



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 102

November 3, 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).

## MAP NEWS

- **MAP's October meeting was packed with great information from the two presentations:**

**Introducing Rainbow Refugee Programs and Services – Aleks Manzur-Dughman and Nazanin Moghadami**

**Rainbow Housing: Challenges and Solutions to Housing LGBTQI+ Refugees in Metro Vancouver**

**Please find the slides attached as wonderful resources for your support to LGBTQI+ refugees**

- **MAP's In Focus #4 – December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021, 7pm online**

We will look at the similarities in experience of refugee claimants and indigenous survivors in terms of their lived experience of displacement and trauma. 2 compelling speakers moderated by Mariana Martinez Vieyra, VAST

**SAVE THE DATE! More news soon!**

## OTHER NEWS

**Don't forget to register for CCR's Fall Consultation November 29 – December 3 – see full information and registration link inside!**

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**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

# News highlights:

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

November 3, 2021

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally (**PDF also attached**) *Thanks to Journey Home Community's Barry Growe for his research and compilation:*

- **Canada defends Covid-19 policy barring irregular border crossings**  
[Global News](#)
- **Fill all permanent residency spots, advocates say**  
[Toronto Star](#)
- **Refugee still yearning to bring family here**  
[Brockville Recorder](#)
- **Green Shield Canada grants \$450,000 to boost oral and mental health**  
[Windsor Star](#)
- **Online criteria for Afghan refugees change, applies only to those who've fled**  
[CTV News](#)
- **New federal housing minister has lived his portfolio as a refugee**  
[Welland Tribune](#)
- **Government inefficiencies leave vulnerable Afghan refugees behind**  
[Toronto Star](#)
- **The Shoe Project: Edmonton theatre project dramatizes refugee women's journey**  
[Workshop West](#)
- **Europe must 'grow bigger' to greet giant refugee puppet**  
[McGill International Review](#)

# AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is hosting the following sessions with focus on Afghan refugees:

- November 5: Navigating the education system (schools/ college/ universities) for the newly arrived Afghan refugee youth
- November 12: Info session on Canadian response to the Afghan refugee crises

For more details and registration, please contact Arman Zamani, BNH Settlement Case Manager at: [ArmanZ@burnabynh.ca](mailto:ArmanZ@burnabynh.ca)

**Settlement & Integration Program**

Burnaby Neighbourhood House facilitates the traditional resettlement services of Great British Columbia.

**AN INFORMATION SESSION ON CANADA'S RESPONSE TO AFGHAN REFUGEE CRISIS**  
جلسه اطلاع رسانی در مورد واکنش کانادا به بحران پناهندگان افغان

**DATE: 10 NOVEMBER 2021**  
**TIME: 3PM-5PM ONLINE ZOOM**  
تاریخ: 10 نوامبر 2021  
ساعت: 3 تا 5 ظهر آنلاین زوم

This virtual session will be in both English & Farsi. It will focus on:

- Updates on the current Canadian response to Afghan refugees from abroad
- How to access services
- Available settlement options
- Requirements for sponsorship
- Volunteer activities

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**BRAINSTORMING SESSION: NAVIGATING BC EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2021**  
**3PM-5PM ONLINE**

Please join us to share:

- your challenges concerning BC's education system
- what would you like to learn and explore about BC's education programs
- explore via group discussion experiences with BC's education system to facilitate on-learning

This session is intended for resettled Afghan refugee youth and young adults who wish to learn and navigate BC education system. The goal of this session is to form a peer support group serving Afghan youth and young adults to share knowledge with and learn from one another regarding progressing with BC's education system. The peer support group is facilitated by Afghan professionals who have been successful in their education experience in British Columbia.

To register, please contact:  
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**جلسه همگامی: سیستم تحصیلی و ولایت بریتیش کولمبیا برای جوانان مهاجر افغان**

**12 نوامبر 2021**  
**از ساعت 3 الی 5 بعدازظهر به صورت آنلاین**

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Posters also attached



## COVID VACCINATION NEWS

(Previously circulated via email to MAP members)

The Province has announced the Booster as the next step in the COVID-19 immunization plan. [Provincewide booster dose is next step in COVID-19 immunization plan | BC Gov News](#). Please circulate to your membership/stakeholders.

Please also note that the Government VaxforBC page no longer lists clinics. It links to the Health Authority vaccine clinic pages. [Find a vaccine clinic in your community - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#). Please continue to monitor these links for clinics in your areas. They will be updated regularly.

If you have any questions or there are any groups and or sectors where you believe we have not reached, are in need of help etc. please let me know.

Kind regards

Lizette

Immunize BC Project

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

Hello Team!

I am delighted to inform you of an Online SOS Housing Orientation on November 25, 2021, 5:30 pm.

The theme is: **"An Overview of Housing Challenges & Emergency Support Programs within the City of Vancouver."**

This is a unique occasion to join us for this information session hosted by the City of Vancouver, as SOS always provides a wide range of services, such as informing newcomers and the local community on the Greater Vancouver rental market.

Please invite your clients to attend also:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88375375422?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 883 7537 5422

Passcode: 423006

Thanks for your support.

*Questions or Comments? Contact:*

**Kizito Gaston Ntabaza** | Refugee Claimant Housing Search Worker - Settlement Orientation Services  
D: 604-351-0642 | [kizito.ntabaza@issbc.org](mailto:kizito.ntabaza@issbc.org)



Poster attached also

The poster for the SOS Housing Orientation event. It features a red header with the ISSofBC logo and the title "SOS Housing Orientation: An Overview of Housing Challenges & Emergency Support Programs within the City of Vancouver". Below the header is a photograph of four houses of increasing size, each built on a stack of coins. To the right of the photo, the event details are listed: "When: Thur.- Nov. 25, 2021, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm" and "Where: Online through Zoom, Registration Mandatory by 24 Nov. 2021". A list of topics to be covered includes availability and cost of housing, rental housing challenges, and emergency programs. Guest speakers from the City of Vancouver are listed: Allison Lasocha, Jennifer Hales, and Andrea Jung. Registration contact information is provided: Gaston@604351-0642, E-mail: kizito.ntabaza@issbc.org. The footer includes the ISSofBC logo, the "WelcomeBC" logo, the tagline "Helping immigrants build a future in Canada", the website www.issbc.org, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

**ISSofBC**

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An Overview of Housing Challenges & Emergency Support Programs within the City of Vancouver

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5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

**Where:**  
Online through Zoom  
Registration Mandatory by 24 Nov. 2021

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- An overview of availability and cost of housing in Vancouver and the region, and some key challenges
- General information about rental housing and some key challenges faced by renters
- Available emergency programs that deal with homelessness in Vancouver

**Guest Speakers from City of Vancouver:**

- Allison Lasocha, Planner, Housing Policy (Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability)
- Jennifer Hales, Senior Planner, Renters Office (Arts, Culture & Community Services)
- Andrea Jung, Planner, Homelessness Services (Arts, Culture & Community Services)

For registration, please contact **Gaston@604351-0642**, E-mail: [kizito.ntabaza@issbc.org](mailto:kizito.ntabaza@issbc.org)

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## SVNH Online Programs



*Please join the following group programs on Zoom by clicking the link below.*

- **ESL Conversation Group at 1-3pm on Wednesday**
- **Multicultural Women Peer Mentoring Group at 1-3pm on Friday**
- **Basic Computer Class in partnership with YMCA on Wed and Fri @10-12**

How to join a meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/3955979455>  
(Password to the meeting room provided upon initial registration)

For further details or registration, pls. contact **Kwangyoung**  
(604)324-6212(Ext. 117) / [kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org](mailto:kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org)

# Traditional, Ancestral & Unceded Land Acknowledgement Conversation.



Hello All:

We are having a very interesting conversation around Territorial Acknowledgements. November 17, 2021 9:30 – 11:00 am. The webinar is titled "Traditional, Ancestral & Unceded: A Conversation on Territorial Acknowledgements" and is presented by Fancy Poitras, Indigenous Relations Manager for the City of Burnaby and Rebekah Mahaffey, Social Planner for the City of Burnaby.

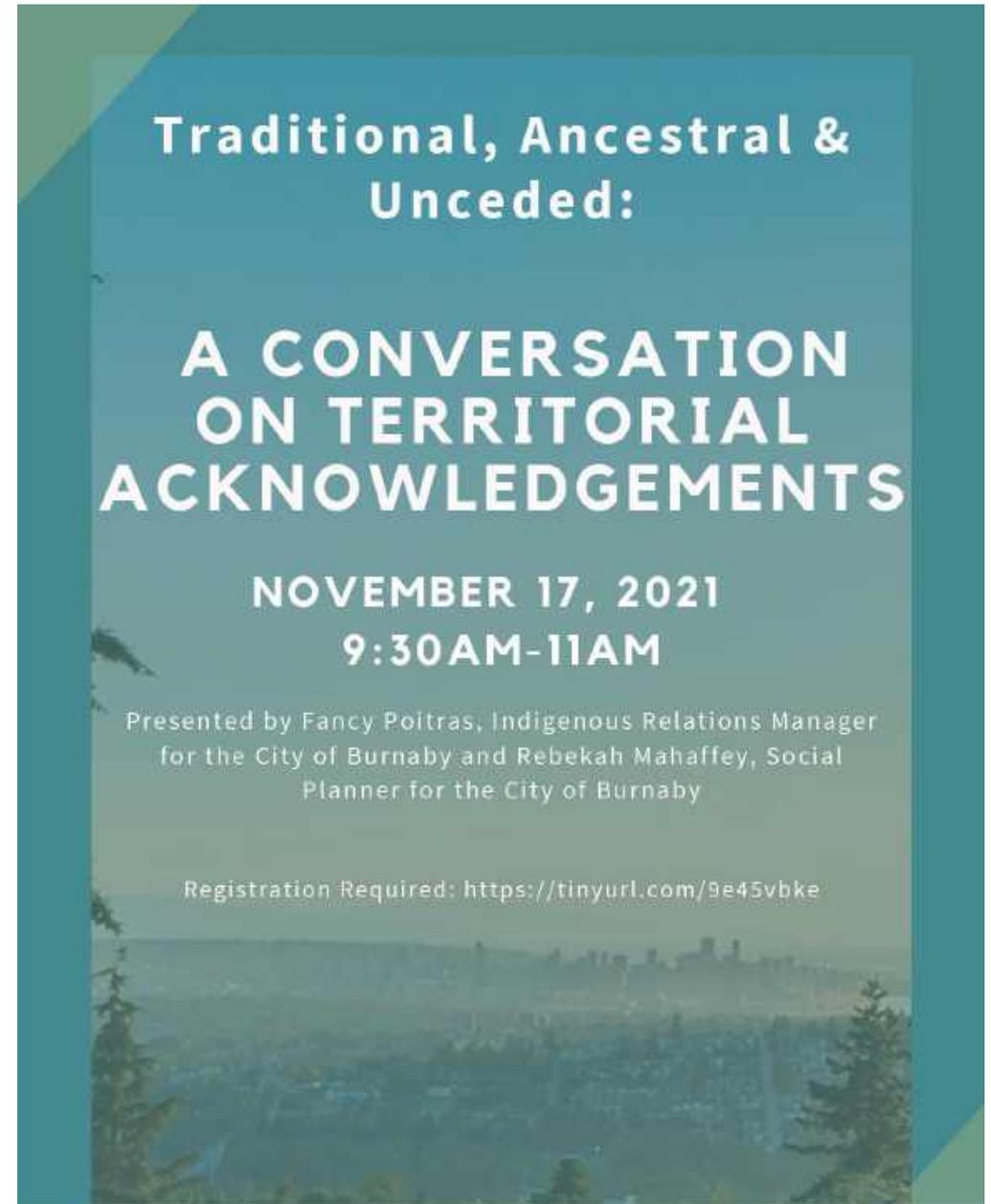
Learn more about the meaning of the land acknowledgements.

Registration is required please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/9e45vbke>

Thanks

**Ana Maria Bustamante**  
**BIPT/ Burnaby LIP Coordinator**  
**Burnaby Together – Coalition Against Racism & Hate Coordinator**

Poster attached also



I just wanted to reach out and update you on our upcoming “In-Person English Conversation Circle” at MOSAIC.

**We wanted to inform everyone that our first session will be postponed to December 6<sup>th</sup>, therefore the registration will remain open until mid of November.**

This year, we are delivering the classes to the wider community, any immigration status within our serving portfolio are welcomed!

For more information on this event, see **attached poster**.

Please feel free to pass on this information to anyone in your network who may be interested in this opportunity.

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

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## In-Person English Conversation Circle (Beginners & Intermediate)

Join us every Tuesday & Thursday starting December 6<sup>th</sup> to:

- Practice your English
- Meet and talk to new people
- Learn more about life in Canada

Beginners Level from 4:30 PM—6:00 PM

Intermediate Level from 6:10 PM—7:40PM

Registration is open until mid of November. To register email

[myu@mosaicbc.org](mailto:myu@mosaicbc.org)



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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Poster Attached also



### Newcomer Women Job Connection program

#### For immigrant women

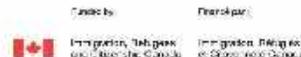
The Newcomer Women Job Connection program is designed to assist immigrant women in finding employment in childcare service settings. The following activities are included.

- 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 and 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](mailto:kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org)





Hello CMS Community Partners,

I am delighted to share that the job posting is now up for the position of [Engagement Strategist](#) for the UBC Centre for Migration Studies.

The Engagement Strategist is responsible for enhancing and expanding reciprocal and equitable relationships for collaboration with community partners focused on research, advocacy, and capacity building.

The role will provide advising and consultation around the development of collaborative, co-developed research with underserved communities and organizations, provide guidance for knowledge exchange, settlement sector staff training, and advocacy for newcomer youth in accessing post-secondary education.

Please take a moment to share this opportunity with anyone you think may be well suited to this dynamic part-time, two-year appointment position.

Web Link: [https://ubc.wd10.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ubcstaffjobs/job/UBC-Vancouver-Campus/Engagement-Strategist\\_JR4917](https://ubc.wd10.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ubcstaffjobs/job/UBC-Vancouver-Campus/Engagement-Strategist_JR4917)

With many thanks,

Sandra Schinnerl

Manager, Programs and Initiatives (Acting)

**Centre for Migration Studies** | Faculty of Arts

The University of British Columbia | Vancouver | Musqueam Traditional Territory

1855 West Mall | Vancouver BC | V6T 1Z2 Canada



**The Cultch**

**For Tickets Contact Box Office: 604-251-1363**

<https://thecultch.com/contact/box-office/>

**Box Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 12 PM- 4 PM**

**Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7:30**

**Thursday, November 4 at 7:30**

**Friday, November 5 at 7:30**

**Saturday, November 6 at 2 pm and 7:30**

**Sunday, November 7 at Noon**

**(Historic, live streaming first week November)**

Ruby Slippers Theatre Premiere Production presented by The Cultch.

## **'we the same' by Sangeeta Wylie**

Inspired by a true story, a Vietnamese family flee Saigon in 1979 by boat. Forty years later, a mother finally shares their tale with her daughter. A multicultural journey through reality, fantasy, and the supernatural utilizing ritual dance, shadow play, live music, and animation.

**Written by** Sangeeta Wylie

**Featuring:**

Elizabeth Thai, Grace Le, Chris Lam, Brandy Le, Quynh Mi, Khaira Ledeyo

**Directed by** Diane Brown and Patricia Trinh

**Cultural Consultants** Minh-Ngoc, Stella Nhung Davis, and Tammy Le-Son

**Design by** Shanghan Chien, Chimerik Collective

**Live Musical Composer** Vi An Diep

**Choreography by** Shanny Rann

**Costume Designer** Melicia Zaini

**Puppets Created by** Mark Parlett and Jamie Skidmore

**Stage Manager** Susan Currie

**Assistant Stage Manager** Taylor MacKinnon

# ***Radical Diversity – An International discussion on colonial practices, structures and discourses and strategies to disrupt them***

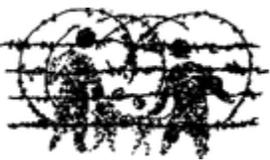
**November 4th, 2021  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

Join us for the virtual **Ziegler Lecture Series**, featuring **Riel Dupuis-Rossi, Max Czollek** and **Mohamed Amjahid**.

This talk is co-sponsored by the Centre for Migration Studies Narratives Group.

**Abstract:** As part of UBC's Narratives Research Group's 2021/22 Lecture Series on [Indigenous Presence and Representation in European Studies](#), co-organized by [Elizabeth Nijdam](#) and [Markus Hallensleben](#), this will be one of two panels on Radical Diversity featuring Berlin-based writers Max Czollek and Mohamed Amjahid in conversation with Riel Dupuis-Rossi, a locally based educator in decolonization and psychotherapist for Indigenous people. The second panel on Radical Diversity – An International Discussion of Transformative Narratives from an Indigenous, Jewish and Immigrant Perspective, will take place on January 20, 2022, at 11am PT, with Indigenous filmmaker Jules Koostachin and **LGBTQ+ Support Worker Kristi Pinderi who immigrated from Albania**.



Canadian Council for Refugees  
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés



We are really pleased to announce that **registration for CCR's Fall Virtual Consultation is now open!**

### **Registration tips and tricks**

Below are a few indications that will help make your registration process as smooth as possible:

- If you are registering several people at once, please note that **you will need each person's email address to fill in the tickets.**
- **Someone can register people even if they are not attending the Consultation.** They will need to fill in their own details during registration for payment references.
- **We strongly encourage members to buy "Full Consultation" tickets to attend 2 or more sessions** as it will allow you to participate in all the workshops/caucuses and Working Group meetings. That said, a person may purchase a maximum of one (1) single ticket should they wish to attend one session only.

If you have any trouble or questions, please email [consultation@ccrweb.ca](mailto:consultation@ccrweb.ca).

**Click on the registration button to access the registration form**



### **Participate in the event**

Once payment has been received, each participant will receive a detailed email on how to participate in the event (when to log in and how to access the event portal, where one can find the sessions links...).

## REPEATS

## AFGHANISTAN NEWS

### MOSAIC LEGAL ADVOCATE FOCUSED ON AFGHANISTAN

Hello! My name is Mssko Wakil, and I am the new Legal Advocate with the MOSAIC Legal Advocacy Program. I am designated to assist with Afghan family reunification.

Please contact me at:

**Mssko Wakil (she/her/hers)**

Legal Advocate

Legal Advocacy Program

Tuesday-Friday

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**Windmill to collaborate with other organizations to support Afghan refugees**

After seeing the recent events unfolding in Afghanistan and having staff and clients with family and loved ones there, Windmill wanted to find a way to work with local agencies in supporting Afghan refugees arriving in Canada.

We understand how important it's to support refugees in their challenging resettlement journey and decided to take action by becoming a founding partner of Lifeline Afghanistan.

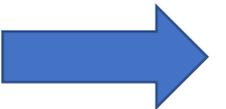
[LEARN MORE](#)

Dearest people,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Fatima Haidari; I am 23 years old. I recently participated in MAP's 'Afghans in Search of a Home' In Focus presentation. I belong to the Hazara ethnic group and am from Afghanistan where I left when I was only 17 years old as an unaccompanied minor and made it to Canada as a refugee claimant. Currently, I am a Canadian Permanent Resident living in Victoria BC. I am a 4th year student at Simon Fraser University in BC.

The current crisis in Afghanistan has impacted so many lives and displaced many people including my own family. After the Taliban took Kabul, I helped my family escape to Pakistan. Since August 14th/2021, I have been working hard to find a way to get my family to a safe place. Being Shia and Hazara puts my family at greater risk as Hazara people have been persecuted for over 100 years. My stress levels are high and my sleep has been really disrupted but I am determined to find help for my family because I strongly believe in humanity and the power of collective work for this cause.

My mother, father, and five sisters and brothers are in urgent need of resettlement to Canada. They depend on me for support. I have not included my father's picture for security reasons as he is still stuck in Kabul. I meet the other criteria to sponsor my family to Canada, but I need financial support to make that happen. To start, it would take \$50,000 Canadian Dollars (\$40,000 USD) to sponsor 6 of them. These funds will be used for one year's living expenses for my family once they get to Canada. Important note, when donating, please include the message as "donation for family sponsorship". Because of sponsorship requirements, I am not able to raise funds through GoFundMe. Therefore, you can send the donation directly to my email at [fatimaakbari98@gmail.com](mailto:fatimaakbari98@gmail.com); I already talked to TD Bank and set up an account for this fundraising.



## ***How can you help me?***

1. You can donate to this link
2. Sharing this link and my interviews with your network
3. For people who live in Victoria BC, you can help by becoming part of my Sponsor group. I am looking for 8 people who can be part of my sponsor group. Anyone who is a Canadian PR or Citizen can be part of the Sponsor group for resettling my family - I can provide further details. Also, if you are someone who has a place to accommodate my family for a year, that is a huge help.

Contact me via email at [fatimaakbari98@gmail.com](mailto:fatimaakbari98@gmail.com)

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Twitter account: @fatimahaidarii

I also have included a link to my interview with Dave Lee: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HKANBYlycs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HKANBYlycs>

[Preview YouTube video Fatima Haidari: My Family's Escape From Afghanistan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HKANBYlycs)



*BC4Afghans has passed along this opportunity to support:*

A fundraising gala dinner for Afghan children and families to survive the winter called "**A Window to an Afghan Heart**" is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2021.

The gala is organized by [Children Without Borders](#)\*

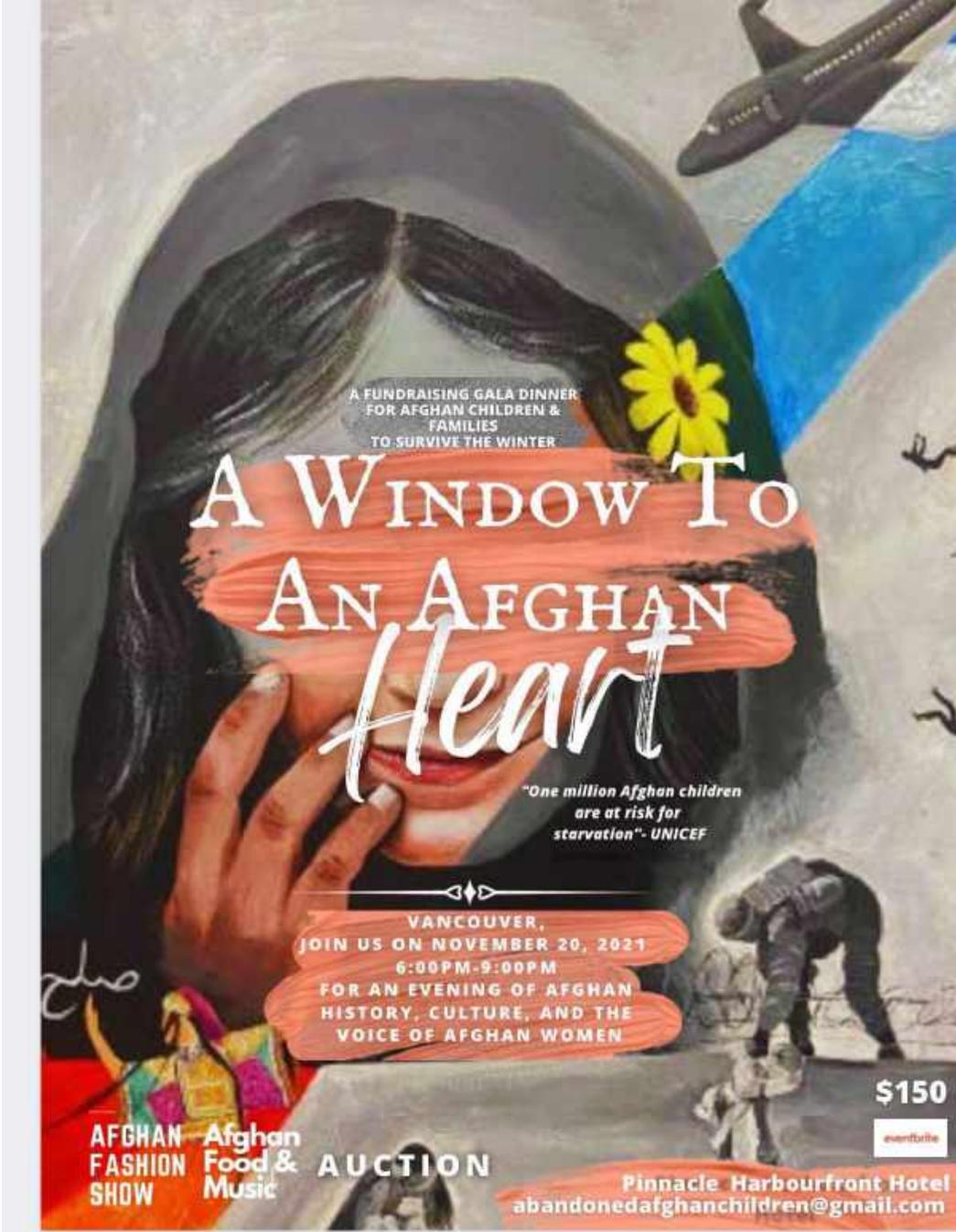
Tickets can be purchased on [eventbrite](#).  
The event organizers are looking for corporate sponsors at this time.

\* Funds raised and any donations will go to Children Without Borders: an Afghan-led organization that is providing urgent humanitarian support and aid to the people of Afghanistan.

*The gala is being promoted as follows:*

**"A Window to an Afghan Heart - a fundraising gala dinner for Afghan children and families to survive the winter. Join us for an evening of Afghan history, culture, music, poetry, and the voice of Afghan women."**

**Poster Attached**



Hello MAP members,

The North Shore Multicultural Society has been going through a rebranding process, and we would like to introduce our new name, which is **Impact North Shore**. Please see the announcement letter from our Executive director, Wendy McCulloch, attached.

Our website is also brand new, feel free to have a look: <https://impactnorthshore.ca/>

We have some wonderful programs and workshops coming up that welcome Refugee Claimants:



**Canadian Workplace Culture (Farsi)**

Thursday, October 21

Join this workshop to learn about cultural differences in the Canadian workplace.



**Mental Health and Psychological Considerations During Covid-19 (Farsi)**

Thursday, October 28

Join this workshop to learn more about self-care, mental health, coping strategies and relaxation techniques.

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**BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) (Farsi)**

Tuesday, November 23

Learn about provincial health insurance in BC.

To register, please send an email to the contact person mentioned in the flyers.

Live on BC Bid: **Call for Responses: Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants - CFR22MUNI06** (previously emailed to MAP members)

Dear Stakeholders,

Please be advised that a Call for Responses **CFR22MUNI06** has been [posted on BC Bid](#) outlining how to submit a response for the approximately \$8.78M funding for Career Paths to provide labour market and language services to Skilled Immigrants and Refugees.

Questions concerning this procurement will be collected and responses posted publicly on BC Bid. Please see the CFR for more information on how to submit an enquiry. We encourage you to review the call documents and submit questions early to assist your preparation of a response. **All questions should be submitted to [PROCECON@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PROCECON@gov.bc.ca)**

To find the CFR on [BC Bid](#):

1. Browse for the opportunity under the organization “Ministry of Municipal Affairs” and click on the link.
2. Go to the folder “Supplier Attachments Exist” to download the documents.

For more information and resources on participating in a procurement process, please see the resources at [this link](#).

Thank you,

Immigrant Integration Unit  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs



## PCN Event Summary: Overcoming Stigmatic Barriers

On September 29, community partners including Family Physicians, Fraser Health, community organizations and the City of Surrey came together to discuss stigmatic barriers to accessing health care and how we might begin to overcome them. The conversation was productive and will contribute positively to the ongoing work of improving access to safe care in Surrey and North Delta.

To read the event summary, [click the link](#)

## Add Your Organization to Our Pathways Community Services Directory

The Pathways Community Services Directory has launched!

Pathways is a provincial and local tool that helps physicians and individuals to connect with the health and community services that can best serve them.

Would you like to join the Pathways Community Services Directory for Surrey-North Delta? An invitation to do so will be on its way soon! Keep an eye on your inbox. [Click here to learn more about Pathways.](#)

## 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](#).

Hello All:

The **Burnaby Primary Care Network** is organizing the [Stigmatic Barriers mini-conference](#) on November 5<sup>th</sup> between 12-4:30 pm.

Stigma plays a huge role in how people interact with systems and services, and how they are treated by providers. It affects how and whether they can access services in the first place, and the level of care they receive. Every person has internal biases, some they are aware of and some they are not, often stemming from the way they were raised or how they have interacted with others in the community. Bringing awareness to these biases is a small step towards addressing stigma in Burnaby. This session will bring an opportunity to create a dialogue of community organizations, allied health, service providers and family doctors to talk about how we can best address stigma.

Please register [here](#).

Also, this is an opportunity to share stories of stigmatization (discrimination, racism) faced by residents in Burnaby. [We have created a form](#) that can be filled out anonymously, though if people are interested in sharing contact info they can, and I could connect with them if they would like to participate during the mini-conference. [Share a Story](#)

Thanks

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I'm pleased to share that today (Oct 19), a new national campaign - **#WelcomeToCanada** - has been launched by **Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch**, following our [report](#) about immigration detention in Canada that we published in June.

As part of the campaign we are urging the provincial authorities to cancel the contracts they have with the federal government allowing for immigration detainees to be incarcerated in provincial jails.

We have prepared a [social media toolkit](#), and have copied some sample posts in English and French below. You can also view our press release on the campaign in [English](#) and [French](#). Finally, our microsite with options for taking action can be viewed here: [www.welcometo-canada.org](http://www.welcometo-canada.org).

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in promoting this campaign across your networks!

#### **Sample social media in English:**

- @AmnestyNow and @hrw are partnering to go coast to coast calling on Canada's provincial leaders to cancel their immigration detention contracts, starting with British Columbia. Their new campaign is called #WelcomeToCanada. [welcometo-canada.org](http://welcometo-canada.org)
- Call on your provincial leaders to CANCEL their immigration detention contracts with the federal government and stop jailing people seeking safety or a better life in YOUR province. Take action now. #WelcomeToCanada [welcometo-canada.org](http://welcometo-canada.org)
- Canada! Known for its vast natural landscapes 🐻, hockey 🏒, and...immigration detention!?! 🏠 Every year, #Canada detains thousands on immigration-related grounds. Take action now: [welcometo-canada.org](http://welcometo-canada.org) #WelcomeToCanada

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