



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

# MAP Member Agency News

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November 24, 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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

**NEWS!**

**Government withdraws the Order in Council banning refugee claimants entering Canada between border ports of entry!**

MAP applauds the decision to grant refugee claimants their rights under international law.

SEE: the OIC rescinded: <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41322&lang=en>

SEE: CBSA directives for those previously sent back to the US: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/refugee-asile-covid-eng.html>

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**MAP Meeting – Nov 25 at 9:30 am – Register at**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpfuyrrDsiH9bLVBxrAtQ3YPG1VPzGpzBo>

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

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

*Has understanding the concepts of displacement and trauma been part of your journey towards reconciliation?*

**Please attend to hear our speakers:**

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

**Moderator: Mariana Martinez Vieyra (VAST).**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021, 7pm online**

**Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/30rB6Ck>**

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Thank you to the Information Working Group for all your contributions in 2021: World Refugee Day events + 4 In Focus Lectures! Beyond amazing!

**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!

## Covid-19 vaccinations

On Tuesday Nov 23 a pediatric COVID-19 vaccine for children aged five to 11 years old was announced; link to news release here [Safe, effective COVID-19 pediatric vaccine available for children aged 5-11 | BC Gov News](#). The slide deck that was part of the announcement can be found here [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Immunization\\_of\\_Children.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Immunization_of_Children.pdf).

### *Some quick facts:*

- Parents or guardians with questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for their child can call 1-833-838-2323
  - Children are eligible for the pediatric vaccine on or after their fifth birthday.
  - The pediatric vaccine will be administered through COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
  - Parents/guardians/care givers need to register each child in [Get Vaccinated](#)
  - Once an invitation is received an appointment will need to be booked online where all the appointments/clinics are available.
- For those that don't have access to the system online they can call the contact centre at [1-833-838-2323](tel:1-833-838-2323) | Translators are available Seven days a week, 7 am to 7 pm (PDT) to register and book appointment

### *Resources:*

- 1.[gov.bc.ca/vaccineforkids](https://gov.bc.ca/vaccineforkids)
- 2.Health Canada's statement here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/11/health-canada-authorizes-use-of-comirnaty-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-in-children-5-to-11-years-of-age.html>
- 3.BCCDC Frequently Asked Questions: [Children and COVID-19 Vaccination \(bccdc.ca\)](#) – and there is even a comic strip for kids to colour about Jesse the bear getting his vaccine - [Children Vaccine colouring bw.pdf \(bccdc.ca\)](#)
- 4.Slide 19 of the deck used at today's pediatric announcement has a list of resources for parents/guardians

Please pass this information along. We are here to work with you and your organization so send us any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Immunize BC Project

Stay Informed: [gov.bc.ca/COVID](https://gov.bc.ca/COVID), [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca), 1.88.COVID19

# IN FOCUS:

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm

Online

Registration:

<https://bit.ly/30rB6Ck>

Presented by MAP in partnership with:



MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents:

## SEE THE HUMANS BEHIND THE TRAUMA

INDIGENOUS & ASYLUM SEEKER EXPERIENCE  
Thursday, December 2nd at 7 pm Online



Warm welcome to our Moderator for this evening  
**Mariana Martinez Vieyra** - VAST Counsellor

and our exceptional Speakers:



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**Linda Epp**  
Sechelt Nation Member (Shishalh First Nation)  
Program Manager for Essentials: Skills, Culture, Knowledge, NEC (Native Education College)



**Malena Mokhovikova**  
Student and Advocate

Register now to learn about the shared experience of displacement and trauma of indigenous people and asylum seekers. How can we build a common understanding of the lived experience of the two populations in creating a better future?

Zoom Link  
<https://bit.ly/30rB6Ck>



# News highlights:

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

November 24, 2021

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))

*Thanks to Journey Home Volunteer **Barry Grove** for his research and compilation*

- **“There is a lot of fuel for Covid-19” Some refugee groups still unvaccinated**  
[Toronto Star](#)
- **3,000 new jobs are coming to the London area. Will there be enough workers?**  
[London Free Press](#)
- **Settlement services woefully underfunded: new report**  
[Toronto Star](#)
- **Omar El Akkad wins \$100K Giller Prize with novel about two children caught in the global refugee crisis**  
[Canadian Press](#)
- **Systemic barriers keeping foreign nurses from filling shortages**  
[Toronto Star](#)
- **White Rock woman in limbo after nearly two-year delay at immigration office**  
[Peace Arch News](#)



Time to get ready!

To help you prepare for CCR's 2021 Fall Consultation next week, please find below important information.

### **Virtual event portal**

All the information about the event as well as any document available for the workshops can be found in the virtual event portal.

Login button and credentials to access the portal can be found at the end of this email.

### **Zoom links for the session**

All sessions will take place directly on Zoom. Each day, you will receive an email containing the Zoom links to access the sessions that you have access to depending on the ticket you bought.

The links will also be posted in each session's description in the virtual event portal (see Sessions in the left end menu).

### **Interpretation**

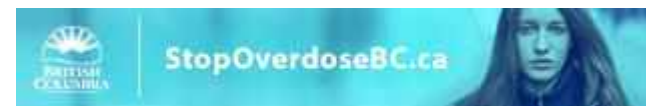
Interpretation will be available for all sessions and will be offered through Zoom directly, so you don't have to download an extra app or do anything in advance.

### **Networking**

In lieu of in person exchange, you can still network and interact with the participants. At the end of each session, stay on the Zoom call and you will be able to continue the discussion during a virtual coffee break.

### **Troubleshooting access to the platforms (portal or Zoom)**

In case you encounter issues accessing the virtual event portal or a specific Zoom session, we have created a dedicated email address: [ITsupport@ccrweb.ca](mailto:ITsupport@ccrweb.ca) where technicians will be able to help you. See you next week!



Hello!

Previously communicated via email

Toolkit attached

We hope this message finds you well! Attached, you will find the digital toolkit for our new **Stop the Stigma** campaign, developed by the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

This campaign focuses on the importance of connecting with others in a compassionate way, understanding people's stories, and dispelling myths about addiction. Stigma creates many challenges for people experiencing addiction, as well as their families and loved ones. It can cause feelings of isolation and prevent people from reaching out for help, or fear of being judged by others.

We all have a part to play in reducing stigma around addiction. We hope that you will take a moment to visit our website [StopOverdose.gov.bc.ca](https://StopOverdose.gov.bc.ca) to find out more. On this site, you can learn about myths and facts around addiction, and some tips and tricks for reaching out to people in your life. This can be helpful for anyone who wants to offer their support to a friend or loved one.

We are sending this toolkit to our stakeholders across the province, as your organizations represent places where people come for connection, wellness and support. Our hope is that you will share with your community and help spread the word that we can all help to reduce stigma and create safer communities.

The toolkit includes images in different formats as well as pre-written text that can be shared via social media, in newsletters or in any other way you reach your community. You will find as well that there are printable versions of the posters we developed – please feel free to use and distribute as you see fit!

If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to be in contact by emailing [StopOverdoseBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:StopOverdoseBC@gov.bc.ca) or calling 250-213-1887

**Whitney Welsh** (she/her/hers)

A/ Client Relations Coordinator | Partnerships & Engagement

ph. 250 213 1887 | Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions

# Upcoming workshops at Impact North Shore:

'How to Apply for a Work Permit Extension' – Presented in English and Farsi

Wednesday December 8

Register [here](#)



**Impact NORTH SHORE** IMMIGRANT SERVICE CENTRE



### How to Apply for a Work Permit Extension (with Farsi Interpretation)

Wednesday, December 8  
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Join this workshop to learn how to apply a Work Permit Extension by yourself in your online IRCC account.

**Workshop Highlights**

Learn how to apply for a Work Permit Extension online! In this workshop for Protected Persons and Refugee Claimants, you will learn how to:

- Create an IRCC account
- Fill out the immigration forms.
- Gather the required documents
- Submit your application online

For more information and to register contact:  
Masha Radamakers, [masha@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:masha@impactnorthshore.ca) or 604-988-2931

**Details:**  
This workshop will be presented in English with interpretation in Farsi.  
This workshop is open to Protected Persons and Refugee Claimants.  
Online via Zoom  
Details to join this virtual session will be provided after registration.  
This program is government sponsored and free of charge.

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چگونه ویزای کار خود را تمدید کنیم

Wednesday, December 8  
6:00pm – 7:30pm

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**Workshop Highlights**

از شما دعوت می‌شود، جهت کسب اطلاعات در مورد نحوه ویزای کار خود به صورت آنلاین، در این جلسه شرکت کنید.

- نحوه ساخت حساب کاربری در وبسایت اداره مهاجرت IRCC
- نحوه پر کردن فرم های مهاجرتی
- جمع آوری مدارک مورد نیاز
- ارسال فرم درخواست به صورت آنلاین

این کارگاه به زبان انگلیسی و با ترجمه همزمان فارسی برگزار می‌گردد.

لطفا برای ثبت نام و کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با ما تماس بگیرید: [masha@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:masha@impactnorthshore.ca) یا تلفن: 604-988-2931

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[Read More](#)

**Posters also attached**



## MOSAIC UPDATE! - upcoming event

Starting from December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30PM to 5:30PM (PST), RSIP is hosting an *in-person* **“Book Club”** Series every Wednesday to the wider community.

This series is open to Refugee Claimants, International Students, Temporary Foreign Worker and Naturalized Citizens with intermediate or advance English level.

The registration is limited, details can be found in the poster.

You're welcome to share this exciting series with folks who may be interested.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you as always, for your continued interested in MOSAIC event.

### Mia Yu Christiaanse

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**Poster attached**



## In-Person Book Club

*Join us every Wednesday to go on a book adventure!*

Every Wednesday starting December 1st

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

English Level: Intermediate or Advance Level is required

Location: 310-7155 Kingsway Burnaby, BC Canada

Registration is open for Refugee Claimants, International Students, Temporary Foreign Worker & Naturalized Citizens

Registration is limited, to register email [srahnama@mosaicbc.org](mailto:srahnama@mosaicbc.org)



WelcomeBC



**In this Virtual Information Session, Ministry of Labour representatives will provide a comprehensive overview of B.C.'s new employer-paid sick leave.**

In January 2022, the Government of B.C. will implement this new regulation for workers, which will allow all employees in the province to stay home when they are sick or injured, without losing wages, for a set number of days each year. It is essential for settlement service providers, especially those on the front lines, to understand employer-paid sick leave, in order to accurately inform and guide newcomer clients with the correct information.

This session will include detailed information on the public engagement process that took place prior to this legislation coming into effect and a clear explanation of how it will be implemented. Speakers from the Ministry of Labour will share updates on other topics that are relevant to settlement service providers, such as recent developments with respect to the Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act and the Minister of Labour's mandate letter commitment regarding minimum wage.

Ministry of Labour speakers are John Blakely, Executive Director Labour Policy and Legislation; Michel Tanner, Director Labour Policy and Legislation; and Taylor Paulsen, Industrial Relations Officer, Employment Standards Branch.

**Date:** Monday December 6, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Location:** Zoom Webinar - Event details will be emailed immediately after registration

[Click here to register](#)

QUESTIONS? Email Rebecca at [rferguson@amssa.org](mailto:rferguson@amssa.org)

## **NEW Employment Opportunities!**

### **Communications & Administrative Coordinator, Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership**

South Vancouver Neighbourhood House & Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

**Please see attached job description and application procedure.**

Applications received until Dec 8th

Koyali Burman and Nova Chamberlin, VLIP Co-Managers

Email: [koyali.burman@vancouverlip.org](mailto:koyali.burman@vancouverlip.org) and [nova.chamberlin@vancouverlip.org](mailto:nova.chamberlin@vancouverlip.org)

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### **Various positions at PIRS: Pacific Immigrant Resources Society**

We are currently hiring for several positions - please see **the posters attached** or information can be found here as well: <https://pirs.bc.ca/join-us/job-opportunities/>

- **Outreach Support Worker - Dari/Pashto Speaking**
- **English as an Additional Language (EAL) Substitute Teacher**
- **ECE Assistant**
- **On-Call Early Childhood Educator**
- **RFP: Substitute Child Care Staffing Solutions Research Project**

We have an exciting new public health initiative at REACH beginning in the new year with a project called Photovoice to share with you. The purpose of Photovoice is to both raise awareness surrounding the **opioid crisis and mental health** and have a therapeutic group for participants. Our participant target are adults (18+) living in East Vancouver who are living with or have lived experience with substance use. We would love it if you would be able to help us promote this program to any individuals or community organizations that would work with clients that fit within our criteria (18+, living in East Vancouver, and has lived or living with experience with substance use). It can be through 1:1 conversations, a community board, or even an email. If you have any questions you can reach out to me at [ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca](mailto:ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca). 😊

Thank you!

**Faith Tang (she/her), CTRS**  
**Recreation Therapist, Program Development**  
**Work Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**  
**REACH Community Health Centre**



## We all have a story to tell.



Photovoice is a 2 month project for adults (18+) living in East Vancouver where photos are used as a method to raise awareness and reduce stigma among people who use substances. Participants will participate in 6 in-person sessions where they learn to take digital photos of their daily lives to tell their story, share their experiences in a safe space, and curate a photo exhibition to amplify their voices.

This project will run from January - February 2022. Please inquire or register for the project before December 31st, 2021.

For more questions or details on how to register, please contact Faith Tang at [ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca](mailto:ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca) or 604-245-3838.



Poster attached

**PIRS and KPU are conducting local food access research on newcomers to Canada.**

**Flyers all attached**



Please see the flyers attached in a number of languages matched to the surveys that can be completed online.

Dear Families

The Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) in collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) are conducting a survey on need assessment and local food access among the refugee and immigrant population in Metro Vancouver. The main goal of this project is to advance our unique needs of newcomers to Canada and their interest in local food system participation. The results will help us advocate for food policy related to refugees and immigrants as well as provide appropriate resources that may help them navigate through food environments in a new country. (This study has been approved by the KPU's Research Ethics Board under the file number KPU REB#2021-23.)



Hey! we need your opinion!

# Agricultural Food Survey



click here for the English version!

complete the survey to be entered in a draw to win a \$20 giftcard

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The survey is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, French, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. They can be accessed online at our study website at:

<https://www.kpu.ca/isfs/refugees-and-immigrants-local-food-access>

If you would like to receive paper copies of the survey or have questions about this study, please contact the principal investigator, Dr. Wallapak Polasub at 604-599-2533 or [wallapak.polasub@kpu.ca](mailto:wallapak.polasub@kpu.ca) or PIRS Program Coordinator, Valerie Lai at 604-726-7333 or [vlai@pirs.bc.ca](mailto:vlai@pirs.bc.ca)



*Reminder for this Friday*

## **Youth and Teens Mental Health: What Can You Do?**

**A Burnaby PCN Support Session with special guests: Tara Sudbury (Canadian Mental Health Association), Sierra Turner (Foundry Virtual), Gary Thandi (Moving Forward Family Services)**

**What:** A two-hour online session for anyone who works with youth and teens - teachers, rec programmers, librarians, support workers, and others - to learn how to better help young people in times of mental health crises and beyond, and, as staff, to know what resources are available to ensure that you are supported.

**When:** Friday, November 26, 2021;            10:00am - 12:00 pm            Via zoom    [REGISTER HERE](#)

**Why:** The pandemic has had a tremendous impact on all of our mental health but has an especially damaging impact on the mental of youth and teens, which can be seen in the worsening issues we're seeing in schools, in our work, and in the community. Not only are the issues faced by young people more challenging, but many who work directly with youth and teens are finding themselves in increasingly more difficult situations for which they do not have appropriate training or support. For many, this can directly impact their own mental health. The situation is critical.

**Who:** This session is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about supporting the mental health of young people and is most appropriate for people who are working directly with youth and teens in the community.

This session will provide some basic tools and resources to help staff and volunteers more effectively support both youth and themselves. It will focus on three areas:

- How to help youth and teens in a moment of crisis (Mental Health First Aid)
- How to get youth and teens the help they need to move forward after a crisis
- How to get the support that *you* need to stay healthy

Questions? Contact [acreamer@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:acreamer@divisionsbc.ca)

Dear MAP,

As promised in previous meetings, we are delighted to share our first published study from the IRIS Project, where we evaluated the mandatory three-month wait period for newcomers in BC.

In collaboration with our community partner, Sanctuary Health, we are also launching a petition to pressure the BC government to end the mandatory three-month wait to receive health care coverage for migrants on arrival to BC. The wait period is **unfair, discriminatory** and **costly**, as [new research from the IRIS Project](#) and the experiences of migrant women and communities in BC routinely show.

**We would really appreciate it if you [shared our petition](#) through your networks, with other organizations.** We are excited to announce our petition has been endorsed by the BC Federation of Labour! We have received more than 380 signatures and are hoping to reach 1000 in order to better lobby the government.

Not only does the 3-month wait policy violate migrants' human rights, our research indicates that its impacts directly **harm the health of migrant women and their children** the most.

We know it is possible to eliminate the three-month wait period because the BC Medical Services Commission already did it. In March 2020, the Medical Services Commission suspended the 3-month wait period, only to reinstate it five months later. Now that we are in the grips of the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the enforced wait period for health insurance is downright dangerous.

We would be grateful if you could help us encourage the BC government do the right thing and call on the Medical Services Commission to completely eliminate this harmful and discriminatory policy once and for all.

If you're able, please [sign and share](#) our petition broadly! And, please keep an eye out for the social media launch of our campaign under the handle @CGSHEquity on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.

**Elmira Tayyar**, MPH (She/Her)

Co-Project Coordinator- IRIS

Centre for Gender & Sexual Health Equity (CGSHE)

T| 604-369-4210 W| [www.cgshe.ca](http://www.cgshe.ca)



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# "Access to Justice for Refugees: How legal aid and quality of counsel impact fairness and efficiency in Canada's asylum system".

We will be launching our project report on 9 December, 12-1 pm.

Registration details can be found here: <https://www.ryerson.ca/cerc-migration/events/2021/12/a2j-for-refugees/>.

Thank you for offering your expertise, helping connect us with claimants, or offering feedback on our research. Please feel free to be in touch any time if you have any questions or comments once the report is publicly available.

Best wishes,

**Craig Damian Smith, PhD**

Senior Research Associate

**Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration & Integration**

<https://www.ryerson.ca/cerc-migration/>



# ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

## How legal aid and quality of counsel impact fairness and efficiency in Canada's asylum system

Join us for the launch of a new study that examines how refugee legal aid and the quality of representation affect the fairness and efficiency of Canada's asylum procedures. Researchers from the Centre for Refugee Studies, York University; Canadian Forum on Civil Justice, Osgoode Hall Law School; and the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration (CERC Migration) program, Ryerson University, undertook an in-depth study to understand barriers to justice through funding for refugee legal aid and poor-quality or abusive counsel, and propose policy changes to strengthen Canada's asylum system to ensure access to justice for vulnerable refugee claimants.

Their report includes original data from a range of stakeholders, including refugee claimants, lawyers, representatives of legal aid plans, front-line refugee support staff, and a first of its kind survey with IRB decision-makers.

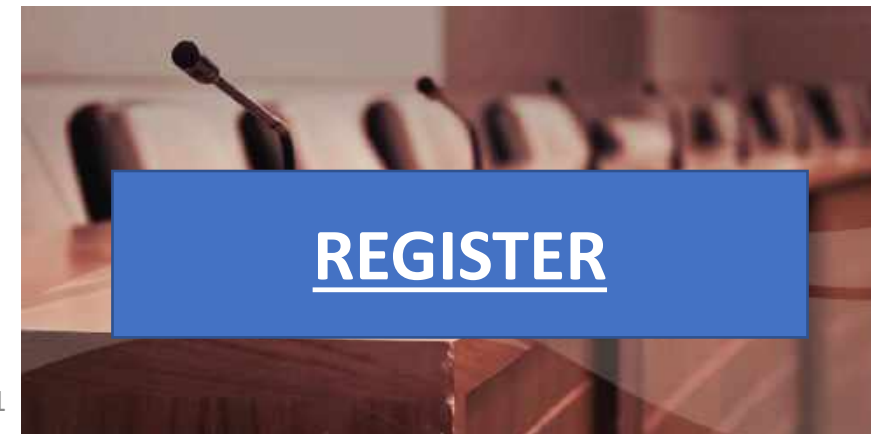
Authors and presenters include:

- **Craig Damian Smith**, Ryerson University and York University
- **Sean Rehaag**, York University and Osgoode Law School
- **Trevor Farrow**, Osgoode Law School and Canadian Forum on Civil Justice

**Thurs. Dec. 9, 2021, 12-1 PM EST**  
**CERC in Migration & Integration**



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## REPEATS

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:DaliQ@burnabynh.ca)

(Poster attached)

The poster is for a session titled "Financial Resources for Students" held at Burnaby Neighbourhood House on November 24, 2021, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The event is part of the Settlement & Integration Program and focuses on higher education. A StudentAid expert will discuss various financial resources including Scholarships, Awards, Grants, Bursaries, and Loans. The poster features a circular image of a tree and a stack of books representing these resources. It includes contact information for registration and the organization's website.

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](mailto:daliq@burnabynh.ca)

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

[www.burnabynh.ca](http://www.burnabynh.ca)

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tselil-Wouthuth (tsil'wotsh), Kwikwetlem (kwikwetlam), Squamish (sqw'w'w'mesh Uxwumixw) and Musqueam (m'w'w'w'w'm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



# 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**

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## (Repeat) 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](mailto:april.bonise@snddivision.ca)**

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

## PACIFIC IMMIGRANT RESOURCES SOCIETY

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

And we're more than halfway to our goal of \$5,000!

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](#).



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## 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.

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**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.

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***BIPT/ Burnaby LIP Coordinator***