



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 114

February 9, 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 would like to THANK our members wholeheartedly for your wonderful support in letting your volunteers and clients know that we are looking for Interpreters for the new BCIHC Support Program

We have received a huge response and already have a number of languages represented. Thank you!

At this time we are still looking specifically for: Punjabi, Hindi and Spanish. 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. Please email MAP at info@mapbc.org if you can help.

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

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants - especially during these unprecedented times.

Stay safe and well - and let's not let social distancing be a barrier to the folks we serve.

Jenny Lam, Thanh Lam - and the other Jenny!

(Previously circulated via email)

RE: REFUGEE CLAIMANT HOUSING

Dear MAP Members,

We understand there is keen interest and some ideas on how to move forward with the Interim Federal Housing Assistance Program (IHAP) funding, but the BC Government is not in position to make any commitments at this time. Right now, we are having discussions internally across government about the best way to utilize the IHAP funding in support of its intended purposes for claimant housing. Once we are able to, we intend to come back to MAP with more information on what approach the B.C. government will take with this funding. We appreciate your patience as we explore options that we hope will have a long-term impact on RC housing issues, but this will take time.

Thank you for your continued work to find solutions for housing refugee claimants. MUNI continues to remain committed to working with MAP on issues related to RCs.

Thanks,
Joni

Joni Rose

Senior Program Advisor
Immigration Policy and Integration Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs
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Vancouver, BC, V6B 5J3
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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



WelcomeBC

- **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

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
elena@vast-vancouver.ca

VAST PRESENTS:

Art-making in Community group

To register email :

Mathias - matias.hacker@vast-vancouver.ca

Or Elena - elena@vast-vancouver.ca

Poster attached

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

First Aid Training

March 9th, 9am-5pm at MOSAIC

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 16th, 9am-5pm at MOSAIC

For more information and to register: Please e-mail Tracy Tang at ttang@mosaicbc.org

First Aid Training for Refugee Claimants

Wednesday, March 9th

9:00 am—5:00 pm

MOSAIC - 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver

- **FREE Training:** Receive a certificate
- Occupational First Aid Level 1
- 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: ttang@mosaicbc.org

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Food Safe 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=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

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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ممارسة اللغة الانكليزية

مقابلة اناس جدد

استمتع واسترخ



الزمان: الاربعاء فبراير 16-2022 من الساعة 5:30 مساءً الى الساعة 7:30 مساءً

المكان : على زووم فضلاً اضغط على الرابط التالي

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سيتم الترجمة للغة العربية

إذا كانت لديك أية أسئلة، يرجى الاتصال بـ هنا: 7340-788-778

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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

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

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=QzlKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

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=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanIhSytWZz09>

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.

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. 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.

Sharan Kaur she/her

Emergency Management Coordinator
British Columbia & Yukon



Online and In-person Connection Support Available

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKSHOPS

REACH Community Health Centre - 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
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



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
WorkBC

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Financed par:  Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

 **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

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INTERCULTURAL
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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 or

Andrea at 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

LANGLEY
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



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés
Canadian Council for Refugees

Canadian Council for Refugees Member Announcements (5 pages)

We are writing today to ask you to fill out a very short survey (access it below) on your interest in attending a webinar on taxes (newcomers benefits and credits) presented by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) representatives. You may remember that we held one last year (late April) that covered the various benefits and credits newcomers were able to claim including Canada Child Benefit, Canada Workers Benefit and COVID-19 related benefits.

Several members have let us know that they opened tax clinics to help their clients. We thought it could be beneficial to you all to have the opportunity to discuss with Canada Revenue Agency on questions you may have regarding filing.

[Access the survey here!](#)

Deadline to fill it out: Friday 11 February



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés Canadian Council for Refugees

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/tZ0ocuyhqTIqHtSznP2IHFTIWYPLjwKVnT3N>



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

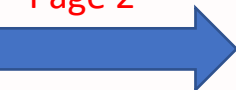
Eligible applicants include:

- 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.

Stakeholder & Client Engagement Team

WorkBC Employment Services

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction



REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE UBC SPRING VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR!

There's still time to register for UBC's virtual career event! Meet students, new grads, and alumni from various faculties and school while promoting your organization's full-time/part-time/Co-op/volunteer opportunities.

The deadline to register for the *UBC Spring Virtual Career Fair 2022* is **Friday, February 11**.

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, March 2 from 11 AM to 4 PM (PST)

LOCATION: Symplicity Virtual Fair Platform on UBC CareersOnline

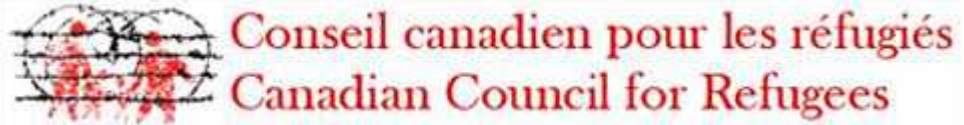
PRICING: Check out [our website](#) for the list of exhibitor packages

REGISTRATION: To register, please log into [CareersOnline](#). If you do not have an employer account, then please sign up for a new one. Once logged in, please select "*UBC Spring Virtual Career Fair 2022 - Register Now*" on the top right corner.

Register [here](#) by February 11 for the Spring Fair!

REPEATS

Following on from the presentation to MAP by IRCC last week about the portal we have received the following notice to share from CCR:



In response to a suggestion from CCR and others, IRCC has prepared an Application Guide for the Canadian Refugee Protection Portal (CRPP), now published at <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-canadian-refugee-protection-portal.html>

Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns

MAP Executive

SURVIVOR ADVOCATES CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Spring 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 Spring 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, VCST, 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





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)

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#singwithheart



The Vancouver Youth Choir made a wonderful presentation at the MAP Meeting on January 27

Please share the opportunity to join the choir with newcomer youth at your agency.

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>

Here is a link to the mini-

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

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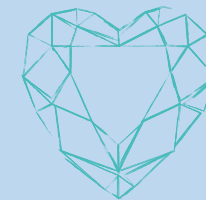
video: https://www.instagram.com/p/CZMzXK-tP9l/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Founder and Artistic Director: Vancouver Youth Choir

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CARRIE TENNANT, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op



Urgently needed:

- Cross Cultural Health Broker with Tigrinya speaking community (12-month contract, maternity leave coverage)
- Cross Cultural Health Broker with Latin American Spanish speaking community (full-time, permanent)

Also looking for:

- Administrative Assistant (part-time, temporary)

The published job postings are on our website [here](#).

Questions? Contact

Raquel Velasquez (she, her)
Operations and Administrative Manager

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PROGRESSIVE INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY (PICS)

Job Title: Employer Relations Specialist (Employment Counselor)
Location: Surrey and Vancouver
Hours: 35 hours/per week
Start Date: ASAP

PICS is seeking a results-oriented, multi-skilled professional with excellent communication skills to build and maintain relationships with employers, staff, and clients.

Job Summary:

Under the general supervision of the Program Manager, the Employer Relations Specialist is responsible for:

- initiating and maintaining relationships with organizations (work experience), partners, and colleges;
- organizing job fairs; and
- working closely with employment program staff members.

Education, Knowledge, and Experience:

- university degree, college diploma, or training certificate in adult education, employment counselling and job development, and/or appropriate combination of training and experience;
- experience working in a team of diverse staff, including interviewing, training, supervising performance and implementing change as required;
- Career Development Practitioner certification is an asset;
- experience planning and marketing events and job fairs;
- extensive knowledge of employment programs and services, local labour market conditions;
- experience using standard office equipment and Microsoft office; and
- experience working with wide range of groups of clients and vulnerable communities.

Skills and Abilities:

- excellent interpersonal, cross-cultural, written, and verbal communication skills;
- strong problem-solving, team building and collaboration skills, and able to exercise good judgement;
- comfortable engaging with employers and other stakeholders;
- flexible, adaptable and multitasker, able to work on different projects efficiently;
- able to adjust approach in order to meet goals of the annual business plan in respect to employer outreach;
- software/ it background and/or experience using database; and
- strong organizational skills to fulfill administrative duties.

Poster attached

PICS is Hiring!

Employer Relations Specialist (Employment Counselor).

If you are interested in applying for this position, or know someone who may be interested and qualified, please email a resume and cover letter (**with wage expectations**) to me at career@pics.bc.ca. Please state name of position in email subject. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Mahmoud Hamouda
Manager

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Dear MAP-BC

In summer of 2020, you sent out a call for participants on our behalf, to gather participants for a legal needs study among immigrants. We were able to find 20 participants and value your help in reaching them.

I am pleased to report that this study has now been published.

You can find the study here: [*A Qualitative Look at Serious Legal Problems Faced by Immigrants in Greater Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia*](#)

Similar studies with other marginalized communities can be found here: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/jr/survey-enquete.html>.

Thank you for your support.

Kindly,

Florentien

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Weekly update: [https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?e= test email &u=2db73754aa063a11345d7f683&id=fa97825a99](https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?e=test_email&u=2db73754aa063a11345d7f683&id=fa97825a99)

UPCOMING CMS EVENTS:

Feb 10, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (Virtual)

Landscapes and Cityscapes – Indigenous Placemaking Narratives of Mobility
A panel with Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Jen Lavalley, and Rachel Brydolf-Horwitz

Feb 11, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (Virtual)

Ethnic Identity as a Strategy for Dealing With Uncertainty Darfurian – Sudanese Asylum Seekers in Israel as a Case Study
Lisa Richlen, University of British Columbia

Feb 28, 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM (In-person)

Community Luncheon
Centre for Migration Studies

Details in the update!

