



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 118

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

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### **NOMINATIONS for MAP Co-chair position open**

**MAP** 's co-chair position provides a unique opportunity to guide the network's collaborative initiatives in support of refugee claimants. We are looking for someone with vision and drive to lead us 2022 – 2024. If you would like to self-nominate, or nominate someone else please email [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org) **before March 18, midnight**. Need more information first? Ask one of our current co-chairs Thanh Lam: [TLam@mpnh.org](mailto:TLam@mpnh.org) or Jenny Lam: [jenny.lam@options.bc.ca](mailto:jenny.lam@options.bc.ca)

### **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 Zaout (Kinbrace), Vanessa Roth (Journey Home Community) moderated by Loren Balisky (Kinbrace)  
Tuesday March 15, 7pm online



See more information on the [website](#) including BC CHARMS video and report on housing refugee claimants  
Poster **inside and attached!**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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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!

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

Dear MAP Members

We have been approached by BC CDC to see if there is any interest in a roundtable/meeting with \*Dr. Penny Ballem on anything to do with the COVID-19 vaccine/boosters. BC CDC want to ensure that folks have an opportunity to ask any questions and or pose any issues around vaccines.

Please let us know at [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org) by March 15 (one week) if:

- a) you would like to be included in a meeting
- b) you have a question you would like addressed

\* Dr Penny Ballam is Executive Lead for B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Efforts and Board Chair, Vancouver Coastal Health

**Approximately 1 million people in B.C. have been invited for a COVID-19 booster, but have not yet booked.** This includes some 50,000 people over the age of 70 who have been invited to book a booster but have not yet booked.

- For those that still remain unvaccinated for various reasons, including possible reactions, hesitancy, etc., B.C. has a number of vaccination options available.
- We strongly recommend getting vaccinated, as it will significantly lower your risk of becoming seriously ill with COVID-19.
- For those who wish to receive an alternative to mRNA; Novavax and Medicago have recently been approved by Health Canada. These vaccines are not yet available in B.C. however are due to arrive in the coming weeks (Novavax) or months (Medicago).
- In the meantime, for those who are unvaccinated and wish to receive a non-mRNA vaccine, both **AstraZeneca and Janssen** are currently available.
  - To access AstraZeneca and Janssen please call the provincial call centre at 1.833.838.2323 and your name will be added to a list and your Health Authority will contact you.
  - Note: AstraZeneca will only be available until March 31, 2022 and no further supply will be coming into the province.
- For **Novavax**: supplies are coming in the next few weeks.
  - To access Novavax please call the provincial call centre at 1.833.838.2323 and your name will be added to a list and you will be contacted by your Health Authority when supplies arrive.
- For **Medicago**: The PHO will announce when the vaccine will be available in B.C. and then it will be the same process as outlined for Novavax.



## Continued – COVID 19 Vaccination update from the Immunize BC Project

The COVID-19 vaccination program is available in approximately 600 participating community pharmacies across the province. Pharmacies will sustain the vaccination program over the long term in B.C. It is easy and convenient to get your booster in a participating pharmacy in your community.

Health Authority clinics continue to concentrate on the vaccine program for children aged five to 11 as they wind down their larger vaccine clinics for adults. However, in parts of the province where community pharmacies aren't available for boosters, the Health Authorities will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines to the general population.

For seniors and the clinically extremely vulnerable, getting vaccinated, including the booster, makes a big difference in reducing your chances of contracting severe illness.

As restrictions ease and the Omicron wave subsides, people may not feel the urgency to get a booster vaccine. But we know getting the booster provides you with more protection against severe illness over the long term.

We urge you to book the booster and make getting the vaccine part of your plans for March. Don't ignore the invitation to book.

We know that some people who have had COVID-19, are waiting three months to book their booster as this is the provincial health guidance. The Get Vaccinated system will send you a reminder about your eligibility for a booster, so please book as soon as you've cleared your three months after infection.

### **Immunize BC Project**

Stay Informed: [gov.bc.ca/COVID](https://gov.bc.ca/COVID), [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca)

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## UPDATED COVID –19 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FROM FRASER HEALTH AUTHORITY

Please find below the following updated COVID-19 Vaccine Information materials on Patient Education:

- **English Version:**  
[https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/search/results?f language facet=English&f languageGroup facet=COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information&q=covid-19](https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/search/results?f%20language%20facet=English&f%20languageGroup%20facet=COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information&q=covid-19)
- **English PDF:** <https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/covid-19-vaccine-information-581861.pdf>
- **Arabic Version:**  
[https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/search/results?f language facet=Arabic&f languageGroup facet=COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information&q=covid-19](https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/search/results?f%20language%20facet=Arabic&f%20languageGroup%20facet=COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information&q=covid-19)
- **Arabic PDF:** <https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/covid-19-vaccine-information-582369.pdf>
- **Farsi Version:**  
[https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/search/results?f language facet=Farsi&f languageGroup facet=COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information&q=covid-19](https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/search/results?f%20language%20facet=Farsi&f%20languageGroup%20facet=COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Information&q=covid-19)
- **Farsi PDF:** <https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/covid-19-vaccine-information-582374.pdf>



## Message from the Chairperson | Message du président

Previously emailed

Dear stakeholders,

I am pleased to inform you that the [2022-23 Departmental Plan](#) was tabled in Parliament on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. The Departmental Plan presents the Board's priorities, planned results, and associated resource requirements for a three-year period, with a focus on 2022-23.

For fiscal year 2022-23, the Board will continue to be guided by the three strategic objectives outlined in its *Growth and Transformation Agenda*: improved productivity in support of greater access to justice; enhanced quality and consistency in decision-making; and strengthened management practices.

Among other important initiatives, for 2022-23, the IRB will continue to:

- Maximize access to justice through the safe and effective management of its operations in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Support its growth agenda with a focus on stabilizing our funding and workforce and obtaining timely Governor in Council reappointments.
- Pursue strategies to maximize productivity across the decision-making continuum, including optimizing the triaging and scheduling of refugee case files.
- Advance its digital agenda by furthering the work already underway to digitize case inventories and new hearing files, share electronic documents with parties, and optimize hearing room capabilities, among other initiatives.
- Prioritize its ongoing commitment to building an organizational culture based on civility, respect, diversity, and inclusion.

As IRB stakeholders, I look forward to your continued support as we work to deliver timely, fair, accessible, and high-quality administrative justice for those who appear before the Board.

I invite you to read the plan and share this information with your membership.

Thank you,

Richard Wex

Chairperson, Immigration Refugee Board of Canada





# 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](mailto:info@mapbc.org)



Tuesday March 15  
7pm, online

*Speakers:*  
Mohammed Zaqaout  
Vanessa Roth

*Moderator:*  
Loren Balisky

**REGISTER**





## Upcoming Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session on *Wednesday June 1st 2022, 1:00pm-03:00pm*

This is a free online orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process. Whether claimants are still waiting for their hearing date, waiting for the outcome of their hearing, or have received a negative decision, this session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Claimants will meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have their questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register or refer now by emailing ***your name*** to [masi@kinbrace.ca](mailto:masi@kinbrace.ca)

Thanks,  
Masi

**Poster attached**



**Refugee Appeal Division (RAD)**  
**INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**Next virtual session:**  
**June 1st, 2022 • 1:00pm PST**

**A free orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process.**

- Do you wonder what will happen if you receive a negative decision at your refugee hearing?
- Have you received a negative decision already?

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Meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have your questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
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**Register now by emailing Masi Allahverdi:**  
[masi@kinbrace.ca](mailto:masi@kinbrace.ca)

The **Pacific Immigrant Resources Society** and the **KPU Institute for Sustainable Food Systems** invite you to a virtual research presentation on "Local food systems and vulnerable immigrant and refugees in Metro Vancouver". The goals of the study were to (1) advance our understanding of immigrants and refugees' food access needs, and their interests in the local food systems, (2) explore current municipality policy environment and intervention strategies and initiatives put forth by service provider organizations supporting vulnerable immigrant and refugee families. More about the project:

<https://www.kpu.ca/isfs/refugees-and-immigrants-local-food-access>

Date: **Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

Time: 12-1pm

Location: Online, please register to get the meeting link at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/268305016527>

Please join us at this event to amplify the voice of our immigrant and refugee population and help create diverse and vibrant local food systems!

Anastasia Gaisenok (she/her)

Programs Manager

Pacific Immigrant Resources Society

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# BCSIS Virtual Information Session

## ANTI-VIOLENCE: INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

MARCH 22. 1:30 – 3PM

**In this Virtual Information Session, representatives from Family Services of Greater Vancouver, BC Society of Transition Houses, and the Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre will discuss Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV).**

The World Health Organization recognizes IPV and GBV as major global public health concerns, as they affect millions of people and can result in immediate and long-lasting health, social and economic consequences. Additionally, there are serious repercussions on children who are exposed to IPV.

In April 2020, António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, called on governments to ensure that the prevention of violence against women is a key part of their response plans for COVID-19. He implored governments to address the 'horrifying global surge in IPV'. Reflecting global trends, the Vancouver-based agency, Battered Women's Support Services, noted that calls to their helpline increased by 400% during the pandemic. People who experience marginalization have been disproportionately impacted.

**In this session, Settlement Workers will learn how to identify abuse and effectively support impacted clients, especially those with language or cultural barriers. Presenters will provide contextual information and discuss the impact of the pandemic, as well practical strategies that frontline workers can implement and supports that they can access.**

[Click here to Register](#)

You are invited to submit questions for the speakers ahead of the event:

[Click here to send a question](#)

[rferguson@amssa.org](mailto:rferguson@amssa.org)  
**For Event inquiries**



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

As we want to hear directly from newcomers, we are hoping you will refer IRCC-eligible clients to potentially participate in a focus group or interview about their experiences trying to access services and/or training online/remotely.

**Each client accepted to participate in a focus group or interview for this project will receive an honorarium of \$20.**

### About the Focus Groups and Interviews

- As much as possible, focus groups and interviews will be supported by interpretation in the client's first language.
- Focus groups will take place over Zoom. Interviews will take place over Zoom or by phone. \*
- Focus groups will be approximately 90 minutes. Interviews will be approximately 60 minutes.
- Although it is preferred, clients do not need a computer to participate in the Zoom interviews or focus groups; participation in the Zoom may be by smartphone or tablet/ipad.
- Zoom meetings will be recorded for analysis of data. The recordings will only be shared within the project team. All client information will be kept confidential.
- Clients can bring a helper to the focus group or interview. Note: The honorarium will be paid to the client only - helpers will not receive an honorarium.



## Target Clients

We are looking for referrals of newcomers with low English and digital skills levels.

-Low English levels mean CLB 3 and below / low to mid beginner level of English.

-Low digital skills levels mean the client struggles with basic digital tasks to be performed on a computer such as using a mouse and keyboard, opening an internet browser, and finding and navigating a website.

We are particularly interested in clients from vulnerable groups: refugees, seniors, clients with disabilities, etc.

Note: We will follow up with all clients referred, but only those who meet the project criteria and can attend a scheduled focus group or interview will receive the honorarium.

## Referral Process

For each client you refer, please ensure the client is informed that:

- They are being referred for possible inclusion in a research study with ISSofBC
- This referral does not mean they will for sure participate in the study
- Their contact information is being shared with ISSofBC for follow-up
- Their personal information will be kept confidential if they participate in the study

Fill out an online form with simple information about the client, including contact information (phone number and email).

The link to the online form is here: [ISSofBC RADLTN Client Referral Form](#)

We would appreciate if you could make referrals by **Friday, March 11**.

[Questions?](#) If you have any questions, please contact me at [lisa.herrera@issbc.org](mailto:lisa.herrera@issbc.org).



# CONVERSATIONS ON ANTI-RACISM

March 14-18, 2022

*A week of meaningful dialogue to  
amplify diverse voices and  
inspire better allyship.*

Four Local Immigration Partnerships have come together to host a series of conversations to inspire meaningful dialogue on anti-racism. Each event will feature a guest speaker and time for questions and answers overseen by a moderator. These events are free and open to all community members.

**Monday, March 14**  
**Theme: Indigenous Cultural Safety** 9:15-11:30 am\*  
Speaker: Len Pierre, Katzie Nation  
Moderator: Charlene Seward, Facilitator & community engagement expert  
*\*The first 15 minutes will be dedicated to an indigenous welcome presentation.*

**Tuesday, March 15**  
**Theme: Importance of Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice from a Systems Change Lens** 9:30-11:30 am  
Speaker: Candace Knoll, Member of USW 1944 and of the New Westminster & District Labour Council  
Moderator: Navreen Gill, Co-Chair BIPT/Burnaby LIP

**Wednesday, March 16**  
**Theme: Zero Racism, Zero Oppression** 9:30-11:30 am  
Moderator: Yara Younis, project manager, Radius SFU

**Thursday, March 17**  
**Theme #1: White Fragility and White Moderacy** 9:30-11:00 am  
Speakers: Dr. Robin DiAngelo, author of *White Fragility*, and Dr. June Francis, Special Advisor to the SFU president on Anti-Racism

**Theme #2: Anti-Racism Programs and Projects** 11:10 am -12:30 pm  
Moderator: Sangeeta Subramanian, Chetana Consulting

**Friday, March 18**  
**Theme: Anti-Racism from the Leaders of Christianity, Buddhism and Islam** 9:30-11:30 am  
Speakers: Tariq Tyab and Yusuf Siraj, of Foundation for a Path Forward

Presented by:



Register here:



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## Conversations on Anti-Racism March 14 – 18, 2022.

The event is open to anyone but registration is required please use the QR code in the poster or the Zoom link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpfuqtjgpdSp-EU5XTC5y\\_r1jMGaLltj](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpfuqtjgpdSp-EU5XTC5y_r1jMGaLltj)

Please share the information with your staff and networks.

Poster attached



Dear CCR member,

We are happy to invite you to the **Spring Working Group meetings taking place online on 12, 13 & 14 April 2022!**

## WORKING GROUP MEETINGS DETAILS

Tuesday 12 April 11 am PST

[Inland Protection Working Group](#)

for 2 hours, with break

Wednesday 13 April 11 am PST

[Immigration and Settlement Working Group](#)

for 2 hours, with break

Thursday 14 April 11 am PST

[Overseas Protection and Resettlement Working Group](#)

for 2 hours, with break

### Registration:

Here are the links to register. You are more than welcome to attend more than one meeting if you can:

- [Inland Protection \(IP\) Working Group Meeting - Tuesday 12 April](#)
- [Immigration and Settlement \(I&S\) Working Group Meeting - Wednesday 13 April](#)
- [Overseas Protection and Resettlement \(OPR\) Working Group Meeting - Thursday 14 April](#)

### On the agenda:

Handouts or detailed agendas will be made available closer to the meetings. The objectives of each WG meeting are:

- Discussion on priority and emerging issues: we will share updates on important recent developments and explore the impacts experienced by members. From these discussions we will identify actions that can be taken (including through networking among members, actions to be taken by members, or raising items with IRCC and or CBSA).
- Identifying Working Group priorities for the year in light of the Strategic Plan.
- Update about and input into the newly launched CCR project to develop a framework and tools for high quality immigration and refugee services offered by NGOs.



BC PDF attached

## YOUR CENSUS, YOUR STORIES: CANADA'S PORTRAIT

The 2021 Census Dissemination Project is pleased to announce the official release of the 2021 Census population and dwelling counts. Wednesday, February 9, 2022 saw the official release of the first data from the 2021 Census, covering the population and dwelling counts. This release presents:

population counts

counts for total private dwellings

counts for private dwellings occupied by usual residents.

These data can be accessed through:

[The Daily](#)

The [Census of Population](#) web module. Users can click **Census** on the main navigation menu of the Statistics Canada website and then select **Census of Population**. From the Census of Population web module, users can access release-specific information through the '[Census releases](#)' section or directly from the variety of release-related and/or product-specific links.

### 2021 CENSUS PROFILE

2021 Census profile present information from the 2021 Census of Population for various levels of geography, including provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas, and communities. To access to the 2021 Census results on

[population and dwelling counts](#) for British Columbia, here is the link: [British Columbia](#)

For more regional highlights on British Columbia, please see the attached fact sheet.

Western Region Engagement

[statcan.west-engagement-ouest-engagement.statcan@statcan.gc.ca](#)

Statistics Canada

**NEXT RELEASE! April 27:**

**Age, Sex at birth and gender, ype of dwelling**



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**Mar 25**, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (In-person)

[Mobility, Creativity, and Social Change in the Ancient Aegean](#)

Carl Knappett, University of Toronto

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

[The Guitar in the Ceiling](#)

Susan MacDonald and Meer Mahmoud

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

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

Anna Triandafyllidou, Ryerson University



**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 31, 2022  
12:45 – 2:15 PM (PT)**

LOCATION: PLACE OF MANY TREES (FORMERLY LIU  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM), LIU INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ISSUES  
(IN-PERSON)



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Centre for Migration Studies

## ***YOUR NEXT STEP – UBC STUDENT & ALUMNI VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR***

alumni UBC and the UBC Centre for Student Involvement & Careers is delighted to announce the **Your Next Step Virtual Career Fair** occurring on May 12. Participating allows your organization to connect with thousands of talented students and alumni from all of UBC's academic disciplines interested in exploring career opportunities. 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 (PST)

**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 - Student & Alumni Virtual Career Fair - Register Now*" on the top right corner.

**Register [here](#) by March 18 for the Early Bird rate!**

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 [recruit.talent@ubc.ca](mailto:recruit.talent@ubc.ca) if you have any questions.





Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -  
March 3, 2022**

**[Read digest on RRN Website](#)**

# REPEATS



**Upcoming READY Tour Dates**  
Vancouver  
March - April 2022

Virtual READY Tours on Microsoft Teams will be offered on the following dates:

- **March 11th (Friday)** - 9:30-11:30am
- **March 25th (Friday)** - 9:30-11:30am
  
- **April 8th (Friday)** - 9:30-11:30am
- **April 22nd (Friday)** - 9:30-11:30am

#### Referral:

To refer a client to the READY Tour please email [masi@kinbrace.ca](mailto:masi@kinbrace.ca) or [ready@refugeeclaim.ca](mailto:ready@refugeeclaim.ca), or go to [www.https://refugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/](https://refugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/).

#### Interpretation:

Interpretation can be provided for anyone who requires it. Please indicate in the referral email what language is required.

#### Contact:

For more information please contact:

Masi Allahverdi  
READY Tour Organizer  
[ready@refugeeclaim.ca](mailto:ready@refugeeclaim.ca)  
[masi@kinbrace.ca](mailto:masi@kinbrace.ca)  
604-362-1070

PDF attached also



Dear Colleagues,

Hope all is well, please find attached the dates/timing of Ready Tour sessions in March and April 2022 .

Kindly share the details of sessions with your refugee claimants and circulate the information among your team.

All refugee claimants as well as service providers are welcome to attend Ready Tour sessions. If there are any questions or concerns please let me know.

Thanks,  
Masi

Masi Allahverdi  
READY Tour Organizer  
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**YEARS OF NEW  
BEGINNINGS**

**NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY (Posted: February 25 – March 11, 2022)**

**Job Competition #: 2022-Settlement-06**

**Position: Manager**

**Settlement Orientation Services – Welcome Centre Vancouver and Surrey locations**

Regular full-time position at 35 hours per week starting as soon as possible

**Please see full posting details attached.**

## SURVIVOR ADVOCATES PROGRAM

**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



PDF attached also



### Register for our free training sessions! ✓

Learn with Legal Aid BC highlights free resources and upcoming learning opportunities for community workers of British Columbia. Our goal is to equip you with helpful tools and more knowledge to better assist your clients.

See the full *Learn with Legal Aid BC* newsletter [here](#). Sign up to get the newsletter in your inbox [here](#).

#### We have 3 training sessions coming up on:

- [Wills and estates](#) Tuesday, March 1 | 10:30 AM-12:30PM PDT
- [Collaborative law and the new Provincial Family Court Rules](#) Thursday, March 3 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PDT
- [Housing and natural disasters](#) Wednesday, March 9 | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT

#### Missed a live session? No problem! We have recorded these sessions for you!

- [Domestic violence and protection orders under the new Provincial Court Family Rules](#)
- [Surrey Parents Legal Centre and overview of child protection law](#)

More webinar recordings and learning videos are available on our website. [Click here](#) to start browsing!

#### Fill out a survey for a chance to win a \$15 gift card

Do you work with immigrants and newcomers? We want to hear from you!

Legal Aid BC is conducting [an in-depth survey](#) about how immigrants and newcomers access and use legal information. This survey is likely to take about **20-30 minutes** of your time and the results will help improve our resources for BC communities.

[Please fill out the survey](#) by **Friday, March 4**. Feel free to pass this survey onto other community workers who serve immigrants and newcomers.



# BURNABY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

*Settlement session:*

## Economic Security for newcomer women with small business ideas – March 11th

AND:

**New Neighbours – a Podcast on Anchor**

<https://anchor.fm/podcast-bnh>

New Neighbours is a podcast aiming to highlight the voices of newcomers.

Newcomers and community members are invited to share their stories, in an effort to pass on knowledge and build

healthy communities. We are working in partnership with

Literacy Now and the Settlement Team at the Burnaby Neighbourhood House. New Neighbours is a community-based

podcast for and by New Canadians. Join us as we explore topics



**Settlement & Integration Program**

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



### Economic Security for Newcomer Women

**FRIDAYS, MARCH 4TH & 11TH, 2022  
9:30AM - 11:30AM BY ZOOM**

If you are an immigrant/refugee woman with small business ideas these sessions are for you:

- Reading and analyzing job posts in Canada
- Types of resumes
- Soft vs hard skills
- Transferable skills and how to reflect them on a resume
- Credential assessments
- Explore the potential of your business idea
- Refine your business idea
- List 3 characteristics of successful business ideas

Interpretation could be provided upon request

Registration required by email: [parisas@burnabynh.ca](mailto:parisas@burnabynh.ca)

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### CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Guiding Light: Words of wisdom from professionals

MARCH 17, 2022 FROM 5:30-7:00 PM (ONLINE)

#### EPISODE 5: Two perspectives, one profession

- What skills and qualities are essential to succeed as a nurse?
- What are the steps to follow to become a register nurse (RN)?
- What job opportunities are there for RNs?
- How having a balanced proportion of male and female nurses will enrich the care for patients?

For more information, please email: [giselab@burnaby nh.ca](mailto:giselab@burnaby nh.ca)

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**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Amanda Egert, RN, MSN** *Experiential Learning Coordinator at BCIT*  
Amanda has been training the new generations of nurses for 10 years; she shares her passion for global health and experience in oncology, surgery, cardiac telemetry, and high acuity with all her students.

**Sadeed Habib, RN-Vancouver area, Northern BC, and Nunavut**  
Sadeed has over 7 years of experience working in medical and surgical areas, ER, ICU, and in Public Health including STIs, immunizations, chronic diseases, and prevention.

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## BURNABY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Settlement session:

### Career Exploration Program - Words & Wisdoms of professionals in Nursing - March 17<sup>th</sup>

AND:

#### New Neighbours – a Podcast on Anchor

<https://anchor.fm/podcast-bnh>

New Neighbours is a podcast aiming to highlight the voices of newcomers.

Newcomers and community members are invited to share their stories, in an effort to pass on knowledge and build healthy communities.

We are working in partnership with Literacy Now and the Settlement Team at the Burnaby Neighbourhood House. New Neighbours is a community-based podcast for and by New Canadians. Join us as we explore topics.





# Swimming Upstream: A Photo Gallery Worth Over A Thousand Words



**MARCH 22 - 24, 2022**

**BRITANNIA CANUCKS'S FAMILY EDUCATION  
CENTRE (2ND FLOOR OF 1655 WILLIAM ST.)**

**CELEBRATE THE WORKS OF YOUR EAST VAN NEIGHBOURS  
WHO ARE OVERCOMING THEIR CHALLENGES WITH  
ADDICTIONS AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH.**

Let's remove the stigma behind substance use and mental health together! Come enjoy stories and photographs of strength, resiliency, and persistence through art.

REACH engaged with over 20 community members with past or present experience with substance use throughout the Photovoice project to reflect on their health, lives, and community. Participants were asked to share upon topics of advocacy, influence, triggers, and more with one another. Through these groups, participants were given a safe space to share and express themselves.

Please visit the link below or scan the QR code to reserve your free tickets online.

<https://reachphotovoice.eventbrite.ca>



Questions? Contact us  
at 604-245-3838

Thank you so much for your support to promote the REACH Photovoice program for us. We have had many participants come from external referrals and we are very thankful to have such a supportive community.

As the program begins to wrap up in the next couple weeks, we would like to invite you to our final photo gallery. In addition to participating in therapeutic discussion groups the last couple weeks, participants have also chosen meaningful photos that they would like to share with the community to reduce the stigma around mental health and addictions, advocate for community needs, and share their stories.

Attached is the poster for the event, you can reserve your free tickets to the event at <https://reachphotovoice.eventbrite.ca>.

Warm Regards,  
**Faith Tang (she/her), CTRS**  
**Recreation Therapist, Program Development**  
**REACH Community Health Centre**  
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جلسه همفکری: بررسی و کاوشگری سیستم تحصیلی ولایت بریتیش کلمبیا برای جوانان مهاجر افغان

۱۸ مارچ ۲۰۲۲  
از ساعت ۳ الی ۴:۳۰ بعد از ظهر به صورت آنلاین



- با ما بپیوندید تا شریک سازید:
- چالش ها و نگرانی هایمان در عرصه سیستم تحصیلی بریتیش کلمبیا.
  - دوست دارید چه چیزی را در حومه سیستم تحصیلی بریتیش کلمبیا بدانید و بیاموزید.
  - شما خواهید توانست:
  - با سیستم تحصیلی بریتیش کلمبیا آشنا شده و از طریق بحث گروهی یادگیری مشترک و داشتن امید برای آینده ای روشن برای جوانان را تجربه و کاوش کنید.

- این برنامه راه اندازی شده است برای:
- جوانان افغان که تازه وارد کانادا شده و عایل به یادگیری و آگاهی بیشتر در رابطه با سیستم تحصیلی ولایت بریتیش کلمبیا هستند.
  - هدف این برنامه عبارتست از:
  - تشکیل یک گروه حمایتی از جوانان افغان که در راستای راهنمایی، به اشتراک گذاشتن علم و دانش، یادگیری با یکدیگر و از یکدیگر با هدف پیشرفت در سیستم تحصیلی بریتیش کلمبیا.
  - این گروه حمایتی تشکیل شده است از:
  - گروهی از جوانان افغان که دارای تجربه در سیستم تحصیلی بریتیش کلمبیا هستند.

برای ثبت نام به ایمیل و یا شماره تلفن ذیل تماس بگیرید:  
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Brainstorming session for Afghan refugees with focus on post-secondary, college and university systems and resources in BC.

This session will be facilitated by university graduate youth with Afghan backgrounds.

Posters attached

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**BRAINSTORMING SESSION: NAVIGATING BC EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS**

**MARCH 18, 2022**  
**3PM-4:30PM ONLINE**



This session is intended for:

- Newly-arrived Afghan refugees- youth and young adults who wish to learn and navigate BC's education system.

The goal of this session is:

- Form a peer-support group among Afghan youth and young adults to share knowledge with and learn from one another regarding progressing within BC's education system.

The peer-support group is facilitated by:

- Afghan graduates who have university/postgraduate education experience in British Columbia.

Please join us to share:

- Your challenges and concerns regarding BC's education system
- What would you like to learn and explore about BC's educational programs

You will:

- Explore experiences through BC's education system to facilitate co-learning and hope for a bright future for young adults via group discussion

To register, please email or call:  
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## New "Legal Resources for You" email newsletter

*Legal Resources for You* is a **new** email newsletter featuring free Legal Aid BC online materials and publications. Each email features a self-help legal resource like a video, webpage, or publication. Topics include making a will and navigating separation and divorce.

In contrast with our other newsletters, *Legal Resources for You* is created with the **general public** in mind. You can use the featured resources to assist your clients, or invite them to sign up for the newsletter themselves.

Would you like to get brief weekly emails alerting you to valuable legal resources that can help all British Columbians?

[Yes I want to subscribe and get the first newsletter](#)

Thanks for considering signing up. We respect your privacy, and this is the only invitation we'll send.





# Free Facilitation Training

## Immigrant Women's Peer Support Program is now accepting applications for the spring training if you:

- Are an immigrant woman interested in helping other newcomer women adjust to life in Canada
- Want to gain facilitation, leadership, and peer support skills and learn about resources
- Have an English CLB 4
- Can commit to 11 weeks of training and 30 hours of practicum
- Are a permanent resident

Join us on this FREE training if you meet the above qualifications.

Deadline for submission of applications is on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



**When:**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
March 8<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Where:**  
Online ZOOM Meeting

For more information and registration please contact Fiorella Di Liberto via email at [fiorella.diliberto@issbc.org](mailto:fiorella.diliberto@issbc.org)

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Helping immigrants build a future in Canada

[www.issbc.org](http://www.issbc.org)



Our Women's Facilitation Training Program is starting on March 8th, and we are still looking for participants to join. I would be very grateful if you could pass this poster and application on to any women who you think would be interested in the training.

(MAP note: Permanent Residents ONLY)

More information and Application Form Attached



# Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés Canadian Council for Refugees

Dear member,

The CCR Housing Network is happy to invite you to participate in a **virtual meeting on Wednesday 23 March 2022** to brainstorm ideas around a call-to-action on housing rights.

Following the appointment of the new [Federal Housing Advocate](#) as well as the government's announcement of record immigration levels, the Housing Network wants to make a call-to-action concerning housing as a right, and the barriers that immigration status poses on eligibility and access. In line with the [CCR's most recent resolution on housing](#), the meeting will focus on tailoring the call according to barriers identified in different provinces/territories/regions.

[We have drafted a call-to-action](#) and would be grateful if members could review it and provide feedback (including updates on issues and good practices as you see fit), ahead of the meeting.

As a reminder, this meeting is open to all those working in housing, whether you work with refugee claimants, migrant workers, international students, or others with precarious immigration status...

Help us reach the newly appointed Federal Housing Advocate with a strong call-to-action!

## **VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS**

**When:** Wednesday 23 March starting at:

11:00am Pacific

### **To register**

Please register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcOqvqjMqE9bMzSun4Jsn4m-U3xLkEsLI>