



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? Three years into the pandemic this question is even more important and one that MAP will 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 if you have information that you would like to share with MAP please email info@mapbc.org.

MAP NEWS

The MAP BC EMERGENCY PLAN was discussed at our March 24 meeting and delivered to the funders shortly after. But the work has only just begun! We need to identify Lead Agencies for the priority services that will be needed in a response, and we need to embark on creating and providing training materials and resources to any agency who needs them.

MAP Emergency Task Force invites you to consider joining us in this time of preparation. Please email MAP for more details

Endorsement of request to House of Commons Special Committee on Afghanistan to amend Canada's definition of 'family'

Journey Home Community brought the refugee claimant-led request for an endorsement forward to MAP and thanks to all your support a letter was written and signed by MAP co-chairs on behalf of all non-government MAP members. You can see the letter inside this bulletin and the names of Agencies listed. Thank you to Doug Peat for bringing this forward.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY is just around the corner (June 20) and we are envisaging an in-person MAP Member Agency MarketPlace this year! Watch this space for more information - and if you have ideas/suggestions/a desire to help out please contact info@mapbc.org We welcome all sorts of help

We are experiencing some confusing times when speaking about refugees. The word is being used very loosely and we need to make sure we safeguard the rights of refugee claimants in Canada – as well as the rights of asylum seekers in Europe who may find a government pathway to Canada.

Please see this short article written by Loren Balisky: [use the right language – displaced Ukrainians, or Ukrainian refugees?](#)

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants
Jenny Lam, Thanh Lam - and the other Jenny!



(Letter of Endorsement sent by MAP)

March 31, 2022

To: Honorable Jenny Kwan, MP, and the House of Commons Special Committee on Afghanistan

Re: Support of MAP BC and its member agencies to the request for the Canadian government to expand the definition of family for Afghan family reunification.

The agency members of MAP BC, a network of agencies working to support the needs of refugee claimants wish to voice their endorsement of the application to the Special Committee on Afghanistan made by Ms Katherine Moloney on Monday March 28.

MAP wholeheartedly supports the grassroots initiative and campaign, led directly by refugee claimants, and voiced through Tenth Church associated with Journey Home Community, a longstanding MAP member and housing provider for refugee claimants.

MAP, as a collective of agencies, community groups, and individuals, endorses the request to government to expand the current definition of "family" to include parents and siblings, as this expanded definition will be of direct benefit to the well-being of refugee claimants as they resettle in our communities.

On behalf of the Member agencies listed below

Thanh Lam, MAP BC Co-chair
Manager of Youth & Settlement Programs
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

Jenny Lam, MAP Co-chair
Senior Manager of Immigrant Services
Options Community Services Society

See agencies listed over



AMSSA	MCC Newcomers Food Bank
Archway Community Services	Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
Baobab Inclusive Empowerment Society	MOSAIC
bc211	Muslim Food Bank and Community Services Society
Burnaby Family Life	New Canadian Clinic
CANN - S.U.C.C.E.S.S	New Hope Community Services Society
<u>College Educacentre</u>	Options Community Services
Covenant House	PICS (Progressive Intercultural Community Services)
DIVERSEcity	PIRS (Pacific Immigrant Resource Society)
Edelman & Co Law Offices	Purpose Society
First Christian Reformed Church	QMUNITY
Fraser Health Region	Rainbow Refugee
Impact North Shore	REACH Community Health Center
inasmuch	Roots Community Health Centre Society
Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	Settlement Workers in Schools
ISSofBC / SOS	South Vancouver Neighbourhood House
IRIS Project	S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
Journey Home Community	Umbrella Multicultural Health
Jumpstart Refugee Talent	VanCity
Kinbrace	VAST
Kiwassa	Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Community Services
Little Mountain Neighbourhood House	Zaytuna Services Society

Dear stakeholders,

The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) is pleased to release a new remuneration schedule for contracted Designated Representatives (DRs). The remuneration schedule explains how contracted DRs are paid for their work.

In the past, contracted DRs were paid a fixed amount. No matter how simple or complex a file was, the remuneration stayed the same.

The new schedule is designed to be fairer by better reflecting the important work contracted DRs do. It includes remuneration based on the level of effort per proceeding. To develop the new remuneration schedule, the IRB conducted a survey in the fall of 2019. We talked to a wide range of parties, including:

- national and regional stakeholders;

- selected contracted DRs;

- IRB Deputy Chairpersons and Assistant Deputy Chairpersons; and

- IRB Members and staff.

One of the goals of the survey was to gather information for a review of contracted DR remuneration.

The survey responses were clear: we needed to change the way contracted DRs were remunerated, and problems with remuneration made it harder to find, hire, and retain contracted DRs with the competencies and experience to fill this important role.

We remain committed to the important role contracted DRs play in providing access to justice. Now that the new remuneration schedule is in place, we are focusing on strategies to keep recruiting highly qualified contracted DRs.

Please share this information with your members as you see fit.

Roger Ermuth, Executive Director

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

FREE ONLINE COURSE

EAL

EVERY SATURDAY APRIL 9 - - JUNE 25 10AM -12PM

Join us to learn about workers rights and gain English as an additional language skills!

I believe that the health and safety course is an asset to have in any kind of job. Health and safety training ensures work longevity. Education is power.
- Community worker

The course EAL Occupational Health and Safety is so important since most of us started as Migrant Workers in Canada...we ought to know all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as well as the hazards and safety of being a worker in a certain workplace for our welfare and for our families.
- Past Participant

The Occupational Health and Safety Course is eminently essential, not only for the certificate that has given, but its the knowledge gained really matters.
- Past Participant



To register email
ohsadmin@bcfed.ca



Please share this information.

This course is a good opportunity for migrants and refugees.

We meet for 10 sessions on Saturdays from 10 to noon.

Community Workers are welcome to take the course too.

Thanks.

(Poster attached also)

Is the two-step migration system serving Canada and newcomers as it is intended?

Tues. Apr. 12, 2022, 12-1 PM EST



Canada's two-step system offers varied and unequal transition pathways to different groups of migrants without considering their specific social and economic circumstances. During the pandemic, several policy initiatives were undertaken in 2020-2021 to address this issue; yet, Canada still faces significant labour shortages in key areas of the economy. Given this backdrop, it is critical that we understand fully the implications of our current system and how it can be refined to best serve Canada and tomorrow's newcomers.

Join **CERC Migration** for a webinar to discuss the impact of Canada's two-step immigration system on the transition experiences and challenges facing different groups of temporary migrants, and what proactive approaches could address these challenges.

Presenters include:

- **Amrita Hari**, Associate Professor, Carleton University
- **Delphine Nakache**, Associate Professor, University of Ottawa
- **Marshia Akbar**, Senior Research Associate, CERC Migration, Ryerson University

The discussion will be moderated by [Anna Triandafyllidou](#), Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration, Ryerson University.

REGISTER



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Centre for Migration Studies

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (*in-person*) ***NEW***

[What's "Vital" About the Registration of Vital Events?](#)

Amanda Cheong, University of British Columbia

May 18, All Day Event (*in-person*) ***NEW***

[Public Views of Immigration and Diversity: Causes and Consequences for Policy](#)

Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia

See: https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?e=__test_email__&u=2db73754aa063a11345d7f683&id=d79e77077d for **CMS Job Opportunities and more**

CMS faculty affiliates receive UBC Faculty Research Award

[Efrat Arbel](#) (Peter A. Allard School of Law) received UBC Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship

YOUR NEXT STEP VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

Thursday, May 12, 2022
11AM - 4 PM PDT

**Exhibitor Registration
NOW OPEN**



**Register by April 18 on
CareersOnline**
yns.fair@ubc.ca

<https://hireastudent.ubc.ca/career-fairs>



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Centre for Student Involvement & Careers

**More info
overleaf**



Your Next Step - Virtual Job Fair - May 12, 2022

alumni UBC and the UBC Centre for Student Involvement & Careers is delighted to announce that registration is now open for the **Your Next Step Virtual Job Fair** occurring on **Thursday, May 12**. Your organization can connect with countless talented students and alumni from all of UBC's programs and faculties interested in exploring their career opportunities (internships, co-ops, new grad, seasonal, and volunteer roles). This event is targeted at exhibitors interested in recruiting and promoting their brand to UBC students and alumni.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, May 12 from 11 AM to 4 PM (Pacific Time)

LOCATION: Symplicity Virtual Fair Platform on UBC CareersOnline

PRICING: Check out [our website](#) for the full 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 "*Your Next Step - Virtual Job Fair 2022 - Register Now*" on the top right corner.

Register [here](#) by Monday, April 18!

Take a look at our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to get an overview of event structure and set-up.

We look forward to welcoming you to the virtual fair! Please reach out to yms.fair@ubc.ca if you have any questions.

REPEATS

Notice:

bc211 is going to be merging with United Way BC as of April 1st. There will be a formal announcement from UWBC.

Our services will not be changing but we will become a program of UWBC and no longer an individual organization.

Thanks,

Julia Wu MCP, CRS (she/her/hers)

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MOSAIC SAFE project

MOSAIC has recently received funding through Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) to undertake a project developing promising practices to prevent exploitation and trafficking in newcomer communities and provide supports to those who have been exploited or trafficked.

The project, **Safeguarding and Facilitating Empowerment (SAFE)**, will create educational resources and learning opportunities for at risk populations and develop a case management system for survivors of exploitation. There will be ongoing evaluation and adaptation to best address the needs and gaps of this population, with the goal of enhancing the overall capacity of the settlement sector to prevent and address exploitation, with trafficking as an extreme. Promising practices that emerge from this project will be made available to settlement service providers through trainings and materials.

We are conducting a needs assessment and would appreciate feedback on your agency's current capacity to address exploitation and trafficking (both prevention and intervention). If your agency is on the larger side and has many programs that do not overlap in clientele, please forward this survey to all relevant staff. If you could respond to this survey by Thursday March 31st, 2022, we would greatly appreciate it.

SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.office.com/r/TVJJB59TjT>



Kinbrace announces the publication of:

[From Humanitarian to Human - Changing the Way We Welcome Refugee Claimants](#) is a community-based research project led by the guiding question: "What would a values-based, human-centered, and transformational welcome for and with people seeking refuge and protection in Canada look like?"

Nine actionable recommendations offer a clear path forward for refugee claimants and Canadians.

This Kinbrace-initiated qualitative research was guided by a diverse research steering committee, and funded by a Vancouver Foundation Systems Change grant and the Houssian Foundation.

Research and report were completed by Alexandra Dawley Consulting

This research report is also available on the MAP BC website [here](#) or as a PDF by request.