



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 131

June 8, 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.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY IS VERY SOON!

We are excited to be polishing off the programs at our 3 events for World Refugee Day and especially excited to provide a space for refugee speakers like Khatira and Maribel to share their messages. Khatira was recently awarded the City of Vancouver Youth Award for Excellence – see photo with Mayor Kennedy Stewart and a link to her recent **TED Talk**: <https://youtabout/>

Register for the **Vancouver World Refugee Day Proclamation event** at: <https://bit.ly/3zmyNjn>
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House: 800- East Broadway, Vancouver
June 20, 12pm – 2pm



Having difficulties with the IRCC portal?

An IRCC Representative will attend the MAP Meeting on June 23 to answer your portal questions – it would be fantastic if you could send them in ahead of time so she can provide the most helpful information. Email questions to info@mapbc.org

IRCC has also provided us with these resources should you run into trouble:

Representatives can contact IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca regarding any issues with the portal.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-canadian-refugee-protection-portal.html#contact>

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



a new belonging

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022

A New Belonging – Together

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022 UPDATES:

- **The Shoe Project at Vancouver Library, Alice McKay Room**
350 West Georgia St, Vancouver
5 amazing stories from around the world accompanied by Saeid on santoor.
 - Wednesday June 15, 7pm FREE
 - Register: [here](#)
- **June 20: Vancouver City Proclamation at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House**
800 E Broadway, Vancouver
Music, food, friends and special speakers. (Partners: COV & Vancouver LIP)
 - Monday June 20, 12pm – 2pm FREE
 - Register via [Eventbrite](#)
- **June 20: Surrey event at Surrey Central Library**
Panel discussion, music, refreshments, agency info (Partners: Surrey LIP)
 - Monday June 20, 4pm – 6pm
 - Bring the family!
 - Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/surrey-world-refugee-day-tickets-358939516757>

ANNOUNCING FOR MAP AGENCIES!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY EVENT VANCOUVER!!

Be there to represent your agency and celebrate refugee talents and contributions

REGISTER at: <https://bit.ly/3zmyNjn>

Agency info welcome! Send digital copy to Amina at amina.osman@jumpstartrefugee.ca and/or bring brochures/business cards with you.

Poster attached!

Join us for

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
800 E. Broadway

June 20 from 12-2PM

City of Vancouver Proclamation of World Refugee Day
featuring stories and music from
refugee speakers and artists!

Light refreshments will be served.

Admission is free!

Register here: shorturl.at/tHQYU

**a new
belonging**

Questions?

Contact tiam@mpnh.org

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022



World Refugee Day – together in person again!

In partnership with Vancouver Public Library MAP presents **‘The Shoe Project’**

Wednesday June 15 at 7pm (doors open 6:30pm) at the Central Library

5 stories of refugee women from around the world

Music by Saeid Kooshki – on santoor

Poster is attached – please display in your office and share with colleagues and friends

REGISTER

News highlights: Refugee claimant- related articles from Canada and around the world

April 13, 2022

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))

*Thanks to Journey Home's **Barry Growe** for his research and compilation:*

[British Home Office offers asylum seekers choice between war zones they fled and Rwanda](#)

The Guardian June 6

[Ireland gives warm welcome to Ukrainians. Asylum seekers from elsewhere point to unequal treatment](#)

CNN May 20

[New Zealand review finds long-term detention of asylum seekers 'inhumane'](#)

1news May 3

[Western countries demand Russia follow international law—so why don't they?](#)

The Conversation May 30

[Parents' refugee journey inspires UNBC grad](#)

Alaska Highway News May 31

[How many Ukrainians have fled their homes, and where have they gone?](#)

BBC June 6

[What was the point? Freed after 9 years, refugees learn to live again in Australia](#)

New York Times June 2

Free Online Webinar - June 20, 2022

Responding to the Afghan Refugee Crisis in the United States and Canada

11:00 am - 2:15 pm (EST) | 8:00 am - 11:15 am (PST)

To mark World Refugee Day, **Metropolis CARES** (Coalition to Assist Refugee Entry and Settlement), an initiative of the **Metropolis Institute**, will be holding a webinar on **June 20, between 11:00 am and 2:15 pm (EST)**.

The webinar entitled ***Responding to the Afghan Refugee Crisis in the United States and Canada*** seeks to foster cooperation between policy-makers, researchers and civil society organizations in supporting best practices to address the needs of Afghan refugees in our two countries. The program includes a panel session and round table discussion on attitudes towards refugees in Canada and meeting the challenges encountered by Afghan refugees in the United States.

A [detailed PDF program](#) is posted on our website. For more information please visit www.metropolisconference.ca or contact metropolis@acs-aec.ca

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Frog Hollow

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Creating Our Community Together

See Froghollow This Month: [June 2022 edition](#)

Dedicated to seniors' services, seniors' issues and what Froghollow NH is doing



The 2022 Howard Adelman lecture was recently held on June 6, at the Centre for Refugee Studies with guest speaker Debbie Douglas, Executive Director of the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)

Who Gets In: Musings on Race, Migration and Belonging

The recording is now available online: https://youtu.be/rQaf3uUI_iw

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Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -
June 2, 2022**

[READ DIGEST ON RRN WEBSITE](#)

CERC In Migration and Integration - Connections Newsletter of the Toronto Metropolitan University

[Read online](#)



[CERC Migration launches new research tool designed to shed light on Canadian immigration policymaking during pandemic](#)

REPEATS

Legal Aid BC
Support when you need it



To see the whole newsletter, [click here](#)

Upcoming free webinar

Rights of vulnerable immigrants

Thursday, June 16 | **10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT**

This session will focus on two groups of immigrants who are amongst the most vulnerable: migrant workers and victims of family violence. Our speaker, Kamaljit Lehal of Lehal Law will cover the rights and remedies of these immigrants to assist them in escaping abusive workplaces and abusive family relationships. Case scenarios will be provided as examples to illustrate the steps individuals can take to remove themselves from unsafe circumstances and maintain immigration status.

***This session is open to all community workers in BC ***

This session will be recorded.

Click below to register.

Register now!

Missed a live session?

No problem! We have recorded them for you!

Representation agreements



Legal Aid BC



This webinar focuses on what is a representation agreement, the types of **representation agreements**, considerations for clients hoping to execute one, and what happens when a client cannot execute a representation agreement. Our speaker, Kelly Melnyk discusses capacity assessments and requirements for the different representation agreements, as well as the type of instructions a client can make.

Watch [here](#)

Recorded on: May 12, 2022

Length: 1 hour 50 min

Legal Aid BC Services and free resources



Legal Aid BC



Our speakers will tell you about Legal Aid BC's free legal advice and representation services. They'll also show you free, plain language and trustworthy legal information resources and tools for a range of topics including child protection, family violence, wills, foreclosure, and criminal law.

Watch [here](#)

Recorded on: May 18, 2022

Length: 1 hour 48 min

Umbrella Workshops for Health

4. Mental Health

for the Arabic-speaking community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about our mental and physical wellbeing
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Thursday Jun 9 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

It's free! Join us!



No registration needed. If you have questions please call Hana 778-788-7340
Event with interpretation to Arabic



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الزمان: الخميس 09-06-2022 من الساعة 5:30 مساء الى الساعة 7:30 مسابا
المكان : على زووم فضلا اضغط على الرابط التالي

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انا كاتبت لنديك اية اسئلة. يرجى الاتصال ب هنا 778-788-7340



Umbrella Workshops for Health

4. Mental Health

for the Latin American community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about our mental and physical wellbeing
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Saturday Jun 11 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

It's free! Join us!



No registration needed. If you have questions please call Angelica 778-814-3487
Event is in Spanish



Talleres de Salud Umbrella

4. Salud Mental

para la comunidad Latinoamericana

¿Qué? ¡Un taller para todos !

Vamos a reunirnos para:

- Aprender acerca de nuestra salud mental y física
- Practicar inglés
- Conocer nuevas personas
- Nos relajaremos y divertiremos!

¿Cuándo? Sábado Jun 11 10:30 am a 12:00 pm

¿Dónde? En Zoom por favor presione en este link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

Es gratuito!
Ven y únete a nosotros!



No necesita registrarse. Si tiene preguntas por favor comunicarse con Angélica 778-814-3487
Evento en español



Umbrella Workshops for Health

4. Mental Health

for the Tigrinya-speaking community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about our mental and physical wellbeing
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Friday Jun 17 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

It's free! Join us!



No registration needed. If you have questions please call Selamawit 604-518-7672
Event with interpretation to Tigrinya



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Please see available workshops on mental health in Arabic, Spanish and Tigrinya provided by Umbrella Multicultural Health Coop – posters in PDF attached.



Mental Health & Substance Use Support Workshops

Summer 2022



Mindfulness & Expressive Art

The goal of mindfulness sessions is to support people by providing a space and tools to learn and practice mindfulness as part of stress reduction for anxiety or for people who would like to improve their overall well-being.

Online / 6 sessions
Tuesdays / 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12

Physical Activity Group (Light Stretch & Movement)

These weekly sessions will have a variety of light movement and stretch exercises to build patient confidence when exercising and stretching on their own in a safe and effective manner.

In-person / 6 sessions
Mondays/ 10:00 - 11:00 pm
Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27
July 4, 11

Life/ Role Transitions

This workshop is designed for people to come together to share their struggles with significant life/role changes such as: change or loss of job, change in relationships (divorce/separation), sudden change in health (medical or mental health), change in lifestyle (e.g. substance use, retirement).

In-person / 6 sessions
Tuesdays / 10:00 - 11:30 am
Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12
Follow-up : Aug 9

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)

DBT's main goals are to teach people how to live in the moment, develop healthy ways to cope with stress, regulate their emotions, and improve their relationships with others.

Gain skills that can help you experience your life as worth living – one that is satisfying and one that brings happiness – Lineham.

Online / 7 sessions
Tuesdays / 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Dates: June 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
Aug 2, 9

For more information please visit www.reachcentre.bc.ca
Spots are limited, register today via email Maddie, Workshop Administrator
MSobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca or call 604-245-3838

REACH Community Health Centre 1145 Commercial Drive Vancouver BC V5L 3X3

We are excited to announce that our next round of Mental Health Workshops is now open for External registration. workshops will be hosted online and In-person. And support is available for those clients/patients/community members who may have difficulty with technology.

1. Mindfulness and Expressive Art (Online)
2. Physical Activity Group (Light Stretch and Movement) (In-person)
3. Life/ Role Transition (In-person)
4. Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) (Online)

Attached is the poster with all of the relevant info, including workshop dates and times, as well as a brief description of each program.

Registration is open to ALL REACH clients/patients and community members. To register someone, please send their name and contact information (phone/email) to MSobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca. If you have any questions you can contact the project assistant Pam & Maddie.



Burnaby LIP / Burnaby Together event

See poster attached in PDF

**EMBRACING EQUITY,
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
IN THE WORKPLACE**

**JUNE 14, 2022
9:00-11:00AM**

Employers from Vancity, Blackbird Interactive, Raymond James, Dillon Consulting and Revera Inc. will be sharing strategies on how to embrace a workplace culture change focused on EDI that support hiring and retention practices for newcomers and racialized communities.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/BIPT61422](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BIPT61422)

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101-3999 HENNING DRIVE, BURNABY**

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