



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? As we move into the third year of the pandemic this question is even more important 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH MAP

Interpreters

Under MAP coordination five member agencies will begin supporting the non-legal needs of detainees at the Surrey Immigration Holding Centre (IHC). Starting on the phone each client will be provided with an hour's initial interview and in many cases we will need interpreters. We are looking for volunteer interpreters with any language capacity.

If you have some experience interpreting (but you don't need to be certified) and would like to volunteer your help on Thursday afternoons, from 1pm – 4pm once or twice a month we would appreciate hearing from you.

We have some training resources and people who can help you learn more about the program.

If you are interested please email info@mapbc.org . **Thank you!**

Volunteers for the Information Working Group!

If you have a passion for public education, getting out an important message about refugee claimants or have skills in presenting, social media and marketing we need you!

Please join us – email Jenny at info@mapbc.org for more information.

Please consider this a valuable experience for any of your clients building their resumes – MAP prioritizes folks with lived experience to provide a knowledgeable voice to the project. References always provided for volunteers.

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!

Notice of Interest for Short Notice Hearings (previously sent via email from MAP)

The Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) continuously strives to ensure access to justice. The Refugee Protection Division (RPD) is instituting a temporary measure for counsel to voluntarily identify claims that could be scheduled for a hearing on short notice with the RPD.

To begin, we are looking for counsel who have claims they deem ready to be heard and that could be added to our schedule in February and March.

Priority will be given to claimants on a first come, first served basis and those ready to proceed on earlier dates.

Counsel should send their expression of interest via email to the following email address of the respective region or Task Force for Less Complex Claims:

- Western: x-rpd.scheduling.WesternRegion@irb.gc.ca / x-spr.miseaurole.regionouest@cisr.gc.ca
- If you have received a letter advising that a file is under review with the Less Complex Claims task force, then please send your email to irb.SchedulingInventoryReductionTaskforce-MAR-EquipeSpecialepourReductionInventaire.cisr@irb-cisr.gc.ca regardless of the region the file is located in.

Important:

- The subject of the email should state "Short notice files from [insert Counsel name]."
- Only use the UCI and/or IRB file number to identify cases. Do not provide any other identifying information of the claimant via email.
- Eligible files for scheduling on short notice must not have Ministerial intervention or unaccompanied minors.
- Please indicate whether an interpreter is required and the language of interpretation.

As soon as we have hearing slots available, we will contact you with a time and date to determine your availability.

Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session

on **Wednesday March 2nd 2022, 1:00pm-03:00pm**

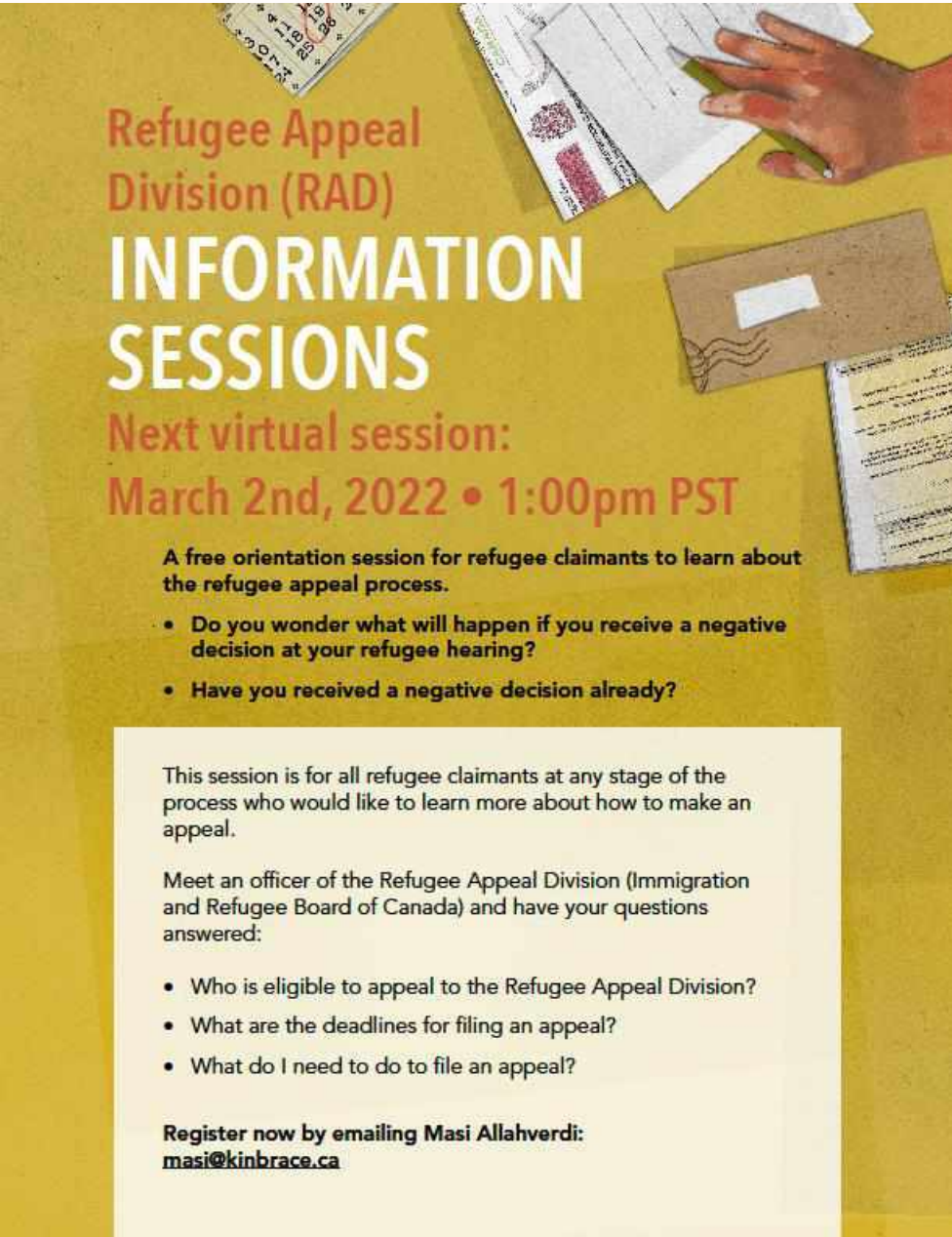
This is a free online orientation session (on Teams) for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process. Whether claimants are still waiting for their hearing date, waiting for the outcome of their hearing, or have received a negative decision, this session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Claimants will meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have their questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register or refer now by emailing **your name:** masi@kinbrace.ca

Posters also attached



Poster attached

SURVIVOR ADVOCATES CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM *Winter 2022*

WHAT: An experiential-based learning program that will focus on advocacy themes, advocacy skills, and opportunities to engage in advocacy work in the community.

WHEN: Starting March 2022. Weekly for 10 Sessions (exact date to be determined)

WHO: Offered by the Vancouver Association for the Survivors of Torture (VAST) in collaboration with the Victoria Coalition for Survivors of Torture (VCST).



WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Persons who are Convention Refugees (CRs); Protected Persons (PPs); Government Assisted Refugees (GARs); Privately-Sponsored Refugees (PSRs); Blended Visa Office-Referred Refugees (BVORs); Permanent Residents (PRs); or Citizens.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program will be delivered in English. Access to a stable internet connection. Access to Zoom (free virtual conferencing software). Brief conversation to assess participant readiness. *Upon completing the program participants will receive a joint certificate from VAST and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*

NEXT STEPS: Those interested are invited to complete a brief (5 minute) application form at: <https://forms.gle/hD7Mj8BDENW3VoDr8>. Please email: fatima@vast-vancouver.ca for more information, or call Luke at 604.283.6618



Own Your Space! Jumpstart Refugee Talent!

Join us to boost your self-confidence for your job search, networking, job interviews, and life in general. Learn to own your space and ace your next job interview! We often think that succeeding in job searches and interviews comes down to our skills. However what employers really look for during interviews is our ability to communicate our expertise and that we have confidence in our abilities!

We have designed a workshop that will include exercises and activities designed to build confidence and increase comfort in communication. Using improvisation and theatre techniques, participants will be encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and tap into their creativity to engage an audience, connect with strangers, and practice speaking in the moment. Join our virtual event!

This event is offered in partnership with the Arts Club Theatre Company with instructor Aidan Parker

Date: February 8, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm Eastern Time | 4:00 pm Mountain Time | 3:00 pm Pacific Time

RSVP@ [eventbrite/virtual](https://www.eventbrite.com/virtual)

During this event you will:

1. Practice speaking with confidence.
2. Learn to use your own voices and speak from experience.
3. Learn to present yourself in the most positive way.

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Note: This event is targeted to refugees and refugee claimants with professional backgrounds residing in Canada. Spots are



The graphic features a dark blue background on the left with white and teal text. On the right, there is a portrait of Aidan Parker, a man with glasses and a dark shirt, against a light purple background. Logos for 'JUMPSTART REFUGEE TALENT' and 'ARTSCLUB' are at the top.

Owning Your Space!
An interactive workshop with Aidan Parker

Join us for a fun and engaging workshop. Together, we will work on confidence boosting methods so you can ace your next interview!

[Register today!](#)

Virtual Event: February 8th, 6pm Eastern Time

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



JOB OPPORTUNITIES!



[Umbrella Co-op Jobs | Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op | Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op](#)

Clinical Social Worker – Part Time, start as soon as possible, position remains open until filled;

Cross Cultural Health Broker (Spanish-speaking Latin American Community) – Full Time, start as soon as possible, position remains open until filled

Family Physician – Part Time, start as soon as possible, position remains open until filled

Nurse Practitioner – Full Time, start as soon as possible

For full information see: <https://umbrellacoop.ca/umbrella-co-op-jobs/>



CULTURE LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

For all newcomers, permanent residents, refugee claimants and citizens



Froghollow NH Activities
See more in the January newsletter:
<https://bit.ly/3fA847R>

*COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES ARE OBSERVED ONSITE

MONDAYS
JAN 24 - MAR 7, 2022

*no sessions on Feb 21 & 28

10:30AM - 12:30PM
IN-PERSON
@FROG HOLLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



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Contact Maysa to register:
236-688-6297
maysa@froghollow.bc.ca



Settlement & Employment Services in Dari Presents

Life Skills Workshop Series

Supporting refugees from Afghanistan

4 Wednesdays
Dec 2021 - Mar 2022
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

WHERE TO JOIN? ONLINE!

All the sessions are moved online until the pandemic situation improves.

Digital device lending service is available upon request.

Contact Parvin to know how to join online.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

JOIN THE WORKSHOP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:



December 8th 2021

Rights & Responsibilities as a tenant in BC



January 19th, 2022

Getting Around: An Orientation to Metro Vancouver Public Transportation System



February 9th, 2022

Taking care of our mental health



March 9th 2022

Healthcare in Canada: Referral to a Dari-speaking doctor



Inquiries or Registration

Contact Parvin at
236-833-4193, or
parvine@froghollow.bc.ca

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Settlement & Employment Services in Dari

Supporting refugees from Afghanistan

Starting a new chapter in life in a new country is never easy. We are here to help!

Our services will provide the support you need to get your life started in Canada:



Getting Around



Groceries



Money & Banking



Tenancy



One-to-One Planning



Parenting



Healthcare



Finding a job

and, many more...

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خدمات اسکان یابی و کاریابی به زبان دری مجموعه کارگاه های مهارت های زندگی در کانادا حمایت از پناهیویان از افغانستان

4 تا چهارشنبه
دسامبر 2021 - مارس 2022

از ۱۰ صبح تا ۱۳ ظهر

ثبت نام الزامی است

چگونه به ورک شاپ ها ملحق شوید؟ از طریق آنلاین.

تمام جلسات به صورت آنلاین می باشد تا زمانی که وضعیت همه گیر کووید بهبود یابد.

اگر برای شرکت در ورک شاپ ها، نیاز به خدمات دیجیتال مثل لپ تاپ داشته باشید، به صورت امانت در اختیارمان قرارخواهد گرفت.

برای اطلاع از نحوه عضویت آنلاین با پروین در تماس باشید.

برای آشنایی بیشتر با موارد زیر به کارگاه های ما بپیوندید:

دسامبر 8 2021

حقوق و مسئولیت های یک مستاجر در استان بی سی (BC)



ژانویه 19 2022

دور زدن در شهر: جهت آشنایی با سیستم حمل و نقل عمومی در مترو ونکوور



فوریه 9 2022

مراقب سلامت روان خود باشید.



مارس 9 2022

مراقبت های سلامتی و بهداشتی در کانادا: ارجاع به یک پزشک به زبان دری



برای دریافت اطلاعات و یا ثبت نام:

با پروین تماس بگیرید.

یا 236-833-4193 ,
parvine@froghollow.bc.ca

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et Citoyenneté Canada

Housing RFP tutorial for non-profits

Want to improve your knowledge about how to submit a response to a request for proposal (RFP)?

In late February, BC Housing will hold a virtual tutorial session for non-profit organizations who are interested in providing operator services for the social housing funded by BC Housing or by its partner organizations.

To participate in the tutorial, please email jowu@bchousing.org to request an invitation by February 11.

NewToBC and Public Library InterLINK
**Emergence, Adaptation
and Resilience**
Community Dialogues

Join libraries, newcomers and settlement & service providers in your community to explore emerging issues and trends related to newcomers, settlement and service provision in an ongoing COVID context.

Meet, network and share challenges, what's worked, what's changed, and where we go from here.

| SAVE THE DATE | | |
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| Feb 23, 2022 1:00 to 3:30pm SURREY AND DELTA | March 9, 2022 1:00 to 3:30pm CITY AND DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER AND WEST VANCOUVER | March 18, 2022 1:30 to 3:30pm ABBOTSFORD, CHILLIWACK AND MISSION |
| Feb 24, 2022 1:00 to 3:30pm BURNABY AND NEW WEST | March 17, 2022 1:30 to 3:30pm LANGLEY | March 25, 2022 1:30 to 3:30pm MAPLE RIDGE AND PITT MEADOWS |
| March 2, 2022 1:00 to 3:30pm COQUITLAM, PORT COQUITLAM AND PORT MOODY | March 10, 2022 1:30 to 3:30pm RICHMOND | TBD, 2022 TBD VANCOUVER |

An invite with more information and link to register will follow shortly.

For more information about these dialogues, contact
Jody Johnson at 778 808 6252 / jody.johnson@shaw.ca or
Andrea Solnes at heartandsolnes@gmail.com

New to BC Community Dialogues in 17 Cities!

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Centre for Migration Studies

CMS Weekly Update – Upcoming events

[CHECK OUT ONLINE](#)

Statistics Canada is delighted to invite you to our **free** upcoming webinars.

• **New Webinar Series - 2021 Census of Population** • Data Quality

What is the 2021 Census of Population Webinar Series?

We will be presenting a 2021 Census of Population Webinar Series, which is based on our most recent census, held on May 11, 2021. The webinars will be presented after the [major data releases](#) scheduled between February 9 and November 30, 2022 and will share information on census concepts, data products, and resources available from the 2021 Census.

2021 Census Webinar Series: Population and Dwelling Counts

• **English:** February 10, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ctomlisQRkac6lLakfQAJg

Description: On February 9, 2022, Statistics Canada will be publishing its first 2021 Census of Population release on Population and dwelling counts. This release will provide information on population and dwelling counts for Canada, the provinces and territories, for municipalities and for many other levels of geography down to the dissemination block level.

You are invited to an introductory webinar which provides an overview of:

Population and dwelling concepts, geography concepts, data products and resources available from the first 2021 Census of Population release.

Learn more about population and dwelling concepts to help you better understand the story of Canada, as seen through our 2021 Census. After the presentation, this webinar will feature a question and answer period.

Intended Target Audience: This is an **introductory** webinar; it may be too basic for advanced data users.



Webinar: The Importance of Data Quality

Language, Dates, Times, and Registration Links

• **English:** February 8, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ELXoPU6RR8CgF_crO4vTgw

Description: Join us as Statistics Canada's Quality Secretariat will give a presentation on the importance of data quality. We are living in an exciting time for data: sources are more abundant, they are being generated in innovative ways, and they are available quicker than ever. However, a data source is not only worthless if it does not meet basic quality standards – it can be misleading, and worse than having no data at all!

Statistics Canada's Quality Secretariat has a mandate to promote good quality practices within the agency, across the Government of Canada, and internationally. For quality to truly be present, it must be incorporated into each process (from design to analysis) and into the product itself – whether that product is a microdata file or estimates derived from it.

We will address why data quality is important and how one can evaluate it in practice. We will cover some basic concepts in data quality (quality assurance vs. control, metadata, etc.), and present data quality as a multidimensional concept. Finally, we will show data quality in action by evaluating a data source together. All data quality literacy levels are welcome. After all, everybody plays a part in quality!

Intended Target Audience: This is an **introductory** webinar; it may be too basic for advanced data users.

Outreach Program / Collection and Regional Services Branch

Statistics Canada / Government of Canada

WESTINFO@statcan.gc.ca

The Community Knowledge Program presents

Research in action:

Knowledge mobilization in the immigrant & refugee-serving sector

A panel discussion on
applying research
to front-line work.

FEB 16, 12 PM TO 1:30 PM

To bridge the gap between research and practice in the immigrant and refugee-serving sector, the **Community Knowledge Program** is holding a series of virtual events.

We are bringing you leaders from across the GTA for an insightful panel discussion on how we can maximize the impacts of research in the sector.

Join us on Wednesday, February 16 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST on Zoom.

Research in action: Knowledge mobilization in the immigrant and refugee-serving sector will explore community-based approaches to mobilizing research and applying it to practice. Panelists will discuss perspectives on building research relationships and present findings of recent studies.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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REGISTER

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Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -
Jan 27, 2022**

[Read Digest on the RRN 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

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Update – from



The Province has updated its COVID-19 testing recommendations. People who may have been exposed to COVID-19 but are not experiencing symptoms, or who are vaccinated and experiencing mild symptoms with no risk factors, do not require a COVID-19 test. Rather, they should self-isolate and monitor their symptoms.

Booking an Appointment in Fraser Health

Due to the high volume that Fraser Health testing and vaccination centres are seeing currently, **an appointment is now required for most people to receive a COVID-19 test or vaccination.**

Patients can use the [Fraser Health online booking system](#) to make an appointment. They can also call 604-587-3936, seven days a week, from 8:30am to 4:30pm to for assistance.

**Saira Abrar, Physician Engagement and Practice Support
Manager**

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604-365-0764



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Upcoming free webinars



Photo: [Wade Rutledge on Unsplash](#)

Legal issues in times of disaster
Monday, January 31 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PDT
The session will cover various legal issues and processes that arise from disaster situations like wildfires, floods or pandemics. We will identify when a lawyer can (or must) assist and what other measures of assistance can be identified and supported by community workers within the Province of BC.

This session is open to all community workers in BC.

Click below to register.

[Register now!](#)



Photo: [Surrey courthouse](#) | [Maddalena Caporaso on Unsplash](#)

The new Provincial Court Family Rules
Wednesday, February 2 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM PDT
This session will shed light on the changes to the Provincial Court Family Rules. The Surrey and Victoria Provincial Court Registries have put into place a pilot project for Early Dispute Resolution for Family Law cases. This webinar will talk about the pilot project and how it will affect people involved in a family law case.

This session is open to all community workers in BC.

Space for this session is limited. Click below to register.

[Register now!](#)



Photo: [William Flinn on Unsplash](#)

Domestic violence and protection orders under the new Provincial Court Family Rules
Thursday, February 10 | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT
Neena Randhawa, Coordinator at Harmony House, and Taruna Agrawal, Lawyer at Rise Women's Legal Centre, will discuss protection orders under the new Provincial Court Family Rules. They will review the procedure and discuss how to complete the court forms. They will share practical tips on how to gather evidence to help make these applications successful. They will also talk about peace bonds and conduct orders. If you assist clients leaving abusive relationships, we urge you to attend this workshop.

This session is open to all community workers in BC.

Space for this session is limited. Click below to register.

[Register now!](#)



Surrey Parents Legal Centre and overview of child protection law
Thursday, February 17 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PDT
Jeff Speed, Managing Lawyer at the Surrey Parents Legal Centre will examine the court process for child protection cases and explain what the legislation allows the Ministry to do and what it cannot do without a court order. Jeff Speed will discuss out of court cases, including safety plans and voluntary care agreements with a special emphasis on how the Parents Legal Centre is able to assist families with Ministry involvement, whether their case is court-involved or not.

This session is for community workers in Surrey, Langley, Abbotsford, Hope, Chilliwack and surrounding communities.

Webinars are free but space is limited. Click below to register.

[Register now!](#)

Have a question about child support?

Watch these 5-minute animated videos!



More learning videos are available on our website. Click [here](#) to start browsing!

To sign-up for this newsletter, please [click here](#)



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Learn with Legal Aid BC January Newsletter PDF attached.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Kinbrace is hiring again!

You may be interested - or know someone else who might be a good candidate - in this exciting 8-month, 25hours/week job opportunity: [Community Coordinator](#)

The Community Coordinator, with support from other staff and volunteers, will steward and nurture the Kinbrace community to create a transformative environment where residents, Host Community, staff, volunteers and neighbours flourish together.

The Community Coordinator is responsible for leading and caring for Kinbrace's Host Community; this includes ensuring all Host Community members are supported, listened to, and advocated for. The Community Coordinator will also work with each Host Community member to develop a Sustainability Plan to ensure ongoing health of the host community.

The Community Coordinator is also responsible for creating opportunities for Kinbrace residents to develop friendships with other residents, volunteers, neighbours, and staff members; this includes cultivating and stewarding volunteers and volunteer groups. In addition, the Community Coordinator will create community building events that help residents discover and experience belonging.

To find out more and to apply, please go to: <https://kinbrace.ca/current-opportunities/>



The YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth and their partners in the anti-violence and settlement sectors invite you to join the discussion and contribute to raising awareness on Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Register for their on-line introductory course ***Bridges to Safety*** to learn about the Settlement Sector GBV Partnership. Be part of the first cohort for the **course in French starting January 24th, 2022 and the second course in English starting in April**. Register today at: <https://www.ngbv.ca/online-course>

The ***Bridges to Safety*** is an online, no cost, 6-week professional development course to build a common base of knowledge, increase awareness and education, and enhance the capacity of those in the settlement sector to recognize and respond to gender-based violence in ways that meet the unique needs of immigrant and refugee communities. It also aims to increase the capacity of the settlement and anti-violence sectors to work collaboratively in this area, and to focus on building bridges, not silos, between sectors. Since April 2019, the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth has partnered with the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance – Alliance canadienne du secteur de l'établissement des immigrants (CISSA-ACSEI), the Ending Violence Association of Canada, and the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, to develop a settlement sector strategy to address gender-based violence. Ending gender-based violence is everyone's responsibility and we all have a role to play.

For all enquiries, please contact Kathryn Bates-Khan, Manager Gender Based Violence Prevention Project at the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth, Centre for Immigrant Programs:

T: 902-457-1959 M: 902-456-7223 E: kathryn.bateskhan@halifax.ymca.ca & ghita.rhammaz@halifax.ymca.ca

Submitted by Joni Rose, BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs, for your interest.