



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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February 23, 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.

MAP MEETING – Tomorrow at 9:30 am

Register now to join your colleagues across the refugee claimant support sector to learn and discuss issues of real importance in your work.

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdOiurDsuHNxHCfoQ2aCle399ZvqMOC6S>

Presentation will be by Janet Dench, ED Canadian Council for Refugees – **"NGOs and Refugee and Immigration Services"**

IN FOCUS: Finding Home – Transformative Places where Refugee Claimants Flourish

Join us to hear about housing options that really work for refugee claimants and how we can duplicate the model Mohammed Zaqout (Kinbrace), Vanessa Roth (Journey Home Community) moderated by Loren Balisky (Kinbrace)
Tuesday March 15, 7pm online

[REGISTER HERE](#)

See more information on the [website](#)

Poster **inside!**



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!

A message from IRCC passed along by CCR:

Current version of the IMM 1442 generic secure form

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) would like to remind you that the latest version of the IMM 1442 generic secure form has been gradually deployed since the spring of 2020.

IRCC began to use the current version of this form in March 2020 for Study Permits (SP), Work Permits (WP), Visitor Records (VR), Temporary Resident Permits (TRP) and Refugee Protection Claimant Documents (RPCD).

The document confirms the immigration status of the person in Canada and should not be altered or laminated. Doing so would render it invalid. It cannot be used as an identity document or a travel document.

Note: Due to COVID-19, we are not replacing RPCD right now. An expired RPCD should be considered valid until further notice, even beyond the expiry date printed on the form.

Other IRCC permits and records using this form, including SP, WP, VR and TRP, cease to be valid as of the expiry date printed on the form.

You are invited to share this information within your networks.



FINDING HOME

TRANSFORMATIVE PLACES WHERE REFUGEE CLAIMANTS FLOURISH



Arriving in a new country as a refugee claimant, and adapting to a new culture, is challenging and overwhelming. But the biggest hurdle can be finding a safe place to stay. How can you help refugee claimants connect with warmth and welcome in a place they can call home? Join us to hear from Mohammed who faced this journey and is now helping other claimants find a home, and the experts who provide refugee claimant transition housing.

Tuesday, March 15th 2022
at 7:00 PM
Register online
<https://bit.ly/3gUFyhV>

Join us with

Moderator:
Loren Balisky
Kinbrace

Guest Speakers:
Mohammed Zaqaat
Kinbrace, Refugee
Housing & Support

Vanessa Roth
Journey Home
Community

Questions? Email
info@mapbc.org



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Vanessa Roth

Moderator:
Loren Balisky

REGISTER

PDF Poster attached

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!*

Charitable Registration # 811786227 RR0001



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
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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

For #BlackHistoryMonth, CCR recommends some resources to help you explore the topic:

To attend:

Black History Month - [Programming](#)

To watch:

NFB Celebrates [Black History Month](#)

To read:

[History of Black Immigration to Canada](#)
[The Colour Bar at the Canadian Border](#)
[A hundred years of immigration in Canada](#)



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International Women's Day!

Poster attached also

International Women's Day!

МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЙ ЖЕНСКИЙ ДЕНЬ

ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਮਹਿਲਾ ਦਿਵਸ

يوم المرأة العالمي!

國際婦女節

يوم المرأة العالمي

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國際婦女節

روز جهانی زن

Día Internacional de la Mujer

국제 여성의 날

journée internationale de la femme

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality.

Collectively we can all #BreakTheBias.

Join us to celebrate women's achievement, raise awareness against bias and take action for equality.

MARCH 8, 2022 6PM

Register Now at tinyurl.com/2hnf4kvj



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BURNABY
INTERCULTURAL
PLANNING TABLE





VYC
Kindred

A new choir for newcomers aged 11-22. Singers will participate in song-learning workshops and a recording project running March through May 2022. This program is free of cost, with no experience required. All youth who are new to Canada and have a love of singing are welcome.

- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- SING TOGETHER WITH OTHER YOUTH
- LEARN ABOUT YOUR VOICE
- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- ALL ENGLISH LEVELS WELCOME

REGISTER
ONLINE AT [VANCOUVERYOUTHCHOIR.COM/CHOIRS/VYCKINDRED](https://vancouveryouthchoir.com/choirs/vyckindred/)

中文登記: [MACROHISTROSA TAGALOG MATRICULATE ENLEHOUA ESPAÑOLA](https://vancouveryouthchoir.com/choirs/vyckindred/)
 हिन्दी में पंजीकरण: [gajpke ugke-ehk/urmas' पंजीकरण के लिए](https://vancouveryouthchoir.com/choirs/vyckindred/)
 تسجيل بالغة العربية: [للتسجيل بالغة العربية](https://vancouveryouthchoir.com/choirs/vyckindred/)

Vancouver Youth Choir Kindred Project

Actively recruiting new choir members NOW!

Please promote this wonderful opportunity to your youth teams to pass along to newcomer youth. A great way to have fun and connect.

Carrie Tennant (Artistic Director) has provided these links:

Here is the website link to

register: <https://vancouveryouthchoir.com/choirs/vyckindred/>

Here is the direct link to the registration

form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeI0Mohuh4ZKTmM8rW0cyF9gg6Le-tZXY6f4ibICfk22NNNWA/viewform>

The PDF Flyer is **attached** and linked

here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fUNGPykfalzX8l81rHlz--PTbrHEcK8K/view?usp=sharing>

Link to the mini-documentary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIT1v8gN76k&t=1s>

Here is a link to a little promo video:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CZMzXK-tP9l/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

More info? Contact Carrie at carrie@vancouveryouthchoir.com



Dear Colleagues,

My name is Zehra and I am the Projects Coordinator at both PeaceGeeks and on the Planning Team of the National Steering Committee on Technology (NSCT). I am reaching out to you today because of your work and engagement in the Settlement Sector and Technology Task Group (TTG).

The mandate of the NSCT is to build on the work of the Settlement Sector and Technology Task Group by creating and advancing a digital transformation strategy for the settlement sector. **We want to make sure that you are aware and reminded that there is an opportunity now to apply by Feb 25 to be part of the NSCT. Please find the Expression of Interest below.**

Applications are open starting Feb 15 to Feb 25 to join the inaugural National Steering Committee on Technology (NSCT), a permanent Committee that advises the National Settlement and Integration Council. The NSCT is mandated to create and advance a digital transformation and hybrid service delivery strategy that engages the settlement sector and is responsive to the needs, priorities, abilities, and circumstances of newcomers. A comprehensive [Terms of Reference](#) (TORs) and [Application Form](#) are attached.

Strategic Plan recommendations are derived from the findings of the Technology Task Group and other [key reports](#) that have emerged in the last two years, all of which focus on settlement sector digital transformation and bridging the digital divide.

The NSCT will convene five times a year with the aim of:

1. Adopting and overseeing a multi-year Strategic Plan and Annual Road Map
2. Continuously engaging the settlement sector on strategic priorities and progress
3. Coordinating with funders and sector on parallel digital transformation strategies
4. Identifying systemic barriers to Strategic Plan implementation



5. Establishing new Sub-Committees and setting priorities, goals and objectives

The NSCT will have two initial categories of membership:

• **NSCT General Members**

General Members can include newcomers and settlement sector staff and leaders who are mandated and/or committed to strengthening the digital transformation of the settlement sector. General Members can actively participate in all NSCT processes including participating in meeting discussions, voting on priorities, establishing Sub-Committee mandates and providing feedback on key documents.

• **NSCT Observer Members**

Observers are non-voting members which can include funders, policy makers, and non-member Umbrella organizations. Observers are able to observe committee meetings, host direct conversations with Co-Chairs, present at NSCT at the invitation of Co-Chairs, and bring relevant information back to their constituents.

If you are interested in applying to the NSCT, please complete the [Application Form](#) by Feb 25. A final decision on membership will be made by the Selection Committee by March 5, 2022.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Project Coordinator, Zehra Talib at zehra@peacegeeks.org.

Zehra Talib, *Projects Coordinator and Executive Assistant*

[#210 - 128 West Hastings Street](#)

[Vancouver, BC, V6B 1G8](#)

Statistics Canada is now collecting information on [Canadians' access to and experiences with COVID-19 testing](#), through crowdsourcing. The online questionnaire is accessible until March 13, 2022. **(Please see 2 attachments)**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, health measures and testing services have adapted. Through this crowdsourcing initiative, we would like to ensure that all Canadians have an opportunity to share their experiences with testing for COVID-19, particularly with using rapid tests. Everyone is encouraged to share their insights, especially parents and people living with children.

We would appreciate your help in getting the message out to your organization's supporters.

Here are some ways to help us spread the word:

1- Send the [link to the online questionnaire](#) to your network:

Please open the attached bilingual Word document "Invitation to participate/Invitation à participer" and copy and paste its content into a new email, from your organization's email account. Please do not send the letter as an attachment, but rather copy the content of the letter and paste it directly into the body of an email.

For the **Subject line**, please copy and paste the following: **Canadians' access to and experiences with COVID-19 testing—Share your perspective**

2- Promote this initiative through associations and organizations:

Add the attached banner to your website so that people can access the questionnaire. Various formats are available upon request. English:

<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/testingvaccine-questionnaire>

In this ever-evolving situation, we are hoping that the information collected will provide insight into the delivery of health services and supports during the pandemic for each region in Canada. We expect to publish results in April. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at infostats@statcan.gc.ca.

Thank you again for your support,

Sylvie Cyr

Director, Collection Planning and Research Division

Statistics Canada

REPEATS

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

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 life, 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 avelinad@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: 604-396-6955	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

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (sal̓ilwataʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikw'etl̓em), Squamish (sqw'wám̓wəsh Úxwamíw) and Musqueam (m̓sqwəməjəm) Nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



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

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](#)



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'ipa:m Lelum - Clinton Park Fieldhouse
2690 Grant Street, Vancouver

Covid-19 Safety Measures in effect. Masks mandatory.

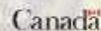
INQUIRIES: GLORIA@FROGHOLLOW.BC.CA

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FROG HOLLOW'S
'MAKE IT'
PROGRAM



Funding provided by the Government of Canada through
the Canada 2030's Community Development Agreement

*Background Art: 'Earth Mother and her Rainbow Children' by Sussan Yáñez.

Froghollow 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>



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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 by **March 1**. We look forward to your participation!

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 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)