



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 108

December 15, 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.

NEWS!

The Holidays are nearly here!

The MAP Bulletin will be available:

- December 22 - Short pre-holiday bulletin
- December 29/January 5 – no bulletin
- January 12 – Full bulletin

Please send your postings for the bulletin to info@mapbc.org with these dates in mind.

JOB Opportunity with MAP!

MAP is hiring a short-term writer for the Emergency Plan. See the Job Description [here](#) or attached

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!

(Previously emailed)

Please be advised that a Question and Answer Addendum has been posted to the Notice to Vendors NTV22RRF02 on [BC Bid](#) regarding the upcoming procurement for the 2021 Refugee Readiness Fund.

Please note: the question-and-answer period for the NTV closes December 17, 2021 at 2 pm. Any questions received after this will be answered during the Q&A period of the CFR if still relevant.

To find the NTV 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 files.

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

Settlement & Integration Program

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Adult Employment Program for Afghan Newcomers

DEC 14, 15 & 16, 2021
3:30 - 5:00 PM
IN-PERSON



Learn about:

- Information on BC's labour market
- Write and build resume
- Tips on job search strategies
- Tips on interviewing skills

Eligibility:

- Be 19 years old or older
- Be fully vaccinated and have proof of vaccination
- Proof of government issued ID

For registration please contact us by email or phone number or scan QR:

parisas@burnaby nh.ca
604-657-2163



WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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Posters attached

BURNABY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Guiding Light: Words of wisdom from professionals



DECEMBER 16, 2021 FROM 6:00-7:00 PM (ONLINE)

EPISODE 4: Experiences of a Software Engineer in the Biotechnology Industry

- What employment opportunities are available with a Computer Science degree?
- How to choose the right professional field to work in?
- What skills are essential to succeed as a Software Engineer?

QUEST SPEAKER: Marcelo Pao, Software Engineer at Innovative Targeting Solutions Inc.

Marcelo has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Science from SFU and has been devoting his skills and knowledge at the biotechnology industry.

For more information, please email: giselab@burnaby nh.ca



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Dignidad Migrante Society (DIGNIDAD) Invites any Temporary Foreign Worker to celebrate the International Migrant Day on December 18, 2021.

Where?: 41995 Yarrow Central Rd. Chilliwack, BC

From 1-5 PM.

We will have Pozole soup and Ponche to eat and drink. Join us and enjoy the food, games, raffle and more. Everyone is welcome, it doesn't matter what your nationality is as long as you are a Migrant Worker.

More information:

info@dignidadmigrantesociety.org Phones: 604-754-3419, 778-536-3419, 778-683-3419

"We help each other in the good and bad times"

Dignidad Migrante Society

5575 Boundary Rd. Vancouver, BC V5R 2P9 (provisional)

FB: [dignidadmigrantesociety/](https://www.facebook.com/dignidadmigrantesociety/)

YouTube: [DIGNIDAD-DIGNITY](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDIGNIDAD-DIGNITY)

Website: [dignidadmigrantesociety.org](https://www.dignidadmigrantesociety.org)



Are you interested in this exciting 12-month (maternity leave cover), 28 hours/week job opportunity:

[Ready Tours Organizer.](#)

The Ready Tours Organizer, operating within Kinbrace's **Accessing Refugee Protection Program**, coordinates and facilitates Ready Tours with the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada - Refugee Protection Division (IRB-RPD) and the Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Sessions with the IRB-RAD.

The goal is to increase refugee claimants' readiness for their refugee hearings and to increase their capacity to navigate Canada's refugee determination system.

[Learn more and find out how to apply for the Ready Tours Organizer role.](#)

Please share widely.

All of Kinbrace's current job postings can be found [here](#).



REFUGEE HOUSING & SUPPORT



VAST will be closed for holidays from Dec 24 to January 2. In case of an emergency please send an email at community@vast-vancouver.ca.

See you all in January 2022. Happy holidays

Thanks

Best Regards

Sara Lopez B.Sc(Psych)

Outreach & Intake Supervisor



Save the Date: **Overcoming Stigmatic Barriers Action Workshop**

Date: January 19

Time: 6:00pm to 8:30pm

As a next step emerging from the Overcoming Stigmatic Barriers in the Surrey North Delta Primary Care Networks session held on September 29, 2021, **this session will focus on practical on-the-ground tools and strategies** that can be implemented by PCN partners from the outset of the PCN initiative rollout.

Building from the Equip Health Care toolkits, the working session will develop action plans for specific PCN initiatives as well as for the PCN overall.

Who should attend: All attendees for the previous session are invited, and all partners involved in the PCN are welcome.

This session will be of particular interest to those working with vulnerable and/or marginalized people in the community, and many of the tools and strategies discussed will have applications beyond the PCN itself.

A formal invitation with RSVP will be sent out soon. Please share with those in your organization and network who you feel would get and/or bring value.

Shanga Karim – featured at MAP’s ‘Starting Over’ in 2019, World Refugee Day 2020, and organizer of this year’s MAP World Refugee Day Writer’s Workshop through the Shoe Project invites you:

‘I would like to share the **Shoe Project’s** upcoming performance on January 15 and 16 2022!

Choose the date and purchase your ticket in this link: <https://secure.artsclub.com/events/detail/the-shoe-project>

At this performance you will hear incredible stories from 12 women from all over the world telling their journey's stories in their own voice!

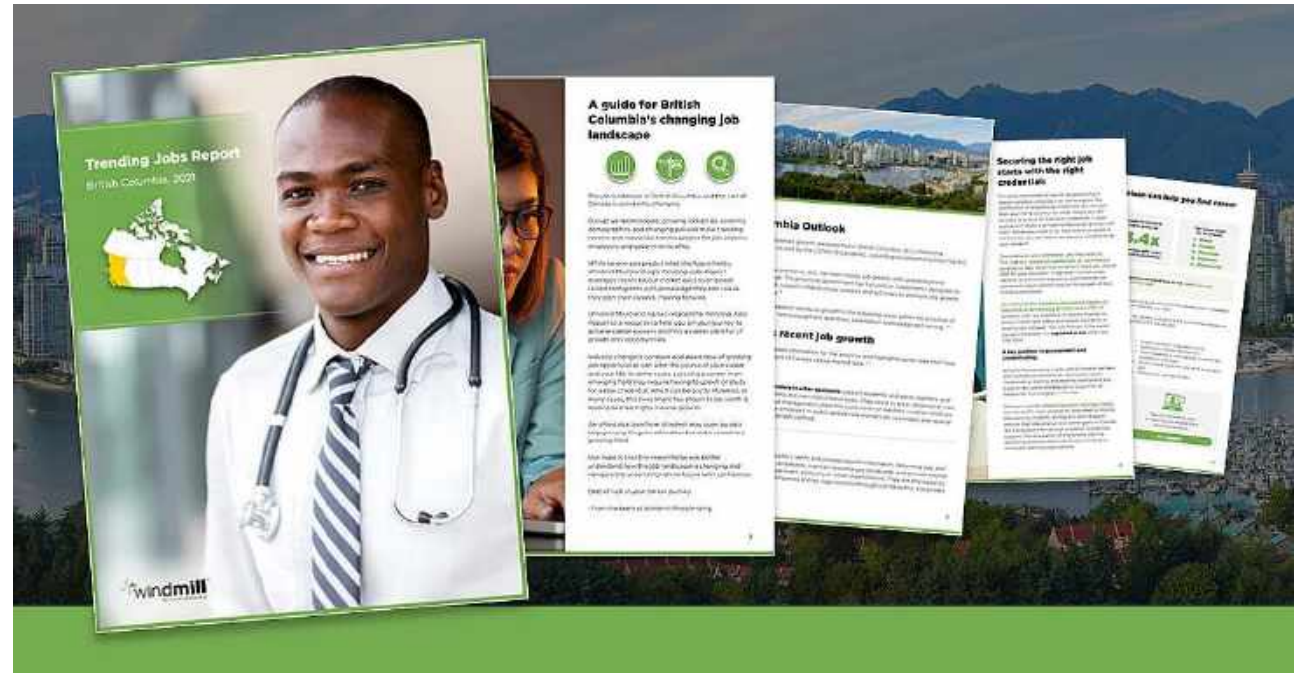
See more details in this link please: <https://artsclub.com/education/in-the-community>’



Shanga Karim
Vancouver Local Coordinator

www.theshoeproject.online





Help your clients or students succeed with Windmill's exclusive Trending Jobs Report

The job landscape in every part of Canada is constantly changing. For newcomers, this presents an additional challenge. While no one can predict what the future holds, Windmill Microlending decided to go a step further in its support to newcomers. Windmill's Trending Jobs Report is a province-by-province resource to help immigrants on their journey to achieve career success and find a career path full of growth and opportunities.

[Learn More](#)



December Events

Dec 9, 12:30 – 2:00 PM (Virtual)

Migration Job Talk: Precarious Accumulation: Fast Fashion Bosses in Transnational Guangzhou, China

Dr. Nellie Chu. Assistant Professor in Cultural Anthropology, Duke Kunshan University, China

Dec 10, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (Virtual)

[Voice After Exit: How Transnational Ties Shape Hong Kong Americans' Political Engagement and Voting Behavior](#)

Dr. Maggie Shum and Prof. Victoria Hui, University of Notre Dame

Dec 14, 12:30 – 2:00 PM (Virtual)

Migration Job Talk: Phosphate Turned Refugee Extractivism: The Offshore Refugee Industry in the Republic of Nauru

Dr. Julia Morris, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Dec 16, 12:30 – 2:00 PM (Virtual)

Migration Job Talk: Epistemic Doubt and the Governance of Familial Intimacies: Questioning State Care in Muslim Migrant-Targeted Social Welfare in Australia

Dr. Helena Zeweri, University of Virginia

Dec 21, 12:30 – 2:00 (Virtual)

Migration Job Talk: Dwelling in Vulnerability: The Politics of Migrant Life in Chile

Mr. Pablo Seward Delaporte, Stanford Humanities Center



Refugee Research Network

- RRN Research Digest - December 9, 2021

[Read Research on RRN Website](#)

As part of a collaboration between CCR, CARFMS and CRS, and then IASFM, several reference documents related to **ethical considerations for research with people in forced migration have been developed over the past few years.**

"Your Rights in Research" is an information sheet for people who are asked to participate in research. It is intended to explain in lay person's terms, some of the vocabulary found in standard consent forms. It also outlines key considerations and resources, with particular attention to lived experiences of newcomers. The "Your Rights in Research" document is now available in 20 languages! The translations were funded by SSHRC and uOttawa and completed by Access Alliance Language services, Ayar Ata and Ulrike Krause and collaborators. The translations were reviewed by many, many dedicated colleagues. I am grateful to everyone who contributed their time and talents to this project.

All 20 translations are available on the CARFMS website (with thanks to Michele Millard):

<https://carfms.org/new-resource-your-rights-in-research/>

Ethical guidelines are available here:

The IASFM website has the international code of ethics in English, French and Spanish:

<http://iasfm.org/blog/2021/11/12/iasfm-research-code-of-ethics-now-available-in-english-french-spanish/>

REPEATS

Emergency management for refugee-serving agencies

From MAP BC's Emergency Task Force November 2021

6 Strategies: how to make an unmanageable situation manageable

Delegate or die

- In an emergency, normal supervision is impossible. Delegate as much of the work to capable people and trust them.
- Expand your workforce by training new volunteers and trust them, with supervision. Some of them will become your supervisors.

Cut services

- For the newly arrived refugee claimants, you might normally provide six services immediately. During an emergency, you may decide that only four of those services are absolutely necessary.
- For your regular clients, pare down services; e.g., their ESL training could wait a couple of months. Cutting services makes it possible to focus on key services like housing refugees in unconventional ways.

Promote a can-do attitude

- Hold regular meetings to coordinate services and keep up morale.
- Emphasize successes.

Take care of your workers

- You cannot afford to lose workers to burnout.
- Record everyone's hours. Set limits after which staff must rest at home.
- Have social workers and counsellors form a Worker Care unit.

Yell for help

- Refugee arrivals are big news.
- Expect businesses, organizations, news media, religious groups to be generous.

Coordinate

- Work closely with government. Ask for the information and funding you need.
- Work closely with fellow agencies. Consider establishing a coordination office to convene agency meetings, provide news media messaging, etc.

Evaluating Inequities in Refugee & Immigrants' Health Services Access (IRIS)

- Please consider signing our petition!
<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/end-bcs-mandatory-wait-period-for-health-care-for>

- 3-month wait research summary:
<https://www.cgshe.ca/app/uploads/2021/08/3-Month-Wait-One-Pager-FINAL.pdf>

- 3-month wait paper:
<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/11/8/e047597.full>

THE 3-MONTH WAIT-PERIOD UNDERMINES A UNIVERSAL HEALTH SYSTEM

What is the three-month wait period?

- A wait-period that consists of the rest of the month of arrival, plus two more months, where new residents to British Columbia are not eligible for health insurance coverage (MSP); many people wait longer depending on their specific situation
- Determined by the Medical Services Commission (committee that manages MSP, often abbreviated as the MSC)
- Is not based in any law and is province specific (only BC and Quebec have maintained this policy)
- It can be changed very easily. This was demonstrated when the province waived this wait period to improve access to health care during COVID-19.

Who is affected?

All new residents to BC, including:

- Permanent Residents,
- Work visa holders,
- Student visa holders,
- Canadian citizens,
- Babies born to parents who don't have formal residency
- People who have been living in BC and their status recently changed to any of the above categories.



March 2020

The BC Medical Services Commission removes the 3-month wait-period for health coverage at the height of the COVID-19 crisis.

It's access... if you don't have status or a precarious status - it's

July 2020

The wait-period policy was put back into place and COVID-19 infections begin to spike.

NOW!

Urgent policy reforms towards ending the three month wait is needed.

This waiting period produces discriminatory and inequitable outcomes for im/migrant* women. Findings

See report attached!

ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR Newcomers



- ◆ Financial Education
- ◆ Understanding Pay Stubs
- ◆ Tax Information

Thursday, December 16, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

To Register: lhernandez@mosaicbc.org
phone 604-254-9626 ext. 1021



MOSAIC

(POSTER ATTACHED)

MOSAIC is reaching out to share an exciting upcoming event!

On **Thursday, December 16, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM**, we are offering an online workshop for newcomers to provide information about Pay Stubs, Financial Education and Tax information.

The event will be facilitated by our lovely settlement worker Lucia. Please contact her to register:

lhernandez@mosaicbc.org

604-254-9626 Ext 1021

Registration is open for the wider community.




POSTER ATTACHED

FV MAP's co-chair agency
ARCHWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Is offering online Employment Workshops throughout January and February.

Please refer to the poster for more information and registration instructions. .

If you have any questions, connect with Monika at monika.isaak@archway.ca



EMPLOYMENT READINESS SERIES 2022

EMPLOYMENT MENTORS PROGRAM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING
ONLINE EMPLOYMENT READINESS
LIFE SKILL SERIES. LEARN TOOLS AND TIPS ON
HOW TO EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE THE
CANADIAN LABOUR MARKET AND LAND THE
JOB YOU ARE SEEKING DURING THE PANDEMIC.


TUES JAN 18	RESUME	10 AM-12 PM
THURS JAN 20	COVER LETTER	10 AM-12 PM
TUES JAN 25	INTERVIEW SKILLS (1)	10 AM-12PM
THURS JAN 27	INTERVIEW SKILLS (2)	10 AM-12 PM
TUES FEB 1	THE HIDDEN JOB MARKET	10 AM-12 PM
THURS FEB 3	JOB SEARCH TOOLS & SOCIAL MEDIA	10 AM-12 PM

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
WILL BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS

TO REGISTER CONTACT LINDA OR SONA:
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604.217.0444 SONA.KORAJIAN@ARCHWAY.CA

www.archway.ca

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IMPACT NORTH SHORE

NOTE: Date change for upcoming workshop

We would like to let you know that we had to reschedule the workshop ‘How to Apply for a Work Permit Extension’, to **Thursday January 13, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.** Contact Masha at mashar@impactnorthshore.ca to register or for more information.



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

Thursday, January 13
6:00pm – 7:30pm

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

Workshop Highlights

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

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

For more information and to register contact: Masha Rademakers, mashar@impactnorthshore.ca or 604-988-2931

Details:

This workshop will be presented in English with interpretation in Farsi.

This workshop is open to Protected Persons and Refugee Claimants.

Online via Zoom
Details to join this virtual session will be provided after registration.

This program is government sponsored and free of charge.



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

چگونه ویزای کار خود را تمدید کنیم

Thursday, January 13
6:00pm – 7:30pm

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

Workshop Highlights

از تعداد صوت می شود، جهت کسب اطلاعات در مورد تمدید ویزای کار خود به صورت آنلاین، در این جلسه شرکت کنید.
مطلب مورد بحث:

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

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

لطفاً برای ثبت نام و کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با ما تماس بگیرید.

مآشنای: mashar@impactnorthshore.ca یا تلفن: 604-988-2931

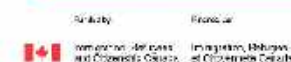
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Online via Zoom
Details to join this virtual session will be provided after registration.

This program is government



Posters attached





Online Book Club

Join us every Wednesday to go on a book adventure!

Every Wednesday starting December 15th

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

English Level: Intermediate or Advance Level is required

Location: Zoom

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

Registration is limited, to register email srahnama@mosaicbc.org



WelcomeBC



Poster attached

MOSAIC's Online Book Club is for everyone!

This online Book Club is for clients who have intermediate or higher English level.

Register via email to srahnama@mosaicbc.org

New tools to use from ISSofBC:

ISSofBC wants to share with you our newly released multilingual (7 languages -English, Arabic, Chinese, Punjabi, Korean, Farsi and Spanish) 7 min video and study guide called **Welcome to Our Homelands** created by local Indigenous People with representation from across Canada.

Feel free to share with your colleagues. Our intent is to do voice over and translation into other languages in the future.

<https://issbc.org/our-resource/issofbc-newcomer-awareness-tools>

PACIFIC IMMIGRANT RESOURCES SOCIETY

2020-2021 was another strange year, but our community proved that we are stronger together.
We are so lucky to have so much to celebrate, and we are so grateful to share some of our excitement with you—our community that makes it all possible!

- This past year, we:
 - welcomed **454 women** and **165 children** to our PIRS family
 - served migrants from **30 different countries**, speaking **20 different languages**
 - provided high quality services across **22 programs**
 - served **400 people/week** at the Emergency Food Hub
 - delivered **3,166 food hampers** and **11,035 individual meals**
 - made **1,381 one-on-one support calls and referrals**, supporting **235 women**.

All of this was possible only with the help of our generous donors, volunteers, and community members. We are beyond grateful for our:

- 82 active volunteers**, contributing **2,433 hours** of community service
- **8 Board of Directors**, contributing **1,248 hours**
- **91 Food Hub volunteers**, contributing **2,986 hours**.

Read more about our achievements and community stories from the past year by viewing our Annual General Report, click [here](#).

Journey Home Community newsletters are now available on our website, so people can read them there.

These newsletters, sent 3X a year, are a way we let you know the impact of gifts-of-welcome.

<https://www.journeyhomecommunity.ca/gifts-of-welcome>

Thanks everyone for your caring for refugees.

Enjoy and Merry Christmas!

Doug

Doug Peat

Housing & Donor Engagement

778-242-1227

[JourneyHomeCommunity.ca](https://www.journeyhomecommunity.ca)





Canadian Council for Refugees
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés

Canadian Council for Refugees

Media release – 8 December 2021

Aleks Dughman-Manzur elected President of Canadian Council for Refugees

The Canadian Council for Refugees is pleased to announce that Aleks Dughman-Manzur was elected President at its Annual General Meeting on December 3. Aleks (they/them) was the Vice-President of the CCR for the past two years and is the Programming Director and Co-Lead of Rainbow Refugee, based in Vancouver.

Jenny Jeanes was elected Vice-President, representing Action Réfugiés Montréal.

"I am honoured and privileged to serve as President of the Canadian Council for Refugees following in the footsteps of giants like the late Francisco Rico-Martinez", said Aleks Dughman-Manzur, CCR President. "The past two years have been extremely challenging: COVID-19 pandemic, borders closing, travel ban, protracted refugee processes, oppressions and racism heightened by inequity in access to resettlement, social services and financial resources. In the face of so many challenges, the migrant and refugee community has shown once again their resilience, solidarity and fighting spirit. We advocated fearlessly for welcoming refugees, reopening borders, and making sure that no one is left behind. In this coming year of uncertainty, we have the opportunity to work together, to rely on each other's wisdom, and to lift each other up in the recognition that it is in the togetherness that we can make change happen."

Aleks Dughman-Manzur takes over from Dorota Blumczynska, who served as President from the end of 2019, and will continue on the Executive as Past President.



Canadian Council for Refugees
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés

For CCR Members:

The CCR invites you to an important meeting on **Thursday 13 January 2022** to hear about and discuss the new Strategic Plan.

As announced at the Annual General Meeting last Friday, the Executive wants to share the plan with members before finalizing it. We had mentioned that the meeting would be in December, but we have since realized that it would be more realistic to meet in January.

The meeting will be an opportunity to discover what the next few years will look like. The plan takes into consideration the feedback you have given us as well as the ever-evolving context of our work.

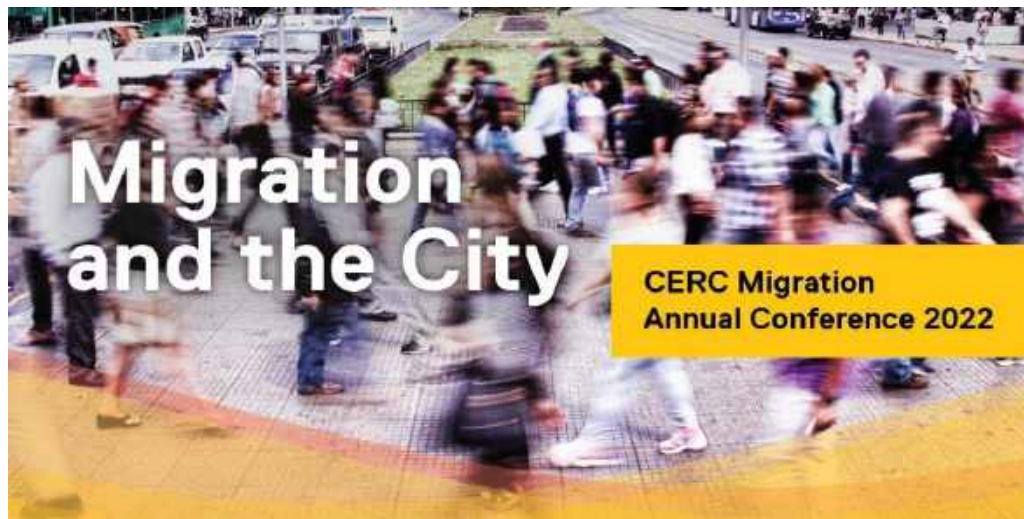
We look forward to seeing many of you then. In the meantime you can already register for this meeting!

VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS

When: Thursday 13 January - for 90mns - starting at 11:00am Pacific

To register

Please register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsfuypqz0rGNYxvrW85sB68iojZwsRJVza>



**Join the CERC in Migration and Integration
program for its 3rd annual international
conference 16-17 February, 2022**

By 2050, two-thirds of the world's population will live in cities, and migration will be a significant driver of urban growth. But what will the future city be like: a hub of creativity and inclusion or a place of disparity and exclusion for many?

Join us for a two-day conference to investigate the relationship between migration and the city in the 21st century. Panelists from different world regions will share insights on the complexity of urban diversity and governance, the role of grassroots advocates and diasporas in migration, and the capacity of small communities, suburban edges and border cities to receive migrant populations.

This event will be delivered in a hybrid format. Registrants will have the option to participate online or in person. Further details on how you can participate will be available closer to the conference date.

REGISTER TODAY

UBC SPRING CAREER FAIR 2022

Wednesday, March 2nd
11AM - 4 PM PST

**Employer Registration
NOW OPEN**



Register by Jan 15th on CareersOnline for Early Bird Rate
spring.fair@ubc.ca