



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 101

October 20, 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 Meeting October 28 at 9:30 am** - Join us to hear presentations from Rainbow Refugee Society and a team of urban researchers about LGBTQI programs available at Rainbow and housing challenges, and opportunities, confronting LGBTQI refugees in metro Vancouver. Updates from the IRB as well as some important news from many of our members and our projects. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scOGopjwpEtT3Sn8wU7EXPc90EyD1njtH>  
The Agenda is included in this bulletin
- The full recording of '**Afghans in Search of a Home**' – a MAP In Focus initiative in partnership with MOSAIC, Burnaby Neighbourhood House, Beacon of Hope for Afghan Children and the Information Working Group is now available on vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/636964888> as well as on MAP's website with supporting information at <https://mapbc.org/afghans-in-search-of-a-home-crisis-awareness-and-welcoming-refugees-to-a-brighter-future/> Please share with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to support Afghan families trying to come to Canada. You can see Fatima's story in this bulletin.
- There will be no bulletin on October 27 – the next issue will be November 3. Please send information mindful of that date. Thank you.

### OTHER NEWS INSIDE:

**North Shore Multicultural Society has re-birthed as Impact North Shore! See details inside and explore their new [website](#).**

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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.

Jenny Lam, Thanh Lam - and the other Jenny!

**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)**

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Legal Advocacy Program

Tuesday-Friday

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## Settlement & Integration Program

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



## جلسه اطلاع رسانی در مورد واکنش کانادا به بحران پناهجویان افغان

تاریخ: ۲۲ اکتبر ۲۰۲۱  
زمان: ۳ بعد از ظهر تا ۵ بعد از ظهر به صورت آنلاین

- تمرکز و اطلاع رسانی این جلسه است در رابطه با:
- برنامه دولت کانادا در ارتباط با بحران مهاجرین افغان
  - افغانهایی که در کانادا درخواست پناهندگی دارند
  - چه همکاری دفتر BNH میتواند انجام دهد
  - معرفی کارها و برنامههای BC4Afghans

جلسه اطلاع رسانی از طریق زوم توسط آرمان زمانی.

Settlement Case Manager  
with Burnaby Neighbourhood House  
(BNH). ارائه می شود. برای شرکت در جلسه ثبت نام الزامی است.

جهت ثبت نام با شماره و یا ایمیل زیر تماس بگیرید:

[ArmanZ@BurnabyNH.ca](mailto:ArmanZ@BurnabyNH.ca)  
Contact # (604) 657-2163

[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 Tsleil-Waututh (salilwətaʔ), Kwikwetlem (kʷikʷələm), Squamish (Skwəwúʔmesh Uxwumixw) and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

## Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Previously circulated (available below) in English

INFORMATION SESSION ON AFGHAN FAMILY REUNIFICATION  
October 22

Poster in Dari is attached also



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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 in partnership with [Children Without Borders](#)\*.

Tickets can be purchased on [eventbrite](#).

The event organizers are looking for corporate sponsors at this time.

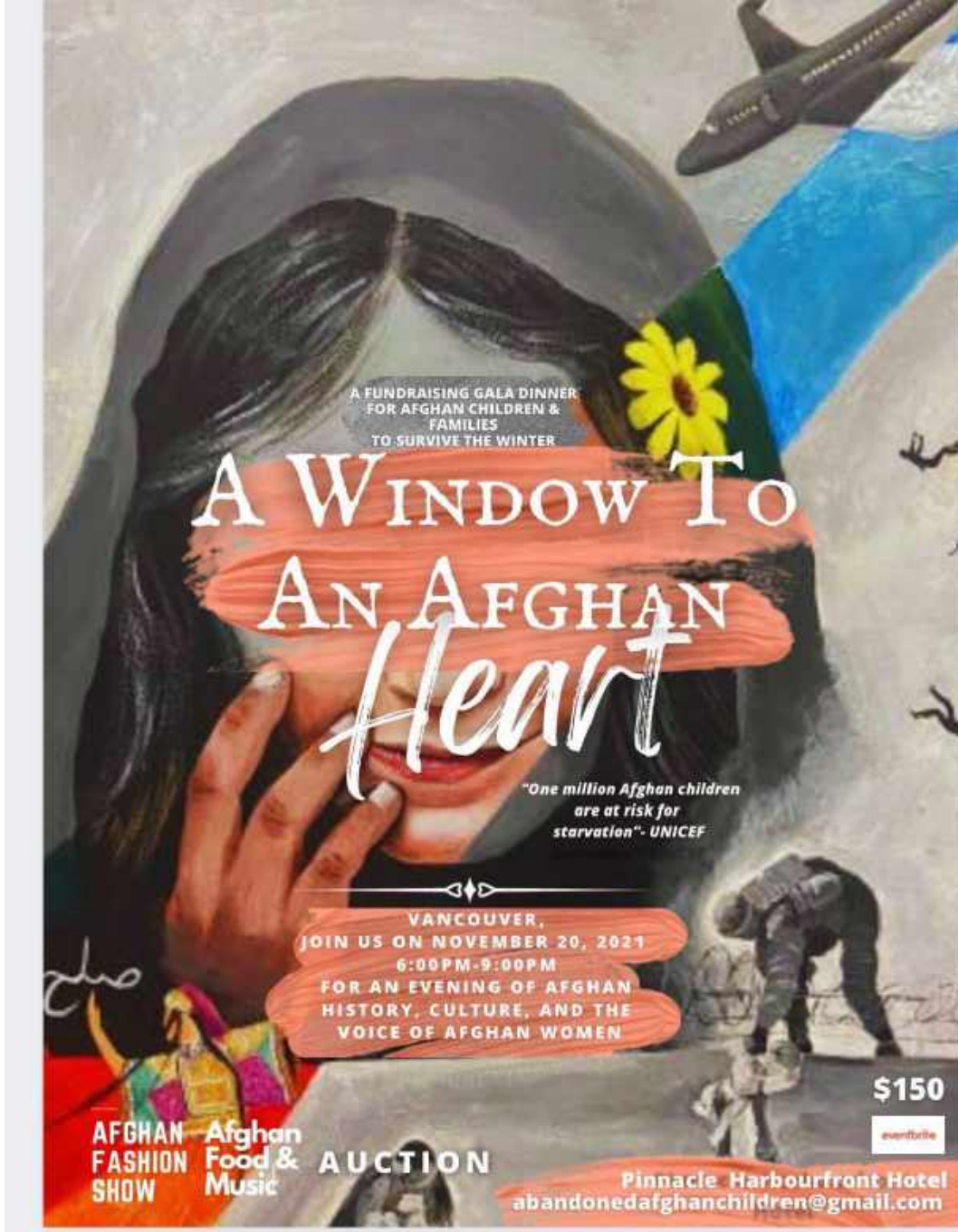
\* Funds raised and any donations will go to Children Without Borders: an Afghan-led organization that is providing urgent humanitarian support and aid to the people of Afghanistan.

*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**







**MAP Meeting Agenda**  
Thursday, October 28, 2021: 9:30AM – 12:00PM

Online meeting via Zoom

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- 9:30AM** Welcome from Co-Chair: Jenny Lam / Options
- Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions
  - Housekeeping and Outline of Agenda
  - Review of September Minutes
  - Announcements: - IRB Updates
- 9:45 AM** Presentations:
- 1) **Introducing Rainbow Refugee programs and services**  
Presenters: **Aleks Dughman Manzur: Program Director Rainbow Refugee Society**  
**Nazanin Moghadami: Support Manager Rainbow Refugee Society**  
Followed by a Q&A session
- 2) **Rainbow Housing: Challenges and Solutions to Housing LGBTQI+ Refugees in Metro Vancouver**  
Presenters: **Garfield Hunter: Urban social equity planning research consultant**  
**Jose Fernandez Garcia: Urban Community Planner and Research Consultant**  
Also followed by the opportunity for questions and sharing.
- 10:45 AM** Break: take your break with friends in a breakout room.  
Choose one of: LGBTQ+ refugee claimant issues / Settlement / Housing
- 11:15 AM** Reconvene
- 11:20 AM** BC Refugee Hub: Quantitative and qualitative update on Refugee Claimants in the Lower Mainland – Bahar Taheri
- 11:25 AM** Report on BC CHARMS: Housing Referral Project – Jackie Sarvini: MOSAIC
- 11:30 AM** Report back from Emergency Task Force – Barry Growe
- 11:35 AM** Agency Updates concerning refugee claimants only please
- 11:45 AM** Feedback Poll – please complete before you leave!
- 11:55 AM** Adjournment – Next meeting: November 25 online.
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MAP gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MUNI)

Agenda attached also

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.



**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.



LEGAL INFORMATION  
WORKSHOP SERIES

# New Provincial Family Court Rules/Process



The presentation will highlight the new provincial court rules in Family Law, and how to help self representatives navigate those rules.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 5:30 PM

**PRESENTER:**  
Jasmeet Mangat  
Lawyer at Ylaw Group in  
Surrey and Vancouver



**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Joanny Martinez  
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604-999-0625

## Legal Information Workshop Series: New Provincial Family Court Rules/Process meeting.

When: Oct 27, 2021 05:30 PM Vancouver

Feel free to share with your colleagues and any clients who may be interested.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://optionsbc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAscu6rrTosGty2P5rNOgY7nVITiJtNBo6u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thank you!

**Joanny Marcela Martinez**  
Newcomer Employment Program  
BC Settlement and Integration Services  
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Office Phone: (604) 954 1009



**POSTER ATTACHED**

**Settlement & Integration Program**

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## Childcare Resources & Benefits in BC

### BC省儿童看护资源及福利

(Mandarin Workshop 中文在线讲座)

**Date 日期:** October 27, 2021 (10月27日)  
**Time 时间:** 19:00 (晚上七点)

**China Time 中国时间:**  
 10:00am October 28, 2021  
 10月28日上午10:00

**Register 报名:**



**Scan (扫描二维码):**

**This session includes:**

- Types of Child Care in BC
- Affordable Child Care Benefits
- Child Care Referral Services

**讲座内容包括:**

- BC省儿童看护服务类型
- 可负担儿童看护福利
- 儿童看护转介服务

**Service in Mandarin/普通话咨询: 236-877-2616**

**WWW.BURNABYNH.CA**

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community action and non-profit funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsel-Watwetsit/Skwikwaka'wakw, Sts'ailex, Squamish, Esowet'num, Okanagan and Musqueam (Squamish) nations. All of our unique local relationships support the initiatives.

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Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Session October 27 in Mandarin

Childcare resources and benefits in BC

Register by scanning Q-code – **Poster attached also**

On October 26, we are hosting an employment opportunities event for newcomers. We have six employers who will be speaking on their job openings. Those attending will be able to ask questions directly the acquisition talent of this amazing companies.

Registration is required <https://yinyurl.com/a264pfz5>

Please help us spread the word and share this within your networks and staff.

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



ARE YOU NEW TO CANADA AND  
LOOKING FOR A JOB OPPORTUNITY?

**WE'RE LOOKING**

**FOR YOU**

COME MEET AND TALK WITH EMPLOYERS  
HIRING IN METRO VANCOUVER

OCTOBER 26TH, 2021  
9AM-11AM

Registration Required: <https://tinyurl.com/a264pfz5>

**MICROSERVE** **Evolution** **HSBC**

**STEMCELL™** **amazon**

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

**Andrea Creamer** (she/her)

**PCN Community Engagement Coordinator**

Burnaby Primary Care Networks [www.burnabypcn.ca](http://www.burnabypcn.ca)

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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!

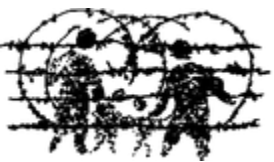
#### **Sample social media in English:**

- @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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Canadian Council for Refugees  
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés



Fall Virtual Consultation  
Welcoming newcomers with open borders

29 Nov. - 3 Dec. 2021

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

### Help reunite an Afghan family

**Khatira volunteered with MAP in 2019 and 2020 to share her story, her art and her mission for young girls in Afghanistan through MAP's World Refugee Day. Now she needs our help.**

**MAP Co-chair Thanh Lam has launched a GoFundMe page to help Khatira and her sister support their family to safety. See details below as well as photos of Khatira and some examples of her art that is for sale. ([see more here](#))**



My name is Thanh and I work in community with newcomers and youth/young adults, in particular refugees due to my own family's experience with war and forced displacement.

Refugee protection and status are not afforded equitably and the road to safety is not universally secured. Right now, in Afghanistan, there are people needing a pathway to safety and to reconnect with their family members in Canada.

I am therefore currently fundraising on behalf of two Afghan sisters living in Vancouver who are desperately needing to locate and reunite with their family in Afghanistan.

**We need funds to support the legal process of reuniting and sponsoring the sister's parents, sister, and brother.**

**We also need an emergency fund to support the on the ground contacting and support of the parents, sister, and brother who have been displaced in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Any funds raised will provide an emergency fund for the sisters to assist with their family members, as well as to support them during this difficult time.**

I have kept details limited to respect confidentiality, but any donation amount will assist this family in securing safety.

With gratitude, Thanh Lam & MAP BC Support Khatira at: <https://gofund.me/22f76ec3>



Poster attached

located on the traditional  
unceded territories of  
Coast Salish Nations

## **AN INFORMATION SESSION ON CANADA'S RESPONSE TO AFGHAN REFUGEE CRISIS**

**DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2021**  
**TIME: 3PM-5PM ONLINE**

This virtual session will be in Dari  
and intended for the Afghan  
community. It will focus on:

- Updates on the current Canadian response to Afghan refugees from abroad
- Inland refugee claimants
- Available settlement support
- Introduction to BC4Afghans volunteer initiative

Information session is presented via  
Zoom by Arman Zamani, Settlement  
Case Manager with Burnaby  
Neighbourhood House. Registration  
is required.

To register please contact:

**ArmanZ@Burnabynh.ca**  
**Contact # (604) 657-2163**

My law colleague, Anver Emon, is also director of the Institute for Islamic studies at University of Toronto. He has put together an excellent series of short video presentations on different aspects of the current crisis in Afghanistan, including a terrific one by refugee lawyer Naseem Mithoowani on resettlement.

<https://islamicstudies.artsci.utoronto.ca/the-crisis-in-afghanistan-teaching-to-the-conflict/>

Audrey Macklin, Director Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies  
Professor and Rebecca Cook Chair in Human Rights, Faculty of Law  
University of Toronto

PDF also attached

## READY Tours

Fall READY Tour dates available! Please see the information alongside and in the attached PDF with the upcoming dates and some instructions on referrals.

Please share the information

Sophia Underhill  
READY Tour Coordinator



Upcoming READY Tour Dates  
Vancouver  
October - December 2021

Virtual READY Tours on Microsoft Teams will be offered on the following dates:

- October 15th (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am
- October 29th (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am
  
- November 12th (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am
- November 26th (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am
  
- December 10th (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am
- December 22nd (Wednesday) - 9:30-11:30am

### Referral:

To refer a client to the READY Tour please email [ready@refugeeclaim.ca](mailto:ready@refugeeclaim.ca), or go to [www.https://refugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/](https://refugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/).

### Interpretation:

Interpretation can be provided for anyone who requires it. Please indicate in the referral email what language is required.

### Contact:

For more information please contact:

Sophia Underhill  
READY Tour Coordinator  
[ready@refugeeclaim.ca](mailto:ready@refugeeclaim.ca)  
604-328-3132

We can't wait to share with you that our "**English Conversation Circle**" is back for **in-person** classes on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021!**

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

The class is free but registration is required and limited. To register and reserve a spot, please email [myu@mosaicbc.org](mailto:myu@mosaicbc.org)

Please share widely with your clients and your networks who may benefit from these recurring events.

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

(Poster attached)



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

Join us every Tuesday & Thursday starting November 2nd 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 October 26th. To register email [myu@mosaicbc.org](mailto:myu@mosaicbc.org)







**REGISTER TODAY!**

## Digital Security Essentials and Digital Literacy Resources

The BC Refugee Hub is hosting this upcoming training webinar on digital security and digital literacy for newcomer refugees, immigrants and migrants. This session will provide an overview of key principles for digital security for you and your clients and information on how to access eSkills digital literacy resources.

### Topics covered:

- Digital Security Essentials:** Just how important is digital security anyway? (Hint: It's really, really important.) We will explore some common security pitfalls to avoid and give you our top 3 tips for protecting yourself and helping your newcomer and refugee clients protect themselves.
- Digital Literacy Resources:** Do you want free, easy to use resources for your clients? We will explain how to you can access the eSkills free learning activities on digital security.

### Speakers:

- Linda Manimtim, Instructional Designer, Red River College
- Sherry Seymour, eSkills Project Lead and Content Developer, Red River College
- John Allan, Instructional Designer, Red River College

**Date:** October 21, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PST

**Online via Zoom:** Register [HERE](#)

What values / ways-of-being guide your welcome with people who are forcibly displaced and seeking refuge?

Join author Anika Bauman, a panel of former refugee claimant neighbors, and moderator Erin Goheen Glanville, for the launch of: ***Becoming Neighbours: Five Values for a World of Welcome***

Listen as Anika reads from her new book. Attend to the panelists as they tell their personal experiences of becoming neighbours. Explore and reflect on the five values discussed in this story-filled, graciously-illustrated, 81-page book.

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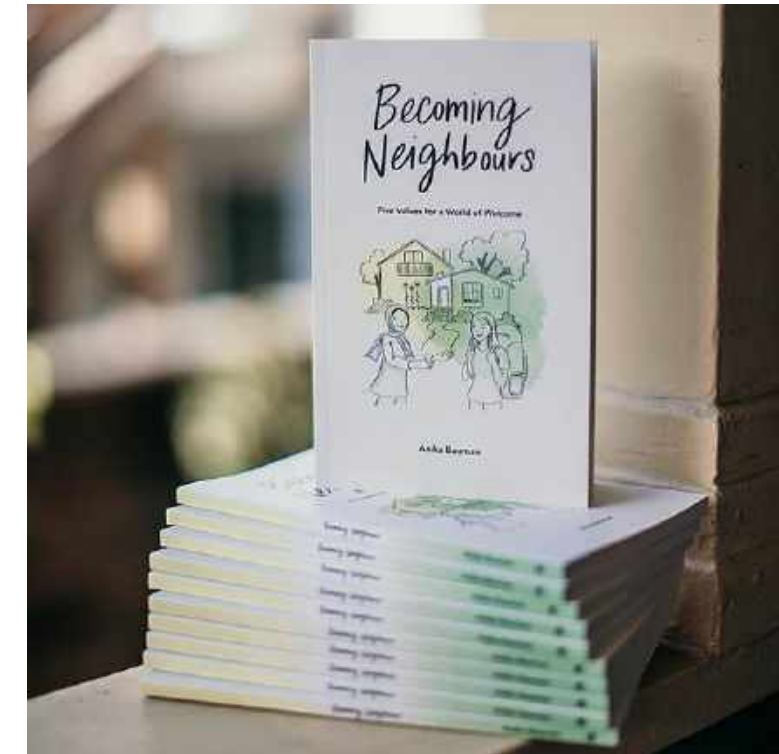
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With a global record 82.4 million people forced from their homes and countries - currently highlighted by the desperate exodus from Afghanistan how do those of us in refugee-welcoming countries respond to this pressing reality even as we acknowledge our shared humanity with people seeking safety?

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