



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 125

April 27, 2022

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL MAP VOLUNTEERS!

In a very heartfelt way MAP BC thanks ALL the volunteers that make its work possible – working in public education, interpretation, leadership, advice and guidance – we thank you all. Please see the personalized thank you cards below and know your contributions are more than valued!

MAP MEETING – THURSDAY APRIL 28, 9:30 AM

Please register [here](#) to attend and select your breakout room. The updated Agenda is posted below. Make sure your voice is heard in MAP decision making on matters related to refugee claimants.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY plans are becoming more concrete. We are planning an in-person MAP Member Agency MarketPlace in Surrey on June 20 this year! Get in touch if you would like your agency included - and volunteer to help make this event happen. Please contact info@mapbc.org We need, and we welcome all sorts of help. More information will be shared at the MAP Meeting including a beautiful Vancouver event.

For those agencies and individuals also concerned with services for **displaced Ukrainians** the Provincial Government has set up a useful link to find or donate services and materials. Go to: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022MUNI0014-000565>

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

Thank you MAP Volunteers!

National Volunteer Week
April 24 - 30, 2022

Thank-you to all these outstanding folks who make MAP's work stronger and more meaningful in supporting refugee claimants:

MAP BC Co-Chairs:

Jenny Lam, Options Community Services
Thanh Lam, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

Housing Working group Co-chairs:

Doug Peet, Journey Home Community
Marzieh Nezakat, MOSAIC

Information Working Group:

Rawan Moon, VAST
Savleen Kaur, Options CS
Angela Sequeira, UBC
Joanny Marcela Martinez, Options
Lisa Claxton

Emergency Task Force:

Barry Growe, Journey Home Community
Joni Rose, MUNI
Mahi Khalaf, ISSofBC
Sara Maria Lopez, VAST

MAP BCIHC Support Program Advisors and Resource People

Efrat Arbel, UBC	Jenny Jeanes, Action Refugies Montreal
Chris Ghirardi, LABC	Fran Gallo, Legal Clinic Support
Sara Lopez, VAST	Molly Joeck, Lawyer

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MAP BCIHC Support Program Interpreter Pool:

Kamaldeep Kour, Fran Gallo, Maria Cervino, Vivien Xiong,

and Paula Robles, Frishta Hassani, Nasim Hamed, Fatema
Ahmadi, Masi Allahverdi, Mohammadreza, Hasan Moses, Ginane
Abi Younes, Soleyman, Judy Cabato,, RJ Sta Teresa, Ho Thi
Nhung, Jing Li, XuMei & Wei Xu

And all the speakers who have generously given their time and
expertise to MAP at our monthly meetings

THANK YOU EVERYONE

MAP Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 28, 2022: 9:30AM – 12:00PM
Online meeting via Zoom

- 9:30AM Welcome from** Co-Chair: Thanh Lam, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
- Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions
 - Housekeeping and Outline of Agenda
 - Review of March Minutes
- 9:40 AM Presentation: CBSA Updates & MAP BCIHC Support Program**
Gary Sidhu, Manager: Detentions Operations – CBSA
- 10:00 AM MAP BCIHC Support Program**
Jenny Lam & Program Team
- 10:25 AM Announcements: -**
IRB Updates
World Refugee Day News
Kinbrace: Removing Barriers Preventing Refugee Claimants from Achieving Financial Mobility
- 10:45 AM Break: take your break with friends in a breakout room:**
3 Breakout rooms: MAP BCIHC Program, Settlement, Housing
- 11:15 AM Reconvene**
- 11:20 AM Report back on MAP Strategy Meeting – what comes next?**
- 11:35 AM BC CHARMS Update – Marzieh**
- 11:45 AM Agency Updates concerning refugee claimants only please**
- 11:55 AM Feedback Poll** – please complete before you leave!
- 12:00 PM Adjournment** – Next meeting: May 26, 2022



All neighbours and community members are invited to the **Re-Opening Ceremony of South Vancouver Neighbourhood House**

To celebrate the **Neighbourhood House Week**

May 2, 2022
Monday
11am - 2pm
6470 Victoria Drive

*For Indigenous drumming and smudging ceremony.
To learn more about your local neighbourhood house!
There will be give-aways and refreshments, and free registration for new community members!*

The official Re-Opening Ceremony of SVNH (6470 Victoria Drive) will be held on Monday May 2nd, 2022 at 11:00 am

The Official opening of Southside Hub (8118 Fraser Street) will be on Saturday May 7th, 2022, at 11:00 am.

Both events will be held during the **Neighborhood House Celebration week (May 1- May 7).**

The attached flyer is an invitation for you to join in the ceremonies and to promote the events among your contacts, community members and your clients.

Looking forward to seeing you and the community 😊

Warm regards
Huda

Huda Bolbolan (she/her/hers pronouns)
Community Engagement Programmer
South Vancouver Neighborhood House



Come to the Southside Hub Open House

May 7, 2022
Saturday
11am - 2pm
8118 Fraser Street

Visit our new site, "SVNH Southside Hub" and share your hopes for programs, services and ideas for the Southside Hub over a cup of coffee and snacks.

For information, call: 604-324-6212 ext 143





Here are some health tips for you and your family!

- 1. Eat balanced meals.** Reduce sugar intake and drink water with your meals. Try to balance your meals with complex carbohydrates, protein, and fruits & vegetables to ensure you are getting all the nutrients you need to feel good. Do not forget to have a treat! Enjoy your favourite dessert to celebrate!
- 2. Get enough sleep.** We know our sleeping patterns may have changed due to Ramadan routines, but now we can get back to our regular sleep routine and help our mind and body to recover. Getting enough sleep helps reduce stress and improves your mood.
- 3. Move your body.** Start walking around your neighbourhood. You can also ask a family member or friend to join you. Physical activity for 30 minutes a day can benefit your physical and mental well being. If 30 minutes is too much, start with 10 minutes and work your way up! Walking outside in nature is also good for your mental well being.
- 4. Reconnect with friends & family.** Celebrate with your family, friends, and loved ones. As the weather is getting warmer, you can have a picnic outdoor, meet with friend for coffee/chai, and enjoy some fresh air.
- 5. Keep yourself and loved ones safe** by staying home if you are sick, and getting vaccinated. Please respect other's situations and personal choices.

Please **see Eid posters attached** in:

- English
- Arabic
- Farsi
- Somali
- Urdu

Imtiaz Popat

Program Assistant

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NewToBC Community Dialogue Final Summary Report

Hi all,

We have now completed the 9 NewToBC Community Dialogues that you helped initiate back in January when you attended the first consultation for settlement service providers.

Many of you attended the sessions and will have already received this from NewToBC, but for those of you who did not, here is a link to the final summary <https://newtobc.ca/settlement-information-for-newcomers/newtobc-community-dialogues/>

The individual participation and meaningful engagement in each community was profound, and we thank you all very much for the part you played.

Warmly,

Andrea Solnes

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre for Migration Studies

April 28, 12:15 - 2:00 PM (*virtual*)

[The Power of Narrative Storytelling](#)

Speakers: Amea Wilbur, Zahida Rahemtulla, Emily Amburgey, **Shanga Karim***, Diary Khalid Marif, Camille McMillan Rambharat

MAP Note: **Shanga Karim** has spoken at MAP events and is the local coordinator of the Shoe Project.

May 18, All-day Workshop (*in-person*)

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

Sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and organized by the Centre for Migration Studies, UBC

May 2-3, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (*hybrid event*)

[Implementing Migration Policy: Excavating the Administration and Bureaucratic Processes Behind Migrant Admissions and Deportation](#), featuring

CMS Director Antje Ellermann

May 7, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (*hybrid event*)

[Becoming Neighbours: Trust](#)

Organized by CMS faculty affiliate, Erin Goheen, in partnership with Kinbrace Community Society, Muslim Food Bank, & World Renew

The Refugee Advisory Network of Canada (RAN Canada) is recruiting new Advisors!

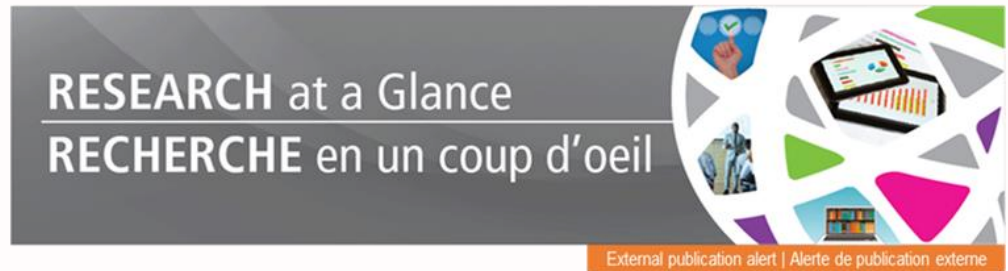
The deadline to apply is May 2nd, 2022.

What is RAN Canada?

The Refugee Advisory Network of Canada (RAN Canada) is an independent and nonpartisan group of refugee leaders selected from across Canada through an open selection process. RAN Canada Advisors contribute diverse refugee leadership experiences and backgrounds, originating from different parts of the world while residing across Canada, and also bringing the diverse perspectives of various communities and networks to the work of RAN Canada. We are developing a network of refugee leaders in Canada with demonstrated perspectives, skills and knowledge on diverse refugee issues to engage with global policy and decision-making processes that affect the lives of refugees, from the root causes of displacement to the realization of sustainable, rights-based solutions.

To learn more and apply

You can find all the details at <https://www.ranCanada.ca/joinus>



"A new national survey conducted by Leger on behalf of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) — Canada's leading citizenship organization and the world's foremost voice on citizenship and inclusion — challenges some cherished Canadian assumptions about immigration and citizenship.

'Canada is a nation of immigrants — and one of the stories we tell ourselves is that we are welcoming to new immigrants, wherever they may be from,' says ICC CEO Daniel Bernhard. 'But while this may be generally true, new survey data points to the fact that many new Canadians are having a crisis of confidence in Canada — and that should be ringing alarms all over Ottawa.'

Survey findings include:

- 30% of 18–34-year-old new Canadians and 23% of university-educated new Canadians say they are likely to move to another country in the next two years.
- While most Canadians and new immigrant Canadians alike believe that Canada provides immigrants with a good quality of life, Canadians have a much more positive outlook on Canada's immigration policy compared to new Canadian immigrants.
- New Canadian immigrants are more likely to believe that Canadians don't understand the challenges that immigrants face and feel the rising cost of living will make immigrants less likely to stay in Canada.

Download the full report : https://www.inclusion.ca/site/uploads/2022/03/Leger_ICC_Citizenship-Report-March-2022.pdf



LGBTQI + Refugees' and Asylum Seekers' Mental Health: A Qualitative Systematic Review

Azadeh Nematy, Yudit Namer & Oliver Razum

Sexuality Research and Social Policy – Latest Articles

Published online March 29, 2022

Open access article

Abstract

Introduction

LGBTQI + refugees and asylum seekers experience enormous distress during their lifespan. Ill-effects of socio-cultural stigma, systemic violence, and forced migration due to sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) are not their only challenge. The cumbersome asylum process in host countries negatively affects their mental health and well-being. The objective of this systematic review was to retrieve, critically evaluate and synthesize the evidence from qualitative data relating to mental health conditions of LGBTQI + forced migrants before, during, and after resettlement.

Read or download the full article:

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-022-00705-y>

REPEATS

Finding Peace with Ponies

Many of you will recognize Richard Belcham (past MAP Co-chair and former ED of Inasmuch) in the photo.

Richard is heavily involved in learning about and helping to provide 'riding therapy' to children who arrived in the UK as refugees. You can read his article about the benefits of this approach to refugee children here:

<https://cavaliercentre.org/finding-peace-with-ponies/>

Richard sends greetings to all at MAP and hopes you enjoy the article.





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Poster also attached

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – UMBRELLA MULTICULTURAL HEALTH CO-OP

Please see the job description and application procedure **attached in PDF** for a new Executive Director at UMHC

The **Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP)**, administered by **Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS)**, is looking for a qualified candidate to represent our program in Vancouver and support private sponsors across British Columbia. A detailed job description for the position of the **RSTP Trainer for British Columbia (based in Vancouver)** and the instructions how to apply can be found [here](#).

Please share this vacancy announcement with your networks and encourage interested candidates to apply.

Thank you!

Warm regards,
Ekaterina

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Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -
April 14, 2022**

[Read Digest on RRN Website](#)

The RRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference