative workshops with considerations of our members' needs. If you are or know someone who would like to join our gatherings and is an LGBTQI+ refugee/newcomer immigrant, please email ceb@rainbowrefugee.ca."

Thank you,

Nazanin Moghadami نازنین مقدمی [pronounce](#)

Support Manager

Phone: 613.604.5024



Burnaby Neighbourhood House
Upcoming session:

**Financial Resources for students with
focus on higher education**

with Chinese interpretation

Nov 24th

•Contact: DaliQ@burnabynh.ca

(Poster attached)

The poster is for a session titled "Financial Resources for Students" held at Burnaby Neighbourhood House. It features a circular image of a tree with roots and another circular image of a stack of books labeled "Scholarship Awards Grants BURSARIES LOANS". The text includes the event date and time (November 24, 2021, 4:00-6:00pm) and location (BNH South House, 4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby). Contact information is provided as 604-396-6955 or daliq@burnabynh.ca. The website www.burnabynh.ca is also listed. A small note at the bottom states that the house is a community-driven agency located on unceded territories of several nations.

Settlement & Integration Program

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

PLAN your higher education!

Scholarship Awards Grants BURSARIES LOANS

StudentAid expert talks about

Financial Resources for Students

Register by calling 604-396-6955 or Email to: daliq@burnabynh.ca

On November 24, 2021 4:00 ---6:00pm @ BNH South House (4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby)

www.burnabynh.ca

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Surrey – North Delta Division of Family Practice News



COVID-19 Vaccination Boosters Available This Month

The Province announced last week that COVID-19 booster shots will be available starting in November.

They will first be made available to Seniors 70+ and Indigenous People 12+.

The general population will be eligible to receive boosters beginning January, 2022.

For more information, visit the [Government of BC web page](#)

2021-2022 Flu Immunization Clinics

Flu season poses an additional risk of illness, especially to certain more vulnerable populations. The most effective way to prevent the spread of influenza is by getting the influenza vaccine, staying home when sick, and washing your hands regularly.

For more information about the 2021-2022 influenza vaccine program, including **who is eligible for a free flu shot**, [click here](#).

To find clinics that are dispensing flu vaccines, visit [ImmunizeBC's interactive map](#).

Saira Abrar, Physician Engagement and Practice Support Manager

saira.abrar@snddivision.ca

604-365-0764

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **UMBRELLA MULTICULTURAL HEALTH CO-OP**

Clinical Social Worker – Community Health Centre – **please see the posting attached in PDF**

- **SURREY/NORTH DELTA DIVISION OF PRACTICE**

Medical Office Assistants Wanted!

The family physicians of Surrey-North Delta are **actively looking for full-time, part-time, and on-call medical office assistants (MOAs)** to help support patients in many busy family medicine clinics in the community.

Successful candidates will have the opportunity to join the “MOA Network”, a group of vibrant and enthusiastic MOAs who receive ongoing support from the Surrey-North Delta division.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for administrative support work in an exciting healthcare environment, **please send your resume and cover letter to april.bonise@snddivision.ca**

The MOA Network is an MOA initiative supported by the staff at the Surrey-North Delta Division of Family Practice.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Dear colleague,

The **Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR)** is looking for volunteers for our Fall 2021 Consultation, November 29 to December 3.

There is a great perk to it: free access to the entire Consultation!

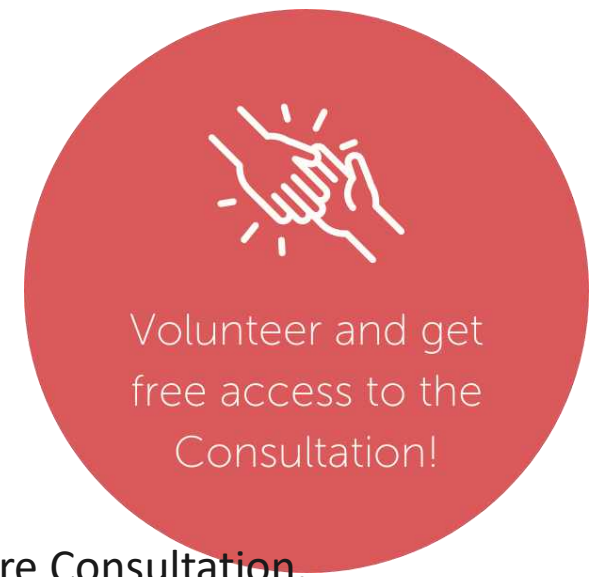
What are the needs? Sharing of PPT presentations & slides during the sessions.

What are the prerequisites? To attend the training session on Tuesday 23 November at 1:00pm EST (2:30pm Newfoundland, 2pm Atlantic, 12 noon Central, 11am Mountain, 10am Pacific).

What is in it for you? In return for helping in 2 or more workshops, you get free access to the entire Consultation.

If you want to give us a hand, you can reach out to Van Thao Dam at vdam@ccrweb.ca to express your interest.

In advance, a very warm thank you!



PACIFIC IMMIGRANT RESOURCES SOCIETY

We're halfway through our [Online Auction](#) for our [Afghan Women Fund](#), **live now until November 26th!**

We're also almost halfway to our goal of \$5,000!

Help us reach \$2,500 raised by this Wednesday, November 17th!

Do you have a special someone, a favourite couple, or maybe even a recent engagement in your life, who simply deserve the best? We have many items up to **\$200 in market value**, such as dinner for two, hair products, yoga, wine, and event tickets!

By supporting our auction, you help us provide Afghan women and children English language class spaces, culturally appropriate mental health support, and accessible childcare. To learn more about our Afghan Women Fund, click [here](#).

UBC CENTRE OF MIGRATION PRESENT:

Virtual Talk with Andrea Solnes and Diana Jeffries: "The Co-Created Story Project"

Co-sponsored by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Community-University Partnerships Group

Tuesday November 23, 2021 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

The Co-Created Story Project is a unique participatory initiative undertaken by **Options Community Services (OCS)** and the UBC Centre for Migration Studies. Its main goal is to support staff in collaborating with their clients in a safe and supported way so that clients can share their stories. In this presentation, project leads Andrea Solnes and Diana Jeffries will highlight the key learnings and outcomes of the project undertaken with 8 Immigrant Services staff and their clients at OCS. They will also share the toolkit generated as part of this project.

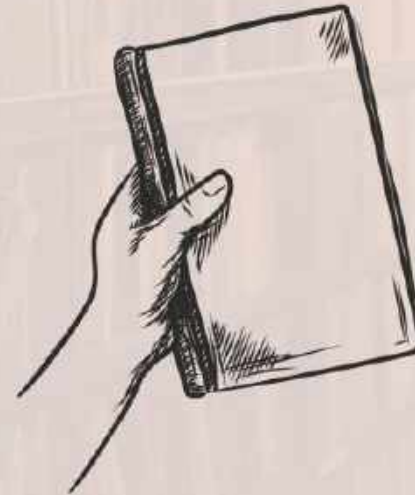
[REGISTER](#)

UBC CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES
COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS GROUP
2021-22 SPEAKER SERIES

The co-created story project

ANDREA SOLNES
DIANA JEFFRIES

FLOW SOCIETY FOR NEWCOMERS



AN ONLINE EVENT
VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2021
10:30 AM - NOON (PT)

RSVP ONLINE
[MIGRATION.UBC.CA/EVENTS](https://migration.ubc.ca/events)



A loan is only part of the key to immigrant success.

When you work in the immigrant-serving sector, you know that when skilled immigrants move to Canada, they hope to continue and advance their careers. However, once here, they face a different reality.

At Windmill, we not only offer microloans to help internationally-educated professionals continue their careers in Canada.

Our loans and additional supports are designed to give them the boost they need to succeed.

[Read more](#)

An exciting new webinar for immigrants: Canadian job trends and career success strategies

November 24

Invite your clients and students to attend a new free webinar for newcomers with Windmill MicroLending and Prepare for Canada.

Participants will learn about current major job trends across Canada, explore opportunities and challenges facing each province and receive exclusive tips and strategies from Windmill's Skilled Immigrant Career Success Guide, followed by a Q&A discussion.

Your clients and students can register [here](#).

2nd Annual Conference
**Building a Blueprint to address Gender Based Violence against non-status,
refugee and immigrant women across Canada**
Organized by SettleNet.org *

November 26

Please register [here](#)

Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual Conference Building a Blueprint to address Gender Based Violence against non-status, refugee and immigrant women across Canada

- You must be a member to access information.

Ana Maria

Ana Maria Bustamante, MA (She/Her)

BIPT/ Burnaby LIP Coordinator

REPEATS

**Refugee Appeal
Division (RAD)**

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next virtual session:

November 18th, 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

Upcoming Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session on November 18th 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:
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- 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

Umbrella Multicultural Health Coop invites your clients to attend a Healthy Nutrition Workshop
Arabic, Spanish, Farsi & Tigray sessions available

(Posters attached)

ورشة عمل عيادة امبريلا الشاملة للصحة

انضموا لنا على زووم!
انه مجاني!

1: الاكل الصحي

يا لها من ورشة عمل للجميع!
دعونا نجتمع معا من أجل:
تعرف على وجبات صحية وإعداد واحدة
ممارسة اللغة الإنجليزية
قابل أناس جدد
استمتع واسترخ!



الزمان الاربعاء 17 نوفمبر من الساعة 05:30 مساء إلى الساعة 07:30

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Vamos a reunirnos para:

- Aprender acerca de comida saludable y preparar una
- Practicar inglés
- Conocer nuevas personas
- Nos relajaremos y divertiremos!



¿Cuándo? Sábado Nov 27 10:30 am a 12:30 pm

¿Dónde? En Zoom por favor presione en este link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

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No necesita registrarse. Si tiene preguntas por favor comunicarse con Angélica 604-404-2105
Evento en español



رایگان برای همه!!!

کارگاه های آمبريلا برای سلامتی صحت



۱- خوردن غذا های صحتی

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- ۱- طرز تهیه غذا های صحتی را بیاموزیم
- ۲- زبان انگلیسی خود را با دیگران تمرین کنیم
- ۳- با مردم جدید آشنا شویم
- ۴- و از برنامه بیاموزیم و لذت ببریم



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نیاز به رجیستر یا ثبت نام نیست برای همه رایگان است: در صورت که سوال داشتین لطفاً به شماره های ذیل تماس بگیرید فارسی / دری : با فلورانس به تماس شوید به شماره ۶۰۴-۴۹۹-۹۹۷۶ *** تمام مطالب به زبان فارسی می شود.



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Poster attached also

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Job Search Strategies Workshop

November 23, 2021
10:00am-12:30pm

Find about ways to have a productive job search:

- Reflect on strengths, needs, and goals
- Explore different job boards to aid your search
- Develop networking skills
- Reframe attitudes around the job search

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about available resources in the community and get one-on-one support.

For more information or register, please email duyt@burnabynh.ca or call at 604-431-0400
(Childminding and transportation support will be provided with registration)

www.burnabynh.ca

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Dear Community Workers,

Legal Aid BC wants to improve and revamp the [Community Workers section](#) on the Legal Aid BC website. Please take [our short survey](#) so we can hear from you about what content and features you would want to see in this section. It should take less than 10 minutes and results will be kept confidential. You'll also get a chance to win a \$15 Tim Horton's gift card!

Please take a few moments and let us know what you think by **Friday, November 19**. Feel free to pass this survey onto other community workers.

[Take the survey](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions about the survey please do not hesitate to contact Patricia Lim at publications@legalaid.bc.ca.

Patricia Lim (she/her)

Publications Development Coordinator | Community & Publishing Services

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“Less than human”: Examining the Representation of Refugees through the Lens of Decoloniality

DR. ROGER BROMLEY
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

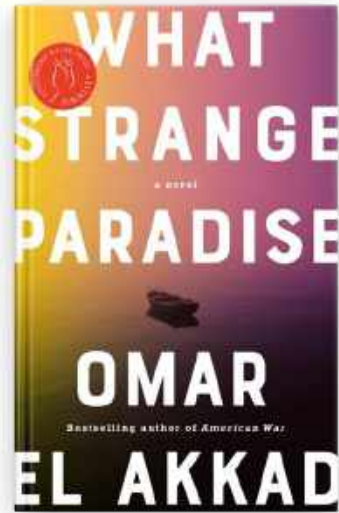


AN ONLINE EVENT
VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2021
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

RSVP ONLINE
[MIGRATION.UBC.CA/EVENTS](https://migration.ubc.ca/events)

UBC Centre for Migration
RSVP online at migration.ubc.ca/events



Congratulations to Omar El Akkad, winner of the Giller Prize!

Each year, the Giller Prize honours an outstanding work of Canadian fiction. *What Strange Paradise* was singled out this year.

From the widely acclaimed, best-selling author of *American War*, a new novel—beautifully written, unrelentingly dramatic, and profoundly moving—that looks at the global refugee crisis through the eyes of a child.

“It is one thing to put a human face on a migrant crisis and another to do so in so compelling a way that a reader simply cannot put your book down.” —Gish Jen, author of *The Resisters*

Read more about the book at <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/617062/what-strange-paradise-by-omar-el-akkad/>

*See call attached from the Ottawa Refugee Hub for online art exhibit.
Please direct questions to Eliza Bateman (contact details below).*

Dear friends and colleagues,

I'm excited to share with you a **Call for Contributions** for an online art exhibit we will be launching in connection with the Capstone Symposium of our Research Colloquium on Refugee Sponsorship, which will be held in early 2022.

As you will see in the Call (attached), we are inviting artistic and 'artefact' contributions from people who have lived experience with refugee sponsorship: either as someone welcomed through sponsorship, someone who has been a sponsor, and of course, people who have experienced both sides of the sponsorship relationship. As such, we would really appreciate you sharing this Call widely with groups or individuals in your network who might be interested in making a submission. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions about the Call, or about the Colloquium in general, please do not hesitate to reach out, I would be happy to assist.

Eliza Bateman (PhD) (*she, her*)

Senior Research Analyst | Analyste principale de recherche

The Refugee Hub | Le Carrefour des réfugiés

University of Ottawa | l'Université d'Ottawa

Phone: 1-613-800-0220 ext 6 **Email:** eliza.bateman@refugeehub.ca



The Call is attached in PDF