



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 120

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

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### Last call to register for Thursday!

#### MAP Meeting – March 24 at 9:30 am – Presentation of the MAP BC Emergency Plan

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvfumhrzgoHtBRL29jGMYB1V60xfUmi4yP>

The Housing Working Group meeting will be on March 31 at 1:15pm to allow our speaker to attend.

### Meeting set with Dr Penny Ballem – BC CDC

A meeting has been arranged with Dr Penny Ballem to discuss the COVID-19 Vaccination program – updates, questions etc. The CDC wants to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to ask any questions and or pose any issues around vaccines. IF you have not signed up but would like to attend on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am, contact MAP at [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org) for the link.

### CBSA – Alternatives to Detention annual update

MAP BC Has been informed that instead of a meeting CBSA will put out a comprehensive email covering ATD updates. The list of attendees last year has been forwarded to CBSA for inclusion in the email plus our MAP BCIHC Team. But if anyone else would like to receive this email please contact [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org) . Thank you.

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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!

You are invited to Equity Talks: Reimagining an Equitable Future.

(Poster attached)

Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership (VLIP), in collaboration with the Province of B.C. and the City of Vancouver, are hosting a presentation about equity work at the Province and City of Vancouver and roundtable discussion around reimagining what an equitable future looks like.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 1:00-2:30pm on Zoom.

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS:

Lily Grewal, Province of British Columbia

Director, Immigrant Integration; Immigration Policy and Integration Branch | Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Wilma Clark

Assistant Director; Social Policy and Projects | City of Vancouver

Dr. Mumbi Maina, City of Vancouver

Social Planner; Lead Planner on Anti-racism and Cultural Redress | City of Vancouver

Nadia Carvalho, City of Vancouver

Social Planner; Social Policy Department of the Social Infrastructure Team | City of Vancouver

Register in advance to reserve your spot:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtduippj8oEtPbNM1iEzKpIL-DFHsj2Aay>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Attached please find the poster. **Mark this date on your calendar!** Please forward this message to your colleagues **who might be interested in attending.**

Look forward to seeing you!

Koyali Burman; Co-Manager, Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership

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## SPEAKERS:



**Naomi Pope, PhD - Director,  
Labour Market and  
Immigration Analysis  
Ministry of Advanced  
Education and Skills Training**



**Jackie Storen - Director,  
Forecasting  
Ministry of Advanced  
Education and Skills Training**

# BCSIS Virtual Information Session

## THE BC LABOUR MARKET: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE - AFTER THE PANDEMIC

**April 5, 2022 | 10:00am - 11:30am Pacific Time**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

**In this Virtual Information Session, representatives from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training will provide an overview of the recent labour market trends and discuss the impact of the COVID-19 recovery period on employment and unemployment. Recent immigration data will be considered, and a review of the BC Labour Market Outlook forecast will highlight future labour market need and BC's High Opportunity Occupations.**

The British Columbia Labour Market Outlook provides a 10-year forecast of the flow of supply and demand for labour in the province. The new Outlook report was released early in February 2022. The forecast gives British Columbians the most up-to-date information they need to make informed decisions on careers, skills training, education and hiring, and it's a valuable tool for SPOs.

It is important for settlement workers to be familiar with the Outlook, to provide their clients with comprehensive employment support and current labour market information. It specifically includes insights related to immigrants and acknowledges that immigration impacts both the supply and demand side of the labour market. From 2021 to 2031, the Outlook analysts project 1,004,000 job openings in British Columbia. 346,000 new immigrant workers are expected to join the BC labour force between 2021-2031, an increase from 263,000 in the last 10-year forecast. This includes both permanent and temporary immigrants.

**It is vital for settlement workers to be able to help their clients plan ahead, in order to ensure that the next decade is filled with opportunity and prosperity.**

**Questions: Email Rebecca at [rferguson@amssa.org](mailto:rferguson@amssa.org)**

# JOB POSTING

## Kiwassa Neighbourhood House

Youth Settlement Worker – **details attached in WORD file**  
Permanent/full time

Send application by **March 30, 2022**, to  
[dir.settlement.employment@kiwassa.ca](mailto:dir.settlement.employment@kiwassa.ca)

2425 Oxford Street, Vancouver, BC V5K 1M7  
604.254.5401 ext. 213 | 604-306-9130



## Health-care workers, ECEs focus of changes to B.C.'s immigration program – media release March 10 (2 pages)

The Province is responding to the crucial need for more health-care workers and early childhood educators (ECEs).

Changes will be implemented for the **B.C. Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) Skills Immigration stream** that prioritizes these occupations and increases support for the care economy.

"We're taking steps to ensure the Provincial Nominee Program is meeting the needs of British Columbians today and into the future," said Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs. "By placing a greater focus on skilled workers in the care economy, we're helping attract talent from around the world committed to delivering the essential services we all rely on."

The B.C. PNP Skills Immigration stream supports employers to meet their workforce needs and complements B.C.'s Economic Plan and is a key pillar of the StrongerBC Economic Plan to tackle inequality and grow an economy that works for everyone. These changes prioritize health-care workers and ECEs in the application process and will increase the number of people nominated in these occupations for permanent residence. Changes also immediately provide a pathway to permanent residence for people already living in B.C. and working in these sectors.

"Health-care assistants who support seniors in long-term care, assisted living and in their homes are among the most in-demand occupations in British Columbia, both today and for years to come," said Terry Lake, CEO, BC Care Providers Association. "These important changes to the Provincial Nominee Program will help to meet the growing needs of the care economy, which in turn will benefit B.C. seniors and those who care for them."

Health-care assistants are newly eligible to apply for the PNP program, and along with ECEs, they will now be given priority access. This change will give people with these skill sets a better chance for acceptance under the program's eligibility criteria.



Candidates whose occupation is on a pre-determined list of in-demand health occupations, and who have a qualified, permanent job offer in B.C., will be given priority access to the PNP.

"The changes to expand the health authority category will significantly improve PHSA's ability to recruit and retain workforce in our specialized occupations," said Derek Menard, talent acquisition adviser, Provincial Health Services Authority. "These changes will benefit our future international hires in clinical roles previously not included in the health-care category along with non-clinical roles."

The Province is also expanding the health authority category to include any occupation, so health authorities will be in a better position to recruit and retain workers.

Other changes to the skills immigration categories include clarifying or adjusting criteria to align with government economic priorities and strengthening program integrity, to best support qualified applicants for success.

As the only immigration program under provincial control, the PNP enables the Province to directly select qualified, prospective immigrants and nominate them and their families for permanent residency. The Province will continue to assess this program to ensure it is aligned with recovery efforts to support stronger, more resilient communities.

The StrongerBC Economic Plan moves British Columbia forward by tackling the challenges of today, while growing an economy that works for everyone. The plan sets two main goals for the province – inclusive growth and clean growth – and puts forward six missions to keep B.C. on track by closing the skills gap, building resilient communities, and helping businesses and people transition to clean energy solutions.

# Prime Minister Youth Council Recruitment Campaign

This is to inform you about a recruitment campaign that has been launched by the Government of Canada to appoint new members to the Prime Minister's Youth Council. For details, please consult: [PMYC Recruitment Campaign](#)

Interested youth can apply online at [Canada.ca/youth-council](https://Canada.ca/youth-council) by **April 10, 2022**.

**Settlement and Integration Policy Branch**  
**Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada**



Statistics Canada is delighted to invite you to our **free** upcoming information session: **Introduction to Some Key Elements of a Well-Designed Questionnaire**.

**Please note:** Advanced registration is required. We ask that you please register early, spaces are limited for the information sessions. If a session becomes full and you would like to attend a future session, or for any questions, please email us at [WESTINFO@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:WESTINFO@statcan.gc.ca).

## Information Session: Introduction to Some Key Elements of a Well-Designed Questionnaire

### Description:

In this session, we will look at key elements of a questionnaire that encourage respondents to complete a survey. The focus will be on elements such as the introduction, accompanying text as well as appeal, and not on the different ways of formulating the questions. The objective is to provide those who occasionally design questionnaires practical advice to help make a questionnaire stand out. This session is intended for beginners. Some familiarity with basic statistical concepts would be useful, not required.

### Intended Target Audience:

This is an **introductory** information session; it may be too basic for advanced data users.

### Language, Dates, Times, and Registration Links

- **English:** March 29, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time  
**Self-Register:** [English Session on March 29, 2022](#)
- **English:** April 5, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time  
**Self-Register:** [English Session on April 5, 2022](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre for Migration Studies

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar 28**, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Virtual)

[The Guitar in the Ceiling](#)

Susan MacDonald and Meer Mahmoud

**Mar 29**, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (*in-person*) **\*NEW\***

[Coffee Hour with the CMS Grad Mentor in Residence](#)

Rima Wilkes, University of British Columbia

**Mar 31**, 12:45 PM - 2:15 PM (*in-person*)

[The Global Governance of Migration: Towards a 'Messy' Approach](#)

Anna Triandafyllidou, Ryerson University



Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -  
March 17, 2022**

**[READ ON THE RRN WEBSITE](#)**

## REPEATS

I would like to introduce the **SAFE project** which is an initiative to address **human trafficking** using both prevention and intervention strategies. Using a trauma-informed approach, SAFE will design resources and deliver educational sessions to equip and empower populations at risk of trafficking.

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.

So, at this stage, we are conducting a needs assessment and would appreciate feedback on MAPBC's current capacity and to address exploitation and trafficking (both prevention and intervention). If you could respond to this survey **by Thursday March 31st, 2022**, we would greatly appreciate it.

Also, I would like to kindly request you to disseminate it among your colleagues and partner agencies.

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

Thank you very much in advance for your contribution.

Best regards,  
Frishta Hassani

Program Support Worker: SAFE Project  
[fhassani@mosaicbc.org](mailto:fhassani@mosaicbc.org)



# Free Tax Clinic at MOSAIC for Refugee Claimants

See poster attached

Started March 1

## Free Income Tax Clinic

Need a hand preparing your 2022 Tax Return?



MOSAIC Volunteers are providing virtual filing support for immigrants with modest incomes!

Starting Mar. 1, 2022 MOSAIC will begin processing returns for eligible and interested individuals.

### To be eligible for our filing services...

- You must be a Refugee Claimant or an International Student
- Total Family Income must be below:  
1 Individual: \$ 35,000 | 2 Individuals: \$ 45,000  
+\$ 2,500 for each additional household member (up to \$52,500)
- We are unable to file for individuals who have business or rental income and expenses, overseas income, interest income over \$1,000, capital gains or losses, self-employed with a business license or expense deductions, a deceased person, disability claims, or filed for bankruptcy



**MOSAIC**  
Engaging Newcomers, Enriching Communities

\*Due to health risks, we only will be open for limited scheduled appointments for clients with digital barriers at the MOSAIC Headquarters (5575 Boundary Rd, Vancouver).



**Scan QR Code or Contact Us to Register Today!**

*MOSAIC Volunteer Income Tax Clinic*

Email: [rsip.tax@mosaicbc.org](mailto:rsip.tax@mosaicbc.org)

Phone: 604 254 9626

**Language Support available upon request**



WelcomeBC



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

## SURVIVOR ADVOCATES PROGRAM

PDF  
Attached

**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:** Weekly for 10 Sessions. One session per week (exact date to be determined)

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



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

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

**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](mailto:fatima@vast-vancouver.ca) for more information, or call Luke at 604.283.6618





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Presenting the iCON South Asian Health Forum

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**Take Charge of Your Health:  
Preventing and Managing Stroke**



ਮੁਫਤ ਔਨਲਾਈਨ ਸਮਾਗਮ

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ, ਹਿੰਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ Punjabi

ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ, 26 ਮਾਰਚ, 2022  
Saturday, March 26, 2022  
2:00-4:00 PM PT

ਐਤਵਾਰ, 27 ਮਾਰਚ, 2022  
Sunday, March 27, 2022  
2:00-4:00 PM PT

ਇੱਥੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ Registration:

<http://bitly.ws/oavi>

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Scan to Register

This Forum is part of Healthy@Home community education and outreach strategy

Thank you to the BC Ministry of Health Patients as Partners Initiative for their support.



# iCON South Asian Health Forum:

## "Take Charge of Your Health: Preventing and Managing Stroke"

**Date: March 26 + 27**

This FREE online, interactive forum, delivered in Punjabi, Hindi and English, is designed to help patients, their families and caregivers optimize their quality of life by empowering them with knowledge and resources to prevent and manage stroke.

Through a series of presentations and discussions, health experts from the community will educate and engage with the audience on health topics including:

- **Stroke** – early detection and when to seek help
- **Tips** -- prevent and manage stroke, hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol
- **Post stroke management** – nutrition and mental health, home safety
- **Where and how to find help in the community** – navigation of health services, treatments and medications

[Learn more and register](#)

(Thank you to Surrey North Delta Division of Practitioners for this notice)





# Unlocking Canada for newcomers through volunteer opportunities via Canoo

March 2022

**canoo.**

Canoo is a project of the  
Institute for Canadian Citizenship

**See attached PDF to open up and learn all about Canoo – arts/recreational/volunteer opportunities**

ICC would like to connect newcomers to volunteer opportunities (see document attached) They hope to be able to gather the names of agencies that would be interested so they are added to the program where newcomers connect directly with the agency to become a volunteer. There is no cost for the agencies nor the newcomers who would be connected.

Please let either MAP ([info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org)) or Diana Barry at Vancity ([diana\\_barry@vancity.com](mailto:diana_barry@vancity.com)) know if your agency is interested and you will be connected to the leads of the project.

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Canadian Council  
for Refugees  
Conseil canadien  
pour les réfugiés

Dear colleague,

Join us in **virtually commemorating Refugee Rights Day on April 4**. This year, we will call on the government of Canada to honour the right to refuge.

While we are collectively proud to advocate for the fundamental rights of refugees, migrants and newcomers -- we still have a ways to go! These human rights are not consistently reflected in our country's policies and practices, namely in the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA).

**The April 4 event aims to inspire and empower attendees to take action.** Featuring Human Rights Activist **Olga Munyana**, who will speak about her lived experience as a newcomer who was turned back due to the STCA, and an introduction by **Justin Mohammed**, Human Rights Law & Policy Campaigner at Amnesty International Canada. Stay tuned for more details concerning the program and speakers!

4:00pm Pacific

The event will last 60 minutes.

**To register:** please sign up at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89237009003?pwd=Nng4cHpRUXcrazFCM2dEdUkxMHZpUT09>