



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 115

February 16, 2022

**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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

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**Canadian Red Cross Covid Rapid Test Kits for Agencies  
COULD BE USEFUL FOR YOUR OFFICES!!**

Please see the details of the Covid rapid tests available from the Red Cross for non-profit staff and clients. If anyone has questions, the contact info is included. These tests have been hard to come by, so this may be helpful!

<https://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/current-emergency-responses/covid-19---novel-coronavirus/covid-19-rapid-testing-program-for-community-organizations>

*Thanks Red Cross!*

**BC CHARMS REPORT BOOK:** The beautiful report book

**“In Between Emergency, Transitional, and Permanent Homes – Perspectives from Refugee Claimants and Service Providers”**  
is now available on the [MAP website](#)

Please take some time to read stories of refugee claimants and their journeys to find permanent housing.

If your agency would like a hardcopy of the report please email Jackie Sarvini at MOSAIC: [jsarvini@mosaicbc.org](mailto:jsarvini@mosaicbc.org)

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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!

Please see attached these 3 posters for Vaccination Clinic tomorrow, February 17 in Surrey  
(previously circulated to MAP)



## کوویڈ-19 ویکسین کلینک

کلینک بروز جمعرات، فروری 17  
صبح 10:00 بجے سے شام 5:00 بجے تک

خالصہ دیوان سوسائٹی سری  
103-7938 128 St, Surrey, BC

اپائنٹمنٹ بک کرنے کے لیے 236-632-2059 پر کال کریں۔  
پیر سے جمعہ صبح 9 بجے سے شام 5 بجے تک  
3 فروری سے 12 فروری تک  
اپائنٹمنٹ کے بغیر کسی کو ویکسین نہیں دی جائے گی۔

### ویکسین کے اہل افراد

- 12 سال اور اس سے زیادہ عمر کے افراد
- پہلی خوراک اور دوسری خوراک (پہلی خوراک کے تقریباً 56 دن بعد)
- بوسٹر خوراک (دوسری خوراک کے 6 ماہ بعد)
- 18 سال یا اس سے زیادہ عمر کے حاملہ افراد اپنی دوسری خوراک کے 8 ہفتے بعد بوسٹر خوراک حاصل کر سکتے ہیں۔ آپ اپنے حمل کے کسی بھی مرحلے پر ویکسین کے اہل ہوسکتے ہیں۔

### بک کرنے کے لیے درکار معلومات

پورا نام، پرسنل ہیلتھ کیئر نمبر (کیئر کارڈ) اگر آپ کے پاس ایک، فون نمبر، اور خوراک کی دوسری تاریخ ہے۔



- آپ کو شہری، مستقل رہائشی یا درست ویرا ہونے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔
- آپ کو ذاتی صحت نمبر، طبی نگہداشت کارڈ یا طبی بیمہ کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔
- اپنا پرسنل ہیلتھ کیئر نمبر اور فوٹو آن ڈی لائیں، اگر آپ کے پاس ہے، اور ماسک پہنیں۔
- اگر آپ بیمار ہیں، کوویڈ-19 ہے یا آپ کو خود اور الگ ٹھکانے کے لیے کہا گیا ہے تو شرکت نہ کریں۔



## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Clinic Day Thursday, February 17  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gurdwara: Khalsa Diwan Society Surrey  
103-7938 128 St, Surrey, BC

Call 236-632-2059 to book appointment, no walk ins  
Monday to Friday 9 AM to 5 PM  
from Feb 3 to Feb 12

### Eligibility

- 12 years and older
- 1<sup>st</sup> dose and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose (about 56 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose)
- Booster dose (6 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose).
- Pregnant people 18 years and older can get a booster dose 8 weeks after their second dose. You can be at any stage of your pregnancy.

Information needed to book- Full name, Personal Health Care Number (Care Card) if you have one, Phone number, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose date.

- You do not need to be a citizen, permanent resident or have a valid visa.
- You do not need a personal health number, medical care card or medical insurance.
- Bring your Personal Health Number and photo ID, if you have them, and wear a mask.
- Do not attend if you are sick, have COVID-19 or have been asked to self-isolate



## کوویڈ -19 ਵੈਕਸੀਨ کلینک

کلینک دا دن - ਵੀਰਵار, 17 ਫਰਵਰੀ  
ਸਵੇਰੇ 10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ام 5:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ

ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ: ਖਾਲਸਾ ਦੀਵਾਨ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ ਸਰੀ  
103-7938 128 ਸਟਰੀਟ, ਸਰੀ, ਬੀ.ਸੀ

ਅਪੁਆਇੰਟਮੈਂਟ ਬੁੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ 236-632-2059 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ  
ਸੋਮਵਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ام 5 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ  
3 ਫਰਵਰੀ ਤੋਂ 12 ਫਰਵਰੀ ਤੱਕ  
ਕਲੀਨਿਕ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਕੋਈ ਵਾਕ-ਇਨ (ਅਪੁਆਇੰਟਮੈਂਟ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ) ਨਹੀਂ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

### ਪੇਗਰਾ

- 12 ਸਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਉਮਰ ਦੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਲਈ
- ਪਹਿਲੀ ਡੋਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਜੀ ਡੋਜ਼ (ਪਹਿਲੀ ਡੋਜ਼ ਤੋਂ ਲਗਭਗ 56 ਦਿਨ ਬਾਅਦ)
- ਬੂਸਟਰ ਡੋਜ਼ (ਦੂਜੀ ਡੋਜ਼ ਤੋਂ 6 ਮਹੀਨੇ ਬਾਅਦ)
- 18 ਸਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਉਮਰ ਦੇ ਗਰਭਵਤੀ ਲੋਕ ਆਪਣੀ ਦੂਜੀ ਡੋਜ਼ ਤੋਂ 8 ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਬੂਸਟਰ ਡੋਜ਼ ਲੈ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਗਰਭ ਅਵਸਥਾ ਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਪੜਾਅ 'ਤੇ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।

ਅਪੁਆਇੰਟਮੈਂਟ ਬੁੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ - ਪੂਰਾ ਨਾਮ, ਪਰਸਨਲ ਹੈਲਥ ਕੇਅਰ ਨੰਬਰ (ਕੇਅਰ ਕਾਰਡ) ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਹੈ, ਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ, ਦੂਜੀ ਡੋਜ਼ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ

- ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਨਿੱਕਲ, ਪਛਾਣੀਏ ਡਾਕੂਮੈਂਟ, ਵੋਟਰ ਫੋਟੋ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।
- ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਪਛਾਣਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਨੰਬਰ, ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਕੇਅਰ ਕਾਰਡ ਜਾਂ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਇਨਸੂਰੈਂਸ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।
- ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਪਛਾਣਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਨੰਬਰ ਜਾਂ ਫੋਟੋ ਆਈਡੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲਿਆਓ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਸਕ ਪਹਿਨੋ।
- ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਬਿਮਾਰ ਹੋ, ਕੋਵਿਡ-19 ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਵੈ-ਇਜ਼ੋਲੇਟ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਸਲਾਹ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਨਾ ਆਓ।



Dear stakeholders,

I am pleased to inform you that the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada's (IRB) [2020-21 Departmental Results Report \(DRR\)](#) was tabled in Parliament on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Guided by the strategic objectives outlined in our *Growth and Transformation Agenda*, the IRB successfully navigated the COVID-19 pandemic during the first year of its onset while also achieving strong results. Among the highlights included in the DRR:

- We effectively responded to the challenge of the pandemic by advancing our efforts to become a digital organization and quickly developing and implementing a new remote hearings operating model. This allowed us to fulfill our important mandate and maintain access to justice while prioritizing health and safety.
- The Refugee Protection Division finalized nearly 30,000 refugee claims and reduced its inventory of claims by 24%.
- The Refugee Appeal Division finalized almost 10,000 appeals and reduced its inventory of appeals by 41%.
- The Immigration Division exceeded case intake and finalized over 4,300 detention reviews and over 1,000 admissibility hearings.
- The Immigration Appeal Division also exceeded case intake and finalized over 2,700 appeals, further reducing its inventory of appeals by 25%.
- The IRB finalized its Quality Assurance Framework, which was independently reviewed and recognized as a model for administrative tribunals in Canada and abroad. Under the auspices of this framework, a range of targeted initiatives were advanced to support strengthened quality and consistency in decision making across the Board.

The Board also established the Chairperson's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion to harness the lived experiences, ideas and engagement of employees and help develop the IRB's first *Diversity and Inclusion Strategy*.

Your ongoing collaboration and feedback throughout this challenging period was extremely valuable, not just to the Board but to the tens of thousands of people relying on us to bring certainty to their lives. Your expertise and advice were especially valuable in helping the Board to prioritize health and safety, as well as access to justice, throughout this unprecedented period. Your expertise and advice were especially helpful in allowing the Board to prioritize health and safety, as well as access to justice, throughout this unprecedented period.

Thanks to all of you, the IRB demonstrated a strong performance in the context of the pandemic. As Chairperson, I am proud of our achievements. I encourage you to read the DRR to learn more about the work we did and how it has laid the groundwork for important organizational change, both operationally and culturally.

Richard Wex, Chairperson, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

# News highlights:

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

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

*Thanks to Journey Home's **Barry Growe** for his research and compilation:*

- [Canada wants to welcome 1.3 million newcomers over three years, but can its immigration system keep up?](#)  
Toronto Star February 14
- [Ottawa launching new online case status tracker for family class PR applications](#)  
Weekly Voice February 15
- [Slaight Foundation donates \\$15 million to charities supporting women and girls](#)  
Toronto Star February 8
- [Manitoba launches new advisory council on immigration](#)  
CBC February 14
- [Immigration lawyers want Canada to pause attracting newcomers](#)  
Upjobsnews February 9

## Settlement & Integration Program

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



## Welcome to BC - Orientations (in 1st language) for Newcomers

Language	Contact our Case Managers for registration	Orientation 1: General information on BC, resources and systems in BC, dealing with stress of migration, etc.	Orientation 2: Federal & Provincial Benefits	Orientation 3: Money, budgeting, banking and financial systems and tools
Arabic:	Siham Alkhashief sihama@burnabyhh.ca; C: 236-877-2517	1st Wednesday of each month 10am - 12pm	2nd Wednesday of each month 10am - 12pm	3rd Wednesday of each month 10am - 12pm
Mandarin:	Dali Qu daliq@burnabyhh.ca; C: 236-877-2616	2nd Monday of each month 10am - 12pm	3rd Monday of each month 10 am - 12:00pm	3rd Monday of each month 10am - 12pm
Dari:	Arman Zamani armanz@burnabyhh.ca; C: 604-657-2163	1st Friday of each month 1pm - 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm - 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm - 3pm
Farsi:	Maryam Torabizadeh maryamt@burnabyhh.ca; C: 236-877-2531	1st Friday of each month 1pm - 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm - 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm - 3pm
Filipino:	Avelina Dioces avelina@burnabyhh.ca; C: 236-889-4065	2nd Thursday of each month 11am - 1pm	3rd Thursday of each month 11am - 1pm	3rd Thursdays of each month 11am - 1pm
Spanish:	Monica Tinajero Macarty monicam@burnabyhh.ca; C: 236-878-9405	1st Thursday of each month 11am - 1pm	2nd Thursday of each month 11am - 1pm	3rd Thursday of each month 11am - 1pm
Vietnamese:	Duy Tong duyt@burnabyhh.ca; C: 604-398-6955	1st Tuesday of each month 11am - 1pm	2nd Tuesday of each month 11am - 1pm	Every 3rd Tuesday of each month 11am - 1pm

[www.burnabyhh.ca](http://www.burnabyhh.ca)

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community-driven and community-funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (tsələl-wəʊtʰət), Aḱwéwetem (Akwéwetem), Squamish (sqwəw'ámsh) (Squamish) and Musqueam (mʷəsqwəjəm) Nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

Burnaby Neighbourhood House presents:

## Welcome to BC – Orientations for Newcomers in first language

These 3 sessions are open to ALL newcomers

**(Poster attached)**

Arabic, Mandarin, Dari, Farsi, Filipino, Spanish, Vietnamese



Kiwassa Neighbourhood House is now offering settlement services in Arabic.

If you know of any clients who require support, please contact Hussein at [husseina@kiwassa.ca](mailto:husseina@kiwassa.ca)

Kiwassa Neighbourhood House  
2425 Oxford Street, Vancouver, BC V5K 1M7



## AMSSATalk: INDIGENOUS LEADERS' CIRCLE

March 2, 2022 | 10:00am-12:30pm PST

**In this AMSSATalk, Indigenous Leaders will engage in a dialogue about truth, reconciliation, and decolonization. The purpose is for Settlement Providers to learn from the stewards of this land; to share, listen, and build relations by respectfully participating in a discussion and asking questions.**

From June to August 2021, AMSSA facilitated a series of Indigenous Dialogue Circles, to connect BCSIS settlement service providers with the understanding that we are supporting settlement on unceded and occupied territories. Led by Norm Leech, Executive Director of the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre, the Circles were an opportunity for participants to learn about how they could relate to Indigenous people and how they could center Indigenous presence in their work and in their connection with newcomers.

Throughout the conversations, four key themes emerged: Indigenous Worldview versus Colonized Worldview, the concept that We All Have Our Own Indigeneity, Intergenerational Trauma and the Inherited Survivor Spirit, and Decolonization.

The Indigenous Leaders' Circle will continue the conversation and be an opportunity for further exploration of these themes. Katie Crocker, AMSSA's CEO, will facilitate a free-flowing discussion with four Indigenous Leaders, **Norm Leech, Tabatha Frank, Lorelei Williams, and JB the First Lady**. Viewers will then be invited to connect with participants in a Q&A session.

Details: **Location:** Zoom

**Meeting ID:** 834 4414 8592

**Passcode:** 381669

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE EVENT](#)



**Thank you so much for your support of ISSofBC's Remote Access to Digital Literacy Training for Newcomers (RADLTN) research project!**

## **[About ISSofBC's Remote Access to Digital Literacy Training for Newcomers \(RADLTN\) Research Project](#)**

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Lisa Herrera and I am the Project Lead on ISSofBC's Remote Access to Digital Literacy Training for Newcomers (RADLTN) research project which is funded by IRCC. The goal of the RADLTN project is to determine the most effective way to deliver remote/online digital skills training to newcomers who have low English and digital skills levels. The findings from this research, as well as materials used in the interventions tested, will be shared with the sector in order to improve newcomer outcomes when they must receive services online/remotely.

The initial research phase for the RADLTN project is examining current access and barriers to online/remote services for newcomers, particularly those from vulnerable populations. We also hope to learn about the challenges faced by service provider staff in supporting newcomer clients to get online.

### **[RADLTN Survey Link](#)**

Below please find a link to a short, 8-to-10-minute survey. We would appreciate if you could please forward this survey link to staff with experience helping newcomers who have low English and digital skills levels to get online for settlement, employment and/or language services, including any type of remote digital literacy training.

**Please ctrl + click this link to complete the survey: [RADLTN Service Provider Survey](#)**

We would appreciate if you and your staff could complete the survey by **Friday, February 18.**

**[Questions?](#)** Contact: [lisa.herrera@issbc.org](mailto:lisa.herrera@issbc.org).

**Project Lead - Digital Literacy Projects and Lead Instructional Coordinator - Language**

*Lisa*

FREE COMMUNITY  
CONNECTIONS ACTIVITY  
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERIES

COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

ANTI-RACISM  
PHOTOVOICE



Take photos to create an impact!

Do you enjoy taking photos? Do you like to use photography to express yourself?

Join the Photovoice Community Action Project to creatively express your experiences with racism.

- Learn how to use images to share your story
- Be a part of raising awareness about anti-racism initiatives
- Make friends with others who have similar interests

\* Your work will be showcased to the community!\*



Where:

Zoom Virtual Meeting  
You will receive the zoom link after your registration.

When:

Every Tuesday, 8 sessions  
From February 8, 2022  
to March 29, 2022  
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Who:

Youth age from 12 to 19

Information & Registration

Seats are limited  
Pre-registration is required

Please contact:

**Rodrigo Morales**

Community Connections Worker  
rodrigo.morales@options.bc.ca  
604.250.1766

**Ece Arslan**

Project Lead - "We are all Canadians"  
Anti-Racism Project  
ece.arslan@options.bc.ca  
604.612.1945

Priority is given to Permanent Residents, Protected Persons and Work Permit Holder, under IRPR section 112 and 113.

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## Black History Month Events

### ISSAMBA Centre: Black History Month Symposium 2022

ISSAMBA Centre, Resilience BC's Black Community Convener, is hosting a virtual [Black History Month Symposium](#) from February 17 to 18 to share their community report with findings and recommendations to address racism and improve inclusiveness within the system.

When: Thursday, Feb 17, 10:00 am to Friday, Feb 18, 3:00 pm

[Register now](#) on Zoom, and find other Black History Month events [here!](#)

[Reel Resistance: Nanaimo/Ladysmith Spoke](#)

In light of Black History Month, the Nanaimo/Ladysmith Spoke will be screening "Secret Vancouver: Return to Hogan's Alley" and "The Skin We're In: Pulling back the curtain on racism in Canada" both in-person and online. Register [on Eventbrite here](#)



# REROOTING

## ART SHOWCASE

### FEATURING ARTISTS:

Kallfümalen - Sussan Yáñez | Charlene Johnny |  
Leonard 'Tiger' Williams | Aaniya Asrani |  
Atheana Picha

### SOFT OPENING

Saturday, March 5, 2022 1 pm - 4 pm

| Mural Unveiling ft. Atheana Picha  
| Artists' Talk

### OPEN HOUSE

March 8, 9 & 11, 2022 10 am - 3 pm

| Artwork Exhibit

@ P'ipá:m Lelum - Clinton Park Fieldhouse  
2690 Grant Street, Vancouver

Covid-19 Safety Measures in effect. Masks mandatory.

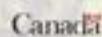
INQUIRIES: [GLORIA@FROGHOLLOW.BC.CA](mailto:GLORIA@FROGHOLLOW.BC.CA)

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'MAKE IT'  
PROGRAM



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the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement

\*Background Art 'Earth Mother and her Rainbow Children' by Sussan Yañez.

# Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House

Happy Lunar New Year!

What's happening at Frog Hollow...

February Newsletter

See all the happenings at:

<https://mailchi.mp/caf9207c8b15/frog-hollow-this-month-feb-2022?e=f7578f17d0>





The FACTUM is a monthly newsletter from Legal Aid BC.

February edition: <http://factum.mylawbc.com/>

Highlights: Answering your child support questions

Not familiar with the new Provincial Court Family Rules?

Free mediation for child support

Now you're talking – illustrated conversations about family law issues

Keep on learning – *Learn with Legal Aid BC* – a monthly newsletter

# Action Workshop: Overcoming Stigmatic Barriers



**Date:** February 23

**Time:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm

[Register Here](#)

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 PCN partners can implement from the outset of the PCN initiative rollout. Building from the [Equip Health Care toolkits](#), the working session will develop actions plans for specific PCN initiatives and PCN overall.

As preparation for the session, you can review the Equip Toolkit [HERE](#).

## Pre-Workshop Survey

We will be utilizing an assessment survey to review each tool in breakout sessions – this [survey can be found HERE](#).

You're welcome to look at the survey before the workshop so you can use it to review each tool during or after the session.

## 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 population groups in our community.

Many of the tools and strategies we plan to discuss at the workshop will have application beyond the PCN itself.

**Please share this invitation with those in your organization and network who you feel would get and/or bring value.**

We look forward to seeing you



## Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés Canadian Council for Refugees

Dear member,

This year, **for Refugee Rights Day (April 4), the CCR will call on the government of Canada to respect the right to refuge.** We will also be holding a virtual event on this date, at 7pm (Eastern). Mark your calendars! More details to come.

April 4th is the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1985 Singh decision. In this decision, the Supreme Court found that [the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the fundamental rights of refugees](#). And yet, these rights are not consistently reflected in our country's policies and practices, namely in the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA).

Do you believe in justice and fairness for all? Join us in calling for an end to the STCA!

### **What you can do:**

Send us a short video clip

- 5-15 seconds, .mov or .mp4 format

- Shot vertically (portrait) – with enough space around yourself or the subject of your video for cropping

- You can say one of the messages below, or your own message:

- "I want my country to be truly welcoming" "Canada has to honour the right to seek refuge"
- "Seeking asylum is a human right" "The Safe Third Country Agreement is a violation of the right to refuge"
- "Refugee rights are human rights" "Canada: stop turning people back at the border"

Instead of a video, you can also take a selfie against a familiar landmark in your community while holding your written message, or you can share your message in a different way – be creative!

\*Please keep your message respectful and hate-free.

**We will use your video or photo in a campaign to call for an end to the Safe Third Country Agreement.** It will be shared on social media and shown at the Refugee Rights Day event.

Please send your submissions or questions to [aviens@ccrweb.ca](mailto:aviens@ccrweb.ca) by **February 28**. We look forward to your participation!



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Centre for Migration Studies

## CMS WEEKLY UPDATE

*Including:*

- **Feb 18**, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (Virtual)

[What is Diaspora? A Possible Dialogue with Hong Kong Studies](#)

Shelly Chan, University of California, Santa Cruz

- **Feb 19**, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM (Virtual)

[Stories of Identity, Diversity, and Belonging: International Mother Language Day](#)

UBC Centre for India And South Asia Research

My name is Dave and I am conducting research related to climate change and asylum seekers for The Refugee Centre in Montreal!

As we have begun to witness in Western Canada, heatwaves and mass flooding have demonstrated that the overt impacts of climate change are leading to real-time threats that climate change poses to people's livelihoods and ability to live safely and securely where they choose. While these events have been horrible to watch, the sad reality is that they are nothing new for many around the world. We at The Refugee Centre have taken notice of this trend and have decided to conduct an internal research project to assess whether or not there are asylum seekers, or claimants, currently in Canada who may have had the impacts of climate change catalyze their decision to leave their country of origin in search of safety.

If your organization, or anyone within your network, knows of an asylum seeker or claimant from one of the following countries of origin, (Pakistan, India, Haiti, Bangladesh, Bahamas, Chad, Burundi, Nepal, Côte D'Ivoire, or the Philippines), we would love to be able to speak with them about their experiences.

I can be contacted at: [david@therefugeecentre.org](mailto:david@therefugeecentre.org) Thank you kindly, and I look forward to speaking with you!

Sincerely,  
Dave Cerenzia.--

OwnerAccessio Advisory - *Leveraging existing resources for positive social benefit*





Refugee Research Network

- **RRN Research Digest -  
February 10, 2022**

**READ RESEARCH ON RRN  
WEBSITE**

**Including:**

In celebration of **Black History month**, the RRN team would like to share with you some useful resources and publications. Please share with us any other information to include in the upcoming February issue:

- [Black History Month 2022... by the numbers](#) (Report)
- [Socio-structural injustice, racism, and the COVID-19 pandemic: A precarious entanglement among Black immigrants in Canada](#) (Journal article)
- [Reflections on return migration: Understanding how African immigrants in Canada contemplate return](#) (Journal article)
- [Black Communities in Canada](#) (Film collection)

## REPEATS



### IMPROVE ON:

- > Workplace communication
- > Key vocabulary and phrases
- > Useful dialogues, writing and reading
- > Canadian workplace culture

# Online ENGLISH Classes for Beginners

**Eligible Clients:**  
Refugee Claimants  
Temporary Foreign Workers  
Nat. Citizens

### ZOOM LINK:

<https://bit.ly/34TKLE3>

Contact Information: **Salveen Kaur**  
Call: 604.809.7618  
[salveen.kaur@options.bc.ca](mailto:salveen.kaur@options.bc.ca)



- **Options Community Services:** BCSIS is offering beginner-level English classes and new clients are welcome. *(See attached poster).*
  - **Date and time:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm
  - **Link:** <https://optionsbc.zoom.us/j/95710361640>
  - **More information:** Please e-mail Savleen Kaur at [savleen.kaur@options.bc.ca](mailto:savleen.kaur@options.bc.ca)

**Welcome!**





## ART-MAKING IN COMMUNITY GROUP

The earth without “art” is just “eh”



### Make art with us!

Explore different art modalities (Drawing, Painting, Collage, Modelling with clay, Movement, Poetry, Voice, Drama)

Art materials provided to participants

No artistic skills required

Interpretation available

Six consecutive Thursdays (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7)

10 am-12:30pm

On Zoom

Registration required. Contact: [matias.hacker@vast-vancouver.ca](mailto:matias.hacker@vast-vancouver.ca)  
[elena@vast-vancouver.ca](mailto:elena@vast-vancouver.ca)

**VAST PRESENTS:**

## Art-making in Community group

To register email :

Mathias - [matias.hacker@vast-vancouver.ca](mailto:matias.hacker@vast-vancouver.ca)

Or Elena - [elena@vast-vancouver.ca](mailto:elena@vast-vancouver.ca)

**Poster attached**

**MOSAIC** is offering free in-person training for  
Refugee Claimants in March:  
**Food Safe training**

The training is in English and MOSAIC will provide the participant with a certificate of completion.

Lunch, bus tickets, and masks will be provided! *(For more information, please see the poster attached).*

**Date and time:**

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm at MOSAIC

**For more information and to register:** Please e-mail Tracy Tang at [ttang@mosaicbc.org](mailto:ttang@mosaicbc.org)

# Food Safe Training for Refugee Claimants

Wednesday, March 16th

9:00 am—5:00 pm

MOSAIC - 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver.

- FOODSAFE Level 1
- FREE Training: Receive a Certificate
- Highly valued by Canadian employers in many industries
- Training in English

Limited spaces available. Registration required!

Physically distanced class following COVID-19 safety measures.

Strict hygiene procedures are in place. Anyone with symptoms of illness will not be admitted. Masks are required.

To register: email [ttang@mosaicbc.org](mailto:ttang@mosaicbc.org)

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## **First Aid Training**

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# Umbrella Workshops for Health 2

Posters attached

It's free! Join us!

## Exercises for adults, seniors and to prevent back pain for the Arabic-speaking community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

Learn about healthier meals and prepare one

Practice English

Meet new people

Have fun and relax!

When Wednesday Feb 16 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanIxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872



No registration needed. If you have questions please call Hana 778-788-7340

Event with interpretation to Arabic

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# Umbrella Workshops for Health 2

It's free! Join us!

## Exercises for adults, seniors and to prevent back pain for the Latin American community

**What** A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

Learn about healthier meals and prepare one

Practice English

Meet new people

Have fun and relax!

**When** Saturday Feb 19 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Where** On Zoom please click on this link

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Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872



No registration needed. If you have questions please call Angelica 604-404-2105

**Event is in Spanish**

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# Talleres de Salud Umbrella 2

Ejercicios para adultos, adultos mayores y para prevenir el dolor de espalda para la comunidad Latinoamericana

Es gratuito!  
Ven y Únete a  
nosotros!

¿Qué? ¡Un taller para todos !

Vamos a reunirnos para:

Aprender acerca de comida saludable y preparar una

Practicar inglés

Conocer nuevas personas

Nos relajaremos y divertiremos!

¿Cuándo? Sábado Feb 19 10:30 am a 12:30 pm

¿Dónde? En Zoom por favor presione en este link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872



No necesita registrarse. Si tiene preguntas por favor comunicarse con Angélica 604-404-2105

Evento en español

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# Umbrella Workshops for Health 2

It's free! Join us!

## Exercises for adults, seniors and to prevent back pain for the Tigrinya-speaking community

**What** A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

Learn about healthier meals and prepare one

Practice English

Meet new people

Have fun and relax!

**When** Friday Mar 4 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Where** On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanIxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872



No registration needed. If you have questions please call Selamawit 604-518-7672

**Event with interpretation to Tigrinya**  
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## Exciting new pilot project the Canadian Red Cross is embarking on in British Columbia.

*We are looking for communities that would like to be involved.*

**(Poster on Page 2 & Attached)**

It's called the Community Assistance Team and it is designed to assist communities in increasing their resilience to disasters by providing support with disaster planning and supplementing emergency response and recovery activities. Communities identify projects related to emergency management that they feel will help them strengthen their capacity to respond to and prepare for emergencies. The Community Assistance Team, utilizing the emergency management expertise of Team members, helps communities bring those projects to fruition.

Projects identified by communities must focus on building emergency management capacity at the local level. Projects can be short-, mid-, or long-term and will last from one month to one year.

Communities are invited to **submit an Expression of Interest to the Community Assistance Team** indicating they would like to be considered for the pilot project. Priority is being given to remote, rural and Indigenous communities. Communities will also be selected based on criteria that includes:

- Experience with repeated emergencies;
- Having the capacity at the community level to work with the Community Assistance Team to complete the project; and
- Community vulnerabilities, hazards, and risks.

**We are looking for communities that are committed to increasing their resilience to disasters by actively engaging in emergency preparedness initiatives.**

If this sounds like you, we encourage you to submit an Expression of Interest. You can access the form [here](#), or you can email us at [communityassistance@redcross.ca](mailto:communityassistance@redcross.ca). Further information can also be found on our [website](#).

Submissions are being accepted between **February 1 and February 25, 2022**. A review panel will initially select one community to participate in the pilot project. The first community will be announced in May. We look forward to receiving your submission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or email the Community Assistance Team at [communityassistance@redcross.ca](mailto:communityassistance@redcross.ca).

**Sharan Kaur she/her**

Emergency Management Coordinator  
British Columbia & Yukon



Community Assistance Team



# **BUILDING STRONGER, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES – TOGETHER**

## SELECTION PROCESS NOW OPEN!

Does your community need support  
strengthening your emergency management capacity?

The Community Assistance Team helps  
build emergency management capacity  
in local communities.

Our team has a comprehensive  
understanding of emergency  
management concepts and processes  
and can support your projects.

Submit your community's Expression of Interest  
before February 25, 2022 by visiting  
[www.redcross.ca/CAT](http://www.redcross.ca/CAT)



Interested? Have questions?

Email us at  
[communityassistance@redcross.ca](mailto:communityassistance@redcross.ca)

## MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKSHOPS

REACH Community Health Centre - [www.reachcentre.bc.ca](http://www.reachcentre.bc.ca)

### Weekly Mindfulness Drop-in (online)

Interested in keeping up a regular mindfulness or meditation routine? Join this 30 minute drop in group to both learn more about mindfulness and to practice together!  
(Not required to attend every session)

7 sessions / Tuesdays / 4:30 – 5:00 pm  
Dates: January 18, 25  
February 1, 8, 15, 22 March 1

### Honoring Grief: Grief and Loss of a Significant Person (online)

Designed for those who have suffered the loss of a significant person by helping to understand, cope and live with their loss. Helping the grieving person move from pain to healing in a non-judgmental, compassionate, and safe environment by providing a comfortable space to share your story and experience.

6 sessions / Thursdays / 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Dates: February 17, 24  
March 3, 10, 17, 24  
Follow-up April 21

### Indigenous Young Dads/ Family Group (online)

A group where young Indigenous dads can meet and support each other. Men who are separated from the baby moms and struggling to remain in their children's lives. Work on building a relationship with both sides of the children's family.

6 sessions / Wednesdays / 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
Dates: February 2, 9, 16, 23  
March 2, 9

### Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). "Gaining tools to help you navigate the challenges of life in order to have a life worth living!" (online)

The DBT group is to gain skills that can help you experience your life as worth living – one that is satisfying and one that brings happiness – Lineham. It is hard to be happy without the life worth living. This is a fundamental tenet of DBT. Of course, all lives are worth living. No life is not worth living.

9 sessions / Tuesdays / 5:00 - 7:00pm  
Dates: February 22 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
April 5, 12, 19

Spots are limited. For info or to register, ask a REACH Receptionist, Physician, Counsellor, Social Worker, or Workshop Administrator.  
Email at [MSobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca](mailto:MSobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca)  
or call at 604.245.3838



Poster attached

This is Maddie, the Program Assistant of the Mental Health and Addictions Workshops. I would like to inform you about one of our amazing programs, named Weekly Mindfulness Drop-in. This workshop is a routine meditation program which will be hosted every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Attached is the poster with all of the relevant info, including workshop dates and times, as well as a brief description of Mindfulness program.

Here's where you can sign up for this program:

[Pre-survey](#)

Finally, we are delighted to start this program with such a fantastic team. Please let me know if you have any question about this Workshop.

**Maddie Sobhanipoor,**  
**Program Assistant – Mental Health and Addictions Workshops**

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

**REACH Community Health Centre**

1145 Commercial Dr, Vancouver BC V5L 3X3

[msobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca](mailto:msobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca)

# Entrepreneurship Funding and Supports

**FEBRUARY 24TH**  
**9:30AM-12:30PM**

This virtual event will provide a better understanding on how to access resources, funding and supports available for newcomers looking at entrepreneurship and to ask questions to panelists.

Registration Required: <https://tinyurl.com/wda8tb42>

## FUNDING PANEL:

BDC  
Futurpreneur  
Granted  
Vancity  
WeBC

## SUPPORTS PANEL:

Douglas College  
ISS of BC  
SUCCESS  
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 **BIPT** BURNABY INTERCULTURAL PLANNING TABLE



# Challenges and Success Stories of Entrepreneurship

**Date: March 3rd, 2022**  
**Time: 9:30-11:30 am**

Listen to Entrepreneurs as they tell stories of challenges and successes in their process of becoming entrepreneurs in different industries.

Register now at [tinyurl.com/2p8aue7a](https://tinyurl.com/2p8aue7a)

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NewToBC invites you to  
**Community Dialogues**  
**Emergence, Adaptation**  
**and Resilience**

Accessing and delivering services in a changing environment

**ABOUT THE EVENT**

Join libraries, newcomers and settlement & service providers in your community to explore issues related to newcomers and service provision in an ongoing COVID context. Each session is two hours long with an additional 30 minutes for networking after the session. During the dialogues, we will dive into the following key questions:

- What innovations are we seeing in service delivery to newcomers?
- What tools, strategies & resources can carry us forward?

**ATTEND THIS EVENT TO**

- Increase understanding and capacity to respond to evolving needs and challenges of newcomers.
- Explore best practices for accessing and sharing information about services.
- Share strategies to reach and connect to newcomers.
- Network with others to share what's worked, what's changed, and where we go from here.

**WHAT TO EXPECT?**

- Current community immigrant and refugee demographic data
- Newcomer, library, service provider panel and Q&A
- Group discussions around adaptation & innovation
- Future focused hackathon for community-based solutions
- Informal networking

Access: Online / Zoom

Click here to register:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Dialogues2022>

or scan this QR code



For more information contact:

Jody at [jody.johnson@shaw.ca](mailto:jody.johnson@shaw.ca) or

Andrea at [heartandsolnes@gmail.com](mailto:heartandsolnes@gmail.com)

**EVENT DATES**

**SURREY AND DELTA**

Feb 23, 2022

1:00 to 3:00pm

**BURNABY AND NEW WEST**

Feb 24, 2022

1:00 to 3:00pm

**COQUITLAM, PORT COQUITLAM**

**AND PORT MOODY**

March 2, 2022

1:00 to 3:00pm

**CITY AND DISTRICT OF NORTH**

**VANCOUVER AND WEST VANCOUVER**

March 9, 2022

1:00 to 3:00pm

**RICHMOND**

March 10, 2022

1:30 to 3:30pm

**LANSLEY**

March 17, 2022

1:30 to 3:30pm

**ABBOTSFORD, CHILLIWACK**

**AND MISSION**

March 18, 2022

1:30 to 3:30pm

**VANCOUVER**

March 24, 2022

1:00 to 3:00pm

**MAPLE RIDGE AND PITT MEADOWS**

March 25, 2022

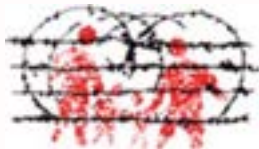
1:30 to 3:30pm

Please see poster attached

# NewToBC Dialogues

Andrea Solnes  
President & Resource Developer  
[heartandsolnes@gmail.com](mailto:heartandsolnes@gmail.com)





Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés  
Canadian Council for Refugees

## Canadian Council for Refugees Member Announcements (4 pages)

Dear member,

We're looking for candidates for a permanent full-time (35 hours/week) position to lead the work of the CCR's [Working Group on Immigration and Settlement](#).

### Principal responsibilities:

Working in close collaboration with other staff and CCR volunteer leaders, the **Settlement Policy Director** will:

- Oversee the CCR's work in the area of settlement and integration, through networking, communication, organizing, research, analysis and advocacy, under the direction of the Working Group on Immigration and Settlement
- Support the effective functioning of the Immigration and Settlement Working Group, through preparation and follow up of meetings, and promotion of volunteer leadership
- Support related priority areas of CCR work, in line with the Strategic Plan currently being finalized, such as newcomer youth engagement, anti-oppression and convening meetings of umbrella organizations and sector networks (exact responsibilities to be determined)

Click here for [more details about the job opportunity](#), including qualifications and application process.

The deadline to apply is **February 24, 2022**.

Cheers!



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés  
Canadian Council for Refugees

Dear member,

We will be holding a virtual meeting to exchange information about access to services funded through the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) on **Friday February 25**.

Join us to share information on the current barriers facing people seeking IFH services in the different regions and across the country. After the meeting, we will pass the concerns on to IRCC - in discussions, we have heard that they are open to hearing our issues and trying to address them.

### **Virtual meeting on IFH access issues**

**When:** Friday 25 February 2022

11am Pacific

The meeting will last 60 minutes.

Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvfumtqjgtH9eEeQRKr0Ta-5vD1WGbXGdr>



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés  
Canadian Council for Refugees

Dear member,

We will be holding a virtual meeting on detention issues on **Thursday March 3**.

This is an opportunity to exchange information about detention, including developments in the various regions and at the national level. We will also strategize about how CCR's advocacy on detention issues can be most effective, including at an upcoming meeting with the IRB.

Join us if you have information or concerns to share on detention issues, or if you simply want to keep up to date with what is happening across the country.

**Virtual meeting on detention issues**

**When:** Thursday 3 March 2022

11am Pacific

The meeting will last 60 minutes.

Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocuyhqTlqHtSznP2IHFTIWYPLjwKVnT3N>



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés  
Canadian Council for Refugees

## Steering Committee Member Invitation

The CCR is inviting organizations to nominate representatives to serve on the steering committee of a one-year project that will support NGOs serving immigrant and refugee communities to provide high-quality immigration and refugee services. This project follows up on discussions CCR has had with members for several years and reflects an issue that has consistently been identified as a priority for the CCR to work on.

Please consider if your organization could nominate someone for this important committee.

Applications should be made by **Monday 28 February** at <https://ccrweb.ca/en/quality-service-steering-committee-application>

For more information about the role of the Steering Committee and the project [download this document](#).

The **BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction** is pleased to announce another intake of the Work Experience Opportunities Grant. Applications are now being accepted until March 7, 2022. You can [apply today](#).

### Quick facts

- The Work Experience Opportunities Grant provides funding for non-profits in B.C. and federally registered charities to deliver work experience placements to vulnerable British Columbians with multiple barriers to employment.
- The grant benefits individuals and communities in BC; it helps people gain experience in the labour market and supports an inclusive labour market recovery.
- The grant provides up to \$50,000 to eligible organizations to deliver a time limited 12 or 20 week work experience that include support for individuals and communities, such as:
  - The development of life skills
  - The development of essential skills
  - Skill development that will aid in connection to the labour market
  - Enhanced community benefit

### Eligibility

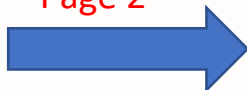
Eligible applicants include:

- Registered non-profit societies based in or operating in BC
- Registered non-profit societies that own, operate, or administer a social enterprise
- Federally registered charities

Partnerships between non-profit organizations and businesses can occur where the non-profit organization administers the grant and supports the participant in their work placement at a business location.

Eligible participants include:

- Anyone receiving income or disability assistance from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.
- Indigenous peoples on reserve who have the equivalent federal designation



## **Funding**

Organizations can apply for \$5,000 per participant, to a maximum of up to 10 participants, totalling \$50,000. Funds can be distributed in two ways to help ensure more participants are able to participate and benefit from these work experience opportunities.

One of the key changes to the program for this intake is the addition of a more flexible work option for participants, which was made based on valuable feedback received from past participants.

### **Two flexible placement options are now available!**

#### **Placements for 20 hours per week for 12 weeks**

- Duration of work experience placement: 12 weeks
- Hours: approximately 20 hours/week with a total of 240 hours for the entire placement
- Participant stipend amount: \$3,600 for the entire placement

#### **Placements for 10 hours per week for 20 weeks**

- Duration of work experience placement: 20 weeks
- Hours: approximately 10 hours/week with a total of 200 hours for the entire placement
- Participant stipend amount: \$3,000 for the entire placement

The remaining funds of either \$1,400 or \$2,000 is applied towards participant support costs (including hourly wages), costs of certificates/training, or to help with the organization's related administrative costs.

## **Learn more**

- Work Experience Opportunities Grant: <https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Work-Experience-Opportunities-Grant.aspx>
- News Release: [Work experience grant's fourth intake offers new options](#)

We encourage you to share this information with your networks and consider applying to provide valuable work experience opportunities to support an inclusive economic recovery effort.

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