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Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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CUSTOMIZED
EMPLOYMENT
SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE
CLAIMANTS

BC SETTLEMENT & INTEGRATION SERVICES
UNIT 4—13634 104 AVENUE, SURREY
NEAR SURREY CENTRE SKY TRAIN STATION

604.954.0484

CUSTOMIZED EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AVAILABLE

- Apply for a work permit
- Apply for a social insurance number
- Information about the labour market
- Job Search Workshop
- Resume Writing workshops
- Meeting Employers Event
- Support to access BC Income Assistance program
- Connections to volunteer opportunities to provide Canadian experience in the workplace
- Employment-related English conversation circles

REGISTER

Contact: Savleen Kaur
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Participate in the Canadian Council for Refugees Working Group meetings in Toronto, 28-29 February 2020.

Do you want to be part of efforts to promote rights for refugees? Want to participate in in-depth discussions on pressing issues affecting refugees and immigrants in Canada? Looking for an opportunity to share information and strategies with others from across Canada?

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2020

9:30am - 5pm: [Inland Protection Working Group](#) meeting

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020

9:30am - 5pm: [Overseas Protection & Resettlement Working Group](#) meeting

9:30am - 5pm: [Immigration and Settlement Working Group](#) meeting

Participation and registration: Anyone interested in issues affecting refugees and newcomers to Canada is welcome to participate, especially [CCR members](#); however the meetings are closed to media and government employees. It is free to participate and no registration is required. Lunch is not provided.

Location and how to get there:

All meetings take place at the Salvation Army, 160 Jarvis St., Toronto [Click here](#) for a map of the area.

Draft agendas for the meeting will be available on the [Working Group webpages](#) for [logged-in CCR members](#) and will also be sent out by email.

Can't be in Toronto? Join us for a virtual meeting in advance!

The CCR will be holding a virtual meeting for [CCR members](#) in English on Tuesday 25 February at 2pm Eastern, for those unable to participate in the CCR Working Group meetings in person. [Register online for the English-language virtual meeting.](#)

For logistic questions, contact Chitra Ramsum at cramsum@ccrweb.ca or at (514) 277-7223 ext. 0
For any other questions, contact Sandra Gasana at sgasana@ccrweb.ca or at (514) 277 -7223 ext. 5.

The Library Champions Project - A Project of the NewToBC Initiative (2 pages)

Job Posting – Facilitator (Contractor)

Project Description: The Library Champions Project provides training and support for immigrants and refugees to conduct outreach with other newcomers with the intent of raising awareness about public library and other settlement and integration programs and services.

Library Champions share their experiences, learn about the challenges faced by other newcomers, and gain awareness of the services and resources provided libraries and community and immigrant serving agencies. Champions are supported to develop communication and presentation skills and to understand outreach strategies and boundaries. Champions utilize these skills, their networks and their cultural understanding and linguistic abilities to reach out to individuals and to share information about the programs, services and resources provided by the libraries and community and immigrant serving agencies. Outreach targets are set and monitored. Through this training and outreach, Champions develop a deep understanding of their communities, build confidence, improve English language skills, build connections to their communities, make friends, and obtain volunteer experience and references.

The Libraries Champions Project is currently delivered in libraries across Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. Each cycle of the project is three months long and fifteen cycles are delivered each year. Since the project's inception in 2013, 1,300+ immigrants have been trained as Library Champions and these individuals have reached out to 78,000+ other newcomers.

Position Description: Public Library InterLINK is seeking a Facilitator for the Library Champions Project. The facilitator actively promotes and recruits participants for the project; works directly with libraries and the project team to schedule and plan information, training, check-in and wrap-up sessions; provides all of the training; supports Champions to achieve targets; and compiles and submits reports as required by the project. The Facilitator is an independent contractor and, as such, is required to track hours and expenses and to submit invoices and expense claims on a regular basis.

Responsibilities include:

- Planning and facilitation of all information, training, check-in and wrap-up sessions
- Working with Champions in groups and in one to one settings to provide training, tools and capacity development opportunities that help Champions build their skills, networks and confidence
- Working one to one to support Champions and their progress and, when required, to assure and motivate them
- Project promotion and recruitment
- Scheduling and organizing all information, training, check-in and wrap-up sessions
- Selecting Champions based on established criteria
- Collection, management and data entry of Champion information
- Tracking and monitoring to ensure all project targets and outcomes are met
- Reporting on project targets and outcomes
- Providing references (letters and / or by phone) as requested by participants
- Attending monthly project team meetings and working with the project team to ensure ongoing project success and continued improvement to project delivery

Job Posting – Facilitator (Contractor)

Knowledge, Skills, Competencies, and Minimum Requirements:

- Post-secondary degree required in Social Sciences, English or related degree or equivalent experience
- Knowledge of immigrant settlement and integration needs and of the agencies supporting immigrant settlement and integration
- A keen and passionate interest in libraries and the resources, services and supports they provide
- Excellent verbal and written English language and communication
- Five years or more of facilitation experience and experience working with newcomers and EAL speakers
- Understanding of asset-based community development principles and experience using interactive facilitation techniques
- Results driven with ability to work independently
- Experience working in Federal and/or Provincial contracts including demonstrated ability to meet contract objectives and targets
- Proven / exceptional organizational, time management and computer skills
- Supportive and empathetic with a clear understanding of personal and professional boundaries
- Ability and willingness to be flexible on workdays, evenings and weekends
- Must be able to travel to communities across Metro-Vancouver and the Fraser Valley
- Must complete a Criminal Records Check
- Capacity to communicate in a second language (or multiple languages) other than English an asset

Contract Period: April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

To apply, send resume and cover letter by **February 14th** to Ben Hart at ben.hart@newtobc.ca

Review of IRB Detention guideline

The IRB is inviting the CCR and our members to give comments on the revised **Guideline on Detention**.

They are asking us to send answers to the following questions, by email to the **IRB's Outreach and Engagement team** at Engagement@irb-cisr.gc.ca by **Friday, February 7, 2020**. CCR members are welcome to send comments directly to the IRB - we would also be glad if you gave the CCR your comments, to help us with developing CCR input. You can send your comments to jdench@ccrweb.ca

IRB questions

1. Revised Guideline 2 has provided me with helpful guidance for the presentation of cases before the Immigration Division? Please explain.
2. Has revised Guideline 2 created any new or unanticipated challenges with respect to the detention review process? If so, please elaborate.
3. Can you identify areas for improvement regarding the guidance provided within revised Guideline 2? If so, please elaborate.
4. Can you identify any areas for improvement relating to the application of revised Guideline 2? If so, please elaborate.
5. Please provide any further comments or feedback.

FOR MAP's VICTORIA MEMBERS:

The next workshops to be offered in Victoria:

- ***Understanding & Interpreting Data*** (March 10th – 11th - Victoria, BC)
- ***Turning Statistics Into Stories*** (March 12th – Victoria, BC)

Understanding & Interpreting Data (Two days)

Regular fee \$550 / Early bird fee \$499 for registrations before February 28th for Victoria session

A quick refresher course for those who have had statistical training in the past or a fast-paced introduction to basic statistics for beginners. Some of the analytical techniques that will be covered in this course include cross tabulations, chi-square, t-tests, correlation and some aspects of linear regression. Participants will be guided through the analysis and interpretation process with written exercises. Examples are primarily in Excel.

Workshop topics include: Analytical requirements and sources of data, Types of data, Sampling methods, Margin of error and confidence intervals, Grouping and graphing data, Interpreting and presenting analytical results

Turning Statistics Into Stories (One day)

Regular fee \$300 / Early bird fee \$275 for registrations before February 28th for Victoria session

An introductory workshop that will help you to communicate your message in a more effective manner. During this workshop, you will focus on your target audience, use statistics to present your story and put numbers into a context to help your audience understand your messages. Learn some useful tips on how to use tables, graphs and maps to illustrate your story. Emphasis is on getting your message across in five easy to follow steps:

State your key messages, Get the evidence, Understand the evidence, Match the data to your messages, Tell your story

Practice the five steps by using examples from Statistics Canada throughout the workshop.

If you are interested in attending one of our scheduled workshops, course registrations can be made by the following methods:

Online: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/wtc/workshops>

Fax: 204 983 – 7543 (Manitoba) ; 780 495 – 3026 (Alberta) or 604 666-6680 (British Columbia & Territories)

E-mail: darren.lezubski@canada.ca (Manitoba); sarah.ahmed2@canada.ca (Alberta); derek.adams@canada.ca (British Columbia) or desire.ng@canada.ca (British Columbia and Territories)

NEW

Statistics Canada is excited to be offering a free Webinar Series covering general topics. If you wish to be kept informed of upcoming webinars, please e-mail us at [STATCAN Webinar](#).

Please feel free to share the information above with your colleagues or any person interested in these workshops.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS



Building Connections to Support Newcomers

Join us for a conversation about the role that faith plays in the settlement process! This community forum is designed for members of faith communities and those working in, or interested in, the newcomer settlement sector.

A great professional development opportunity!

Date: January 30, 2020

Time: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Location: Ismaili Centre 4010 Canada Way, Burnaby BC



STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Entrepreneurship for Newcomers 2020



FREE full day conference on starting your own business

- Learn about successes and challenges from a variety of entrepreneurs
- Start and grow a business in Canada
- Receive advice from experts

Date: February 12, 2020 | Time: 8:10 – 2:30 pm

Location: Ismaili Centre - 4010 Canada Way, Burnaby

Light breakfast and lunch will be served

Please register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EmploymentForum2020>



BURNABY TOGETHER?

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

What do you really think?

Join a provocative forum on how communities are changing

What now?

Share your views on the impact of global migration to Burnaby

Date February 26, 2020

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Burnaby Neighbourhood House
4460 Beresford St., Burnaby, BC
(beside Metrotown Skytrain Station)



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A PLACE TO BELONG. A PLACE TO GROW.

PARENTING LEARNING EVENT 2020

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 | 8:30 AM - 4 PM
BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BURNABY, BC

RETOOL . RECONNECT . RECHARGE .



A day dedicated to learning about the mental and physical well-being of children. Topics of expert presentations include school/home life balance, understanding anxiety and brain development, nutrition for thriving bodies, smart screen habits and parenting with Indigenous perspective.

Registration includes:

- 2 plenary and 5 sessions of evidence-based information and practical tips presented by experts,
- displays and contacts for community resources and services,
- snacks and a healthy lunch, and
- low-cost on-site child-minding, if required

SAVE WITH EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION

Space is limited, book before Jan.31st

\$75 for 1 registration
\$125 for 2 registrations



- RETOOL with new ideas and practical tips for everyday parenting decision
- RECONNECT with community resources for families, and with other parents
- RECHARGE with more knowledge and more confidence

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Designing Art for Cultural Inclusion.

On Tuesday, January 28 [CCEL](#) is hosting an event on how art can be used for social change and to break down stereotypes.

Our guest speaker, Founder and Director of [BlackArt Gastown](#), Nya Lewis, will share some promising practices on how to design art with a racial and cultural equity lens. She will also speak about her work to preserve the history of Black settlers and immigrants in Vancouver.

This event is part of a city-wide campaign on racial diversity and immigration led by the **Burnaby Family Life**. Attendees will have the option to form teams to design a poster for the campaign, with a chance to win \$500 and other goodies!

For more information about the event, the designathon, or to RSVP [click here](#).

Free food provided!
Space limited.



**CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY
ENGAGED LEARNING**

SOCIAL IMPACT LAB

DESIGNING ART FOR CULTURAL INCLUSION

Social Change • Community
• Cultural Diversity • Arts

**Support Burnaby Family Life's
Racial Equity Poster Campaign**

Form a team to design a poster.
\$500 for the winning team & gift
cards for participating teams

Free food provided
RSVP Required
tinyurl.com/yx4gf3sb

January 28th, 6-8 pm
Kitsilano Neighbourhood House
Community Hall
2305 W7th Ave, Vancouver





KIWASSA ESL Conversation Circles

Everything you need to know here:

<https://www.kiwassa.ca/blog/esl-conversation-circles/>