



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 97

September 22, 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

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### **MAP MEETING: Thursday September 23, 9:30 – 12pm**

REGISTER NOW at [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwrd-yqrjktH92zfXMeVYpx-Qcq\\_X\\_dM1pd](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwrd-yqrjktH92zfXMeVYpx-Qcq_X_dM1pd)

#### **Featuring:**

- MAP's role around the Afghan crisis and assistance to families. PLUS: Breakout room discussion on Afghanistan.
- Update on Journey Home Community's Reception Center Project
- Report and Discussion on MAP's Emergency Plan

The meeting is followed by MAP's Housing Working Group meeting at 1pm.

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### **MAP's IN FOCUS #3: AFGHANS IN SEARCH OF A HOME:** crisis awareness and welcoming refugees to a brighter future.

Tuesday October 5, 7pm online - register [here](#)

An update on life in Afghanistan under Taliban rule – how local projects are coping – and what's happening here in BC to provide a welcome to Afghan families reuniting after the violent upheaval.

**All Afghan-Canadian speaker/host roster:** see a full description at <https://mapbc.org/afghans-in-search-of-a-home-crisis-awareness-and-welcoming-refugees-to-a-brighter-future/>

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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 and Richard Belcham - and the other Jenny!

# News highlights:

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

September 22, 2021

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

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

- **“We are lucky”**: first group of Afghan refugees touch down in Vancouver  
Vancouver Sun
- **Dozens of Afghan refugees touch down in BC to begin building new lives**  
CBC
- **Airbnb to allow anyone, not just current hosts, to sign up to house Afghan refugees**  
Tech Crunch
- **What life at a German military base looks like for Afghan refugees en route to U.S. and Canada**  
WBUR
- **200 Afghans, mostly women, escape Afghanistan with help of Canadian charity**  
Canadian Press
- **Biden adds measles to list of diseases that could require quarantine of Afghans**  
National Post
- **Toronto pledges to help Afghan refugees settle in Toronto**  
Radio Canada

## AFGHANISTAN INFORMATION

### MOSAIC Legal Advocacy Program: Position available

*Legal Advocate for Afghan Family Reunification – Contract Position.*

A six-month position at 4 days a week.

Although the posting states that only short-listed candidates will be contacted, I am happy to answer questions.

Miriam Jurigová, Manager & Legal Advocate

Legal Advocacy Program

MOSAIC

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

**Please note the deadline is tight, "September 23 or until the position is filled." We are hoping to fill this position quickly.**

## POSTING ATTACHED





MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents:

# AFGHANS IN SEARCH OF A HOME

Crisis Awareness & Welcoming Refugees to a Brighter Future

Tuesday October 5th, 7:00 PM

Register online:  
[bit.ly/3zWaZjY](https://bit.ly/3zWaZjY)

Questions? Email:  
[info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org)

Join our host **Zarghoona Wakil** from MOSAIC in conversation with:

**Froozan Jooya** - Beacon of Hope for Afghan Children

**Gulalai Habib** - Burnaby Neighbourhood House

**Fatima Haidari** - VAST

Register now to learn about the current situation in Afghanistan and what is needed to provide a welcome to Afghan refugees as they arrive in Canada.



MAP's In Focus Lecture series presents an all Afghan-Canadian panel and host to discuss the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan and Canada's responses.

Pose your questions to the speakers:



HOST:  
Zarghoona  
Wakil:  
MOSAIC



Froozan  
Jooya:  
Beacon of  
Hope for  
Afghan  
Children



Fatima  
Haidari:  
VAST



Gulalai Habib:  
Burnaby  
Neighborhood House

[More info here](#)

**REGISTER**

# THE WHAT, WHY, AND HOW OF RESUMES

A workshop for refugee claimants to learn about resumes, why we need them, and how to write one that will help you get the job!

**September 24,  
10-11:00 AM  
Online via  
Microsoft Teams**

To register connect with  
Monika at 778-344-5415 or  
[refugeeclaimants@archway.ca](mailto:refugeeclaimants@archway.ca)



Provided by Archway Community Services

Poster also attached

## Settlement & Integration Program

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



## CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Guiding Light: Words of wisdom from professionals



SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 FROM 4:30-6:00 PM (ONLINE)

### EPISODE 1: SELF-REFLECTION IN CAREER EXPLORATION

- How should I choose my career path?
- How does self-reflection help me choose my career?
- What should I do if I don't know what I want to do in the future?
- How do skills, passion, interests, values influence career choice?

**GUEST SPEAKER: Chancellor Kingsmyth**  
Youth Employment and Case Worker at Burnaby Neighbourhood House  
Chance has extensive experience supporting youth in their personal and professional development.  
Through his work, Chance has facilitated opportunities where youth can rediscover their strengths to achieve employment and overcome challenges.

For more information or to register, please email [giselab@burnabynh.ca](mailto:giselab@burnabynh.ca)

[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 (salilwataʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwəʔləm), Squamish (Skwəwúʔmesh Uxwumixw) and Musqueam (m̓səq̓əwəyem) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

BURNABY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE presents a creative Career Exploration Program for Youth.

For more information, please contact Gisela at: [GiselaB@burnabynh.ca](mailto:GiselaB@burnabynh.ca)

Poster attached

**Settlement & Integration Program**

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**CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP TEST PREPARATION WORKSHOP**

Join us for a four-day workshop on how to prepare for Canadian Citizenship test  
**Interactive and informative sessions!**

- Session 1- History of Canada (Wed.) Oct. 6, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm
- Session 2- Geographical Regions (Thurs.) Oct. 7, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm
- Session 3- Canada's Government (Wed.) Oct. 13, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm
- Session 4- Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens (Thurs.) Oct. 14, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm

These workshops will be in English with Arabic language support.

A Permanent Resident (PR) card number is required to register. A Zoom link and password to join the session will be sent by email.

To register contact:

English/Arabic: [sihamaa@burnabynh.ca](mailto:sihamaa@burnabynh.ca) #236 877 2617  
English/Tagalog: [avelinad@burnabynh.ca](mailto:avelinad@burnabynh.ca) #236 889 4065

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**Burnaby Neighbourhood House**

**Preparation workshops for the Canadian Citizenship Test in English with interpretation in Arabic in October.**

For more information please contact:

- Blenn (Avelina) at [AvelinaD@burnabynh.ca](mailto:AvelinaD@burnabynh.ca) and/or
- Sihma at [SihamaA@burnabynh.ca](mailto:SihamaA@burnabynh.ca)

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# Two Weeks from Today is the Ride for Refuge 2021! It's not too late to join us in supporting refugees



Would you join us as a Captain or participant?

The Ride for Refuge takes place across Canada on October 2, with the goal of raising 2 million for 80 charities who care for those who are displaced, exploited, persecuted, and abused.

We are there to welcome, house, help settle, and build community with refugee claimants fleeing from danger and persecution.

You will have heard of what is happening in Afghanistan, of the heartache and danger occurring there. This has touched the lives of dozens of Afghan Families who are part of our community and we have done our best to there for them during these challenging days.

The sad reality is Afghan's realities are similar to other tragedies happening in our broken world. We can do something about this.

**We can Be The Welcome families need when they arrive.**

**[REGISTER](#)**

ONLINE WORKSHOP  
For International Students



## Pathways to Permanent Residency for International Students

Thursday, October 7th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Workshop on ZOOM (phone or computer)

- Are you an international student looking to stay longer in Canada after your studies? This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the ways you could achieve that and get your questions answered!
- Guest speakers: Will Tao, Immigration Lawyer  
Harmit Sarai, Immigration Lawyer

To Register: Email [gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org](mailto:gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org)



We are excited to announce that Refugee Settlement and Integration program at MOSAIC will be hosting a FREE online webinar “Pathways to Permanent Residency for International Students” on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We are hoping to provide the wider community of international students with most-updated accelerated pathways to becoming Canadian permanent residents.

The training will be offered virtually via ZOOM.

The session is free, but registration is required. To register, please email [gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org](mailto:gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org)

Please share widely with your clients and your networks who may benefit from this session.

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

Poster in PDF Attached





THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Centre for Student Involvement & Careers

## **Register for UBC Career Day 2021 Virtual Fair**

Interested in hiring UBC talent? Showcase your organization's full-time/part-time/Co-op/volunteer opportunities by registering for **UBC Career Day!**

This event will take place on the **Symplicity (CareersOnline)** platform where you'll be able to host either 1-on-1 sessions with attendees or group sessions, using the video conferencing platform of your choice.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 9th

**TIME:** 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (PDT)

**WHERE:** Symplicity virtual fair platform on UBC CareersOnline

**REGISTRATION:** Register by **September 30** on [CareersOnline](#) for the Early Bird Rate!

**EXHIBITOR PACKAGES:** View the full list of exhibitor packages [here](#).

 **Questions?** Please feel free to reach out to [career.days@ubc.ca](mailto:career.days@ubc.ca). Feel free to check out our [Common FAQs](#) as well.

**Register [here](#). We look forward to "seeing" you at the virtual fair!**



Refugee Research Network

- **RRN Research Digest -  
September 16, 2021**

[Read Digest on Website](#)

The RRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference

## REPEATS

### AFGHANISTAN CRISIS RESOURCES

**IRCC Special Measures page updated Sept 10:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/afghans-canada.html>

**IRCC Figures of those Afghans assisted, Sept 14:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/key-figures.html>

#### **Provided by CCR:**

IRCC has published revised instructions for officers on “Resettlement – Outside country of nationality or habitual residence”.

These instructions explain what to consider when assessing

- the reasons why an applicant fled their country of nationality or habitual residence
- the circumstances when an applicant returned to their country of nationality or habitual residence

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/updates/2021-resettlement-outside-country.html>

**\*\*\*PLUS:** Information and links provided by **CCR from Sept 10 meeting** attached – thanks to Janet Dench and CCR for granting permission to share these valuable resources.

**UNHCR Canada** – information available: <https://help.unhcr.org/canada/family-reunification/>

Please see the link below for a survey being conducted on the barriers that people face to accessing government services. This information will help inform the approach to race-based data collection.

[https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism/data?fbclid=IwAR3S8RPExy\\_k1Nr0nG-TZuzk2StjPUwhWny9yT6qG5zD5vsa4h9Fuq4ye98](https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism/data?fbclid=IwAR3S8RPExy_k1Nr0nG-TZuzk2StjPUwhWny9yT6qG5zD5vsa4h9Fuq4ye98) (need to open in Chrome or Edge).

Further, this link connects to an opportunity for those who would like to do community consultations:  
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism/community-grant-information/>

Thanks,

**Joni Rose**

Senior Program Advisor  
Immigration Policy and Integration Branch  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

# FALL 2021 EVENTS

SEPT  
10-19

**THE GOOD DAUGHTER**  
2021 VANCOUVER  
TAIWANESE FILM FESTIVAL

SEPT  
26

**DR. ANTJE ZIETHEN**  
REVERSE DIASPORA: THE  
"BRAZILIANS" IN WEST AFRICA

SEPT  
28

**DR. TAMSIN BARBER**  
MODERN SLAVERY AND  
CONSTRUCTIONS OF  
UNDOCUMENTED VIETNAMESE  
MIGRATION IN THE UK

OCT  
4

**DR. JUSTIN GEST**  
MAJORITY MINORITY: BOOK  
TALK

OCT  
13

**DR. LAN ANH HOANG**  
MIGRATION WITHOUT MOBILITY:  
VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS IN  
RUSSIA

OCT  
15

**ROUNDTABLE**  
DR. ANTJE ELLERMANN'S  
"THE COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
OF IMMIGRATION"

OCT  
19

**DR. MARTIN CARVER**  
GENETICS AND MEMORIALS:  
PEOPLE AND THEIR  
REMEMBRANCE IN BYZANTINE,  
ISLAMIC AND NORMAN SICILY

NOV  
1

**DR. MARIE SANDBERG**  
TITLE TBA

NOV  
9

**DR. CHINMAY TUMBE**  
MIGRATION AND PANDEMICS

SEPT  
20

**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**  
UBC CENTRE FOR MIGRATION  
STUDIES, C.K. CHOI BUILDING

SEPT  
24

**DR. DAVID W. ANTHONY**  
HOW ANCIENT DNA REVIVED  
ANCIENT MIGRATIONS IN  
ARCHAEOLOGY

SEPT  
29

**PRE-CONFERENCE**  
MIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP  
SECTION APSA

OCT  
7

**DR. CAROLINE LENETTE**  
ARE PARTICIPATORY ARTS-  
BASED METHODS CULTURALLY  
SAFE?

OCT  
14

**RADICAL DIVERSITY**  
DISRUPTING CURRENT COLONIAL  
PRACTICES AND STRUCTURES IN  
THE IMMIGRATION AND NON-  
PROFIT SECTOR

OCT  
18

**SYMPOSIUM**  
MIGRATION DYNAMICS OF  
NORTH AMERICA BEFORE,  
DURING, AND AFTER COVID-19

OCT  
20 & 22

**WORKSHOP**  
DR. PE METAWE BOARD GAME

NOV  
4

**RADICAL DIVERSITY**  
A(N INTERNATIONAL) DISCUSSION  
OF TRANSFORMATIVE NARRATIVE  
FROM AN INDIGENOUS, JEWISH  
AND IMMIGRANT PERSPECTIVE

NOV  
23

**ANDREA SOLNES AND DIANA  
JEFFRIES**  
THE CO-CREATED STORY PROJECT

Poster also attached

## UBC CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES Events and Programs

CMS has a busy fall term packed with more than 20 events and counting. Visit [migration.ubc.ca/events](https://migration.ubc.ca/events) to RSVP and to see the latest updates and schedule.

For the complete Migration Studies newsletter go to:  
<https://mailchi.mp/951c297272b9/june-update-5652316?e=9fba11ae0c>





**[Open Call for Applications:](#)**  
**[The UBC Centre for Migration Studies Community Advisory Board](#)**

*Applications due: October 15, 2021 - For wide distribution in British Columbia*

The UBC Centre for Migration Studies is seeking interested individuals from community-organizations and service providing agencies that work with immigrants and refugees in British Columbia to become members of its Community Advisory Board in the fall of 2021. A diverse mix of Community Advisory Board members is being sought to guide the priorities and research initiatives of the Centre for Migration Studies. In exchange for their service, members will have the opportunity to build networks of relationships with fellow experts and leaders in issues relating to the experiences of immigrants and refugees across the province.

Currently, an open application process is being held by the Centre for Migration Studies to invite expressions of interest. **Applications can be completed by filling in and submitting our online expression of interest form at: <https://bit.ly/CommunityAdvisoryBoard>**

More information? Click on the link in the Open Call above



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés  
Canadian Council for Refugees

For CCR Members:

We will be holding a virtual meeting on issues for refugee claimants on **Tuesday 5 October** - one of our regular quarterly meetings.

Virtual meeting on refugee claimants

**When:** Tuesday 5 October 2021

11am Pacific

The meeting will last 60 minutes.

Register here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-yqqzgoG9eWJeWmuGHTxxx6\\_ULUGzqR](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-yqqzgoG9eWJeWmuGHTxxx6_ULUGzqR)



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés  
Canadian Council for Refugees

The CCR is inviting members to join us to share memories of [Francisco Rico-Martinez](#) and pay tribute to a longstanding, visionary leader of the CCR at a virtual session on **Thursday September 23**.

## MEETING DETAILS

**When:** Thursday 23 September 2021  
2 pm Pacific  
The meeting will last 60 minutes.

Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtf-isqjMuGN3AFw6mvgAQ67fhtn3...>

## Updates on Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP)

On October 5, Vancouver City Council will decide on one of CEAP's gamechanger actions, the [Climate Emergency Parking Program](#). Please watch for an invitation from me to a network webinar coming up later in September, where our policy staff will give a briefing of what's headed to Council on October 5.

### From the network

Starting September 1, [children 12 and under can ride TransLink services free](#). This new program supports Big Move 2 - ensuring 2/3 of trips in Vancouver are by active transportation and transit by 2040 - by making it easier and more affordable for families to get around car-free. Learn more by visiting TransLink's website, and feel free to share this news with your networks.

### Current opportunities to engage with and amplify CEAP

1. The City is expanding its [School Streets program](#), which reduces traffic and carbon pollution by designating blocks adjacent to schools for walking, biking, and rolling during school pick-up and drop-off times. In its pilot year, 29% of families at participating schools reported driving less.

The pilot is continuing during the 2021-22 school years at Hastings Elementary, Lord Roberts Elementary and Van Horne Elementary schools, and is [taking volunteers for these locations](#).

Staff are also seeking to expand the program further – please [share this survey](#) if you know of any schools interested.

[https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/school-streets.aspx?utm\\_campaign=School-Streets&utm\\_medium=Vanity&utm\\_source=School-Streets\\_Vanity](https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/school-streets.aspx?utm_campaign=School-Streets&utm_medium=Vanity&utm_source=School-Streets_Vanity)

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