



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 127

May 11, 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.

REMINDER: MAP STRATEGY MEETING TO CREATE A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR THE CO-CHAIR POSITIONS

As a MAP member have your say in the future structure of MAP! We need your participation!

Thursday May 19 at 3pm – 4:30pm at Journey Home Community: 7175 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby (entrance on south-west corner of the building) Email Jenny at info@mapbc.org to register and have your say!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Our beautiful theme this year suggested by Shanga from The Shoe Project is **A New Belonging** – it speaks to putting down roots again in a new land and feeling like here is home – it has also been linked with the word **‘Together’** See image inside.

The Shoe Project will present 5 refugee stories at Vancouver Public Library: Alice McKay Room on June 15 at 7pm Accompanied by traditional acoustic music Waad, Ranim, Bisrat, Touran and Malena will take us on visits to three continents, finally landing in a fourth.

SAVE THE DATE! For this and other World Refugee Day events coming soon!

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!



a new belonging

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022

A New Belonging – Together

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022:

- The Shoe Project at Vancouver Library
- Wednesday June 15, 7pm FREE
- Agency Market Place, family fun, art and music
in Surrey (partner: Surrey LIP)
- June 20: Vancouver City Proclamation
(partner: Vancouver LIP)
- Watch this space for MORE details!



See PDF version attached

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

For registration and more details, please contact Dali,
Settlement Case Manager: DaliQ@burnabynh.ca

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Let's ZOOM

Training Sessions for Adults

Join us to learn how to use Zoom efficiently & professionally

To register, please scan



Date: *Wednesday*

June 8th, 15th & 22nd (online)

June 29th, in-person practice

Time:

1:00-2:30pm

Location:

4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby

www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (salilwataʔ), Kwikwetlem (kʷikwəʔləm), Squamish (Səwəwʷməsh Uxwumixw) and Musqueam (mʷəməkwəyəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8
(In front of Metrotown Skytrain)
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EXTENDED Employment Opportunity!

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

Youth Programs Lead – see full details in PDF attached.

This is a full-time position (35 hours a week) for a 6-month period with the possibility of an extension.

You are invited to celebrate **Asian Heritage Month** and the **BC Anti-Racism Week**.

This is a special session presenting:

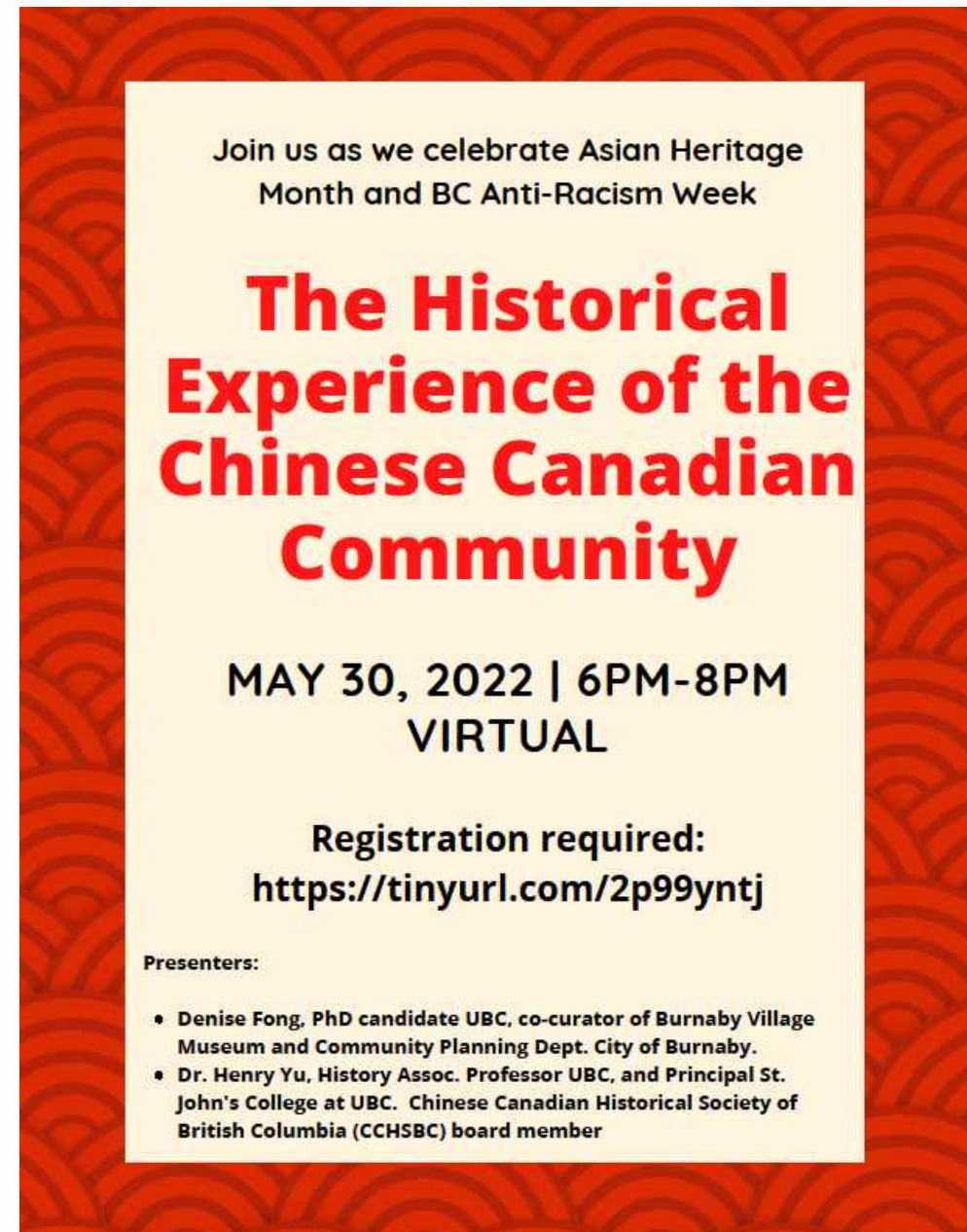
Henry Yu, History Associate Professor at UBC, principal of the St. John's College, UBC and Board member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC (CCHSBC) and

Denise Fong, PhD Candidate at UBC, Co-curator of Burnaby Village Museum and City of Burnaby Community Planning Department.

Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/2p99yntj>

Poster also attached

**Hosted by Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table /
Burnaby Local Immigration Partnership**

The poster features a red background with a repeating circular pattern. A white rectangular box in the center contains the event details. The text is in black and red. The title is in large, bold, red font. The date and time are in black. The registration link is in black. The presenters are listed in a bulleted format.

Join us as we celebrate Asian Heritage Month and BC Anti-Racism Week

The Historical Experience of the Chinese Canadian Community

MAY 30, 2022 | 6PM-8PM
VIRTUAL

Registration required:
<https://tinyurl.com/2p99yntj>

Presenters:

- Denise Fong, PhD candidate UBC, co-curator of Burnaby Village Museum and Community Planning Dept. City of Burnaby.
- Dr. Henry Yu, History Assoc. Professor UBC, and Principal St. John's College at UBC. Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia (CCHSBC) board member



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 3, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM (*in-person*)

[Diversity Work as Organizational Learning](#)

Organized by CMS faculty affiliate Dr. Hongxia Shan

June 9-10 (*hybrid conference*)

[Measuring Migration: Why? When? How?](#)

Nuffield College, University of Oxford



Decolonizing Initiatives Map



The UBC Centre for Migration Studies, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, AMSSA, and ISSofBC have produced a public inventory of decolonizing initiatives across Metro Vancouver.

The Decolonizing Initiatives map is a product of the SSHRC funded research project "[Belonging in Unceded Territory.](#)"

CANADA'S SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE (2 pages)

Statistics Canada is proud to reveal the country's many rich stories and explore "Your census, your stories: Canada's portrait." The second release of findings from the 2021 Census is now available online at www.statcan.gc.ca/census and includes data on age, sex at birth and gender, and types of dwellings.

This release is vital to understanding Canada's shifting demographic profile. Canada is the first country to collect and disseminate data on gender diversity from a national census, filling important data gaps on cisgender, transgender and non-binary persons. The release includes highlights about age-related demographic shifts that can have a significant impact on the economy and society as a whole. Our population remains one of the youngest among G7 countries, despite a record number of people approaching retirement. It also provides insights on the types of dwellings, indicating the number of apartment units in high-rise buildings has risen quickly, and is expected to continue and accelerate. These data are available at the national, provincial, territorial and subprovincial levels.

Users can select Census on the main navigation menu of the [Statistics Canada website](http://www.statcan.gc.ca) and then select [Census of Population](#). From the Census of Population web module, users can access release-specific information through the '[Census news](#)' section or directly from the variety of [release-related and/or product-specific links](#).

For some regional highlights on British Columbia, please see the attached fact sheet:

CENSUS PROFILE

[Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population](#)



This profile presents information from the 2021 Census of Population for various levels of geography, including provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas, communities and census tracts.

Using the search or browse options, users can search for an area of interest by typing its place name, postal code^{OM} or geographic code or by browsing a list.

FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY SERIES

Focusing on a selected geographic area, this product presents data highlights for each of the major releases of the 2021 Census.

These data highlights are presented through text, tables and figures. A map image of the geographic area is also included in the product.

Click [Here](#) to access the product.

NEXT CENSUS RELEASE

Next Census release on July 13, 2022

Portrait of Canada's families and households

Canadian Military Experience

Income profile of Canadians



For more information about other releases, please click the following link: [2021 Census Release Dates](#)

For videos related to 2021 Census, please click [Census learning centre](#)

REPEATS

MOSAIC TRAININGS FOR REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

- **Date:** First Aid Training on Wednesday, May 25th
- **Location:** MOSAIC, 5575 Boundary Road. Vancouver BC, V5R 2P9
- **Time:** 8:50 am – 4:30 pm
- Sandwiches for lunch and bus tickets are provided

Masks are mandatory, and strict hygiene procedures are in place. Anyone contacting us or arriving with symptoms of illness will not be admitted.

Please share widely with your community who may benefit from these trainings.

The registration is free but limited.

To register, please email Tracy at ttang@mosaicbc.org

(Provided by MOSAIC's Refugee Settlement and Integra

First Aid Training for Refugee Claimants International Students & Temporary Foreign Workers

Wednesday, May 25th

9:00 am—5:00 pm

MOSAIC - 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver

- FREE Training: Receive a certificate
- Occupational First Aid Level 1
- Highly valued by Canadian employers in many industries
- Training in English

Limited spaces available. Registration required!

Physically distanced class following COVID-19 safety measures.

Strict hygiene procedures are in place. Anyone with symptoms of illness will not be admitted. Masks are required.

To register: ttang@mosaicbc.org

Food Safe Training for Refugee Claimants, International Students & Temporary Foreign Workers

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We gratefully acknowledge the financial support
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Ready Tours

Announcing sessions specifically for Farsi Speaking refugee claimants

- 1. Friday, May 13 (9:30-11:30AM PST)- Only for Farsi/Dari Speaking Refugee Claimants**
- 2. Friday, June 10 (9:30-11:30AM PST)-Only for Farsi/Dari Speaking Refugee Claimants**

To refer a client or register please contact:

Masi Allahverdi

READY Tour Organizer

M 604.362.1070

T 604.255.9691

Email: masi@kinbrace.ca



FREE
IN PERSON
FOR AGES 19+

Relapse and Recovery

Snacks and bus tickets!

Learn to anticipate triggers and gain alternative coping methods.

DIVERSEcity's Journeys concurrent disorders program provides community-based counselling and outreach for people dealing with mental health and substance use issues. Join our weekly relapse prevention group to:

- Learn to anticipate substance use triggers and develop coping methods
- Develop confidence by practising coping skills in real-life risk situations
- Make connections between substance use and other life situations
- Learn to anticipate risk situations and pre-planning coping strategies
- Create a space for community care and learning

Punjabi and Mandarin language support will be provided.

Tuesdays, May 10 to June 14 2022
1-2:30 pm

At DIVERSEcity Newton Town Centre Campus
#1107 - 7330 137 Street, Surrey, BC

Who's eligible?
Adults 19+

REGISTER

604-306-8414
phsu@dcrs.ca
dcrs.ca/journeys



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Poster attached

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are more jobs available currently – please see listings below and attached



TEMPORARY RESIDENTS SPECIALIST			
Posting Requisition	A22057	Program	<i>B.C. Settlement and Integration Services Program</i>
Job Type	<i>Permanent, Full-time</i>	Location	<i>Surrey, BC</i>
Hours of work	<i>35 hours per week</i>	Closing Date	<i>Open Until Filled</i>

Options Community Services is a non-profit registered charity providing social services primarily in Surrey, Delta, White Rock and Langley. We believe in helping people help themselves. We believe in collaborating with individuals, businesses, community groups and government to create focused, effective and responsive resources for the community.

Temporary Residents Specialist provides immigration, settlement and employment related services through 1-1 and group information and orientation and referrals to Temporary Foreign Workers, Provincial Nominees, International Students, Refugee Claimants and Naturalized Citizens seeking employment.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Assess client strengths and needs and provide guidance on job search and career development through culturally appropriate one-on-one counseling and group information & orientation sessions.
- Organize, promote and facilitate information & orientation group activities on, job search skills, labour market related resources, training opportunities and job fairs, information on workplace rights and responsibilities, workplace safety and culture.
- Establish a positive rapport and working relationship with clients and engage them in activities that encourage them to connect to the broader community.
- Develop program-relevant reference and resource materials as needed.
- Promote the development of inclusive communities and support/participate in community forums/initiatives/meetings as assigned.
- Participate in meetings and training opportunities.
- Other administrative duties as required, including photocopying/faxing, taking meeting minutes, filing, room set-up/clearing for meetings and activities, etc.
- Follow written and verbal directives from Program Manager and/or Senior Manager, Executive Director or designate.
- Contribute to a positive work environment by maintaining a positive working relationship with other workers and volunteers.
- Perform other related duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience:



Options Community Services – Temporary Resident Specialist
Permanent, full time – in Surrey, BC
See full description and application procedure **in PDF attached**

More jobs!



Muslim Food Bank / Aspire Senior Caseworker – Housing & Homelessness Support Contract / 28 hours a week flexible - **See PDF attached**

Job Posting

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Caseworker - Housing and Homelessness Support
PROGRAM:	ASPIRE Community Services – Vancouver Location
Reports to:	Manager, ASPIRE Programs

Summary

Under the direction of the Manager, the senior caseworker is responsible for supporting members of the community who are experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness. The caseworker will also enforce the mission of the ASPIRE program that aims at promoting client development and independence, by providing support and motivation.

Responsibilities:

- Meets clients and register them with MFBCS and ASPIRE Programs by completing all intake forms.
- Assesses clients' needs to develop an individualized support plan which outlines a strategy to find housing and become self reliant.
- Monitors support plans to ensure clients are on track with their plans and/or adjust plans, if necessary, to meet individual client needs.
- Assists clients to access services, make appointments and complete forms if required.
- Refers clients to appropriate community resources based on assessed needs.
- Organizes and facilitates workshops and courses, arranging for external speakers as appropriate.
- Performs service bridging by serving as a resource to clients and service providers.
- Prepare reports as required.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualification

Diploma in Social Sciences, counselling, or a related discipline supplemented by a minimum of one (1) to (2) years of experience in a client-oriented position, preferably in an immigrant settlement service-related field OR an equivalent combination of education, training and experience acceptable to the employer. Fluency in the Arabic language is an asset.

Skills and Abilities

- Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral English.
- Demonstrated ability to deal effectively and courteously with clients, staff, volunteers, partners and the public who comes from diverse backgrounds.
- Good time management skills.
- Ability to set and maintain boundaries with clients and manage self-care.
- Possession of a clear criminal record.

To Apply: please send an email and cover letter to saleem@muslimfoodbank.com.

Closing Date: open until the right candidate is hired.

Hours of Work: 28 hours per week, flexible schedule.

Salary Range: \$21 to \$23 per hour based on education, training, and experience.

Contract Term: One year contract term with a possibility of extension pending funding.

Note: Applicants must be legally eligible to work in Canada. We thank all applicants; however, only those shortlisted will be contacted for an interview.



Vancity Community Partnership Program is now open, and we encourage agencies that have projects that align with the criteria to apply. Here is the link: [Community Partnership Program - Vancity](#)

What is the Community Partnership Program?

The Vancity Community Partnership Program (CPP) provides low barrier, responsive grants up to \$25,000 for projects that improve financial resilience, reduce carbon emissions, and advance Racial Justice and Reconciliation.

We seek to support community-based ideas that remove systemic barriers to economic well-being and opportunity. We want to work with organizations implementing solutions that help equity deserving groups and local organizations build financial resilience to safeguard against the climate crisis, life's emergencies, reduce the risk of financial hardship, and withstand financial shocks. This includes marginalized, racialized, underrepresented or vulnerable people to ensure that no one is left behind as we transition to a clean economy.

Priority will be given to initiatives that are led by or will partner with Indigenous, Black, People of Color, newcomers, women, people living with disabilities, or other equity deserving groups in the planning and delivery of the initiative.

Diana Barry (she/her/hers)
Program Manager:Community Investment
T: 236.333.6502
Email: diana_barry@vancity.com

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Upcoming free webinars



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Representation agreements

 [Thursday, May 12](#) |  [10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT](#)

This session will focus 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 speakers will discuss capacity assessments and requirements for the different representation agreements, as well as the type of instructions a client can make. They will also discuss factors that clients should consider such as: who to appoint, impacts of the appointment and what range of decisions the client may want their representative to be able to make. Our speakers will give a brief overview of the Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act and how this legislation interacts with the Representation Agreement Act. [*This session is open to all community workers in BC*](#)



This session will be recorded.
Click below to register.

Register



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Legal Aid BC services and resources

 [Wednesday, May 18](#) |  [10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT](#)

Your clients may be facing a complex web of legal problems. Early intervention in such issues is vital: over time, legal problems usually become more complicated and stressful, and may require expensive court time. With **basic legal information**, and information on where to find legal help, you can help your clients navigate confusing legal processes. Using real life scenarios, our speakers will 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. [*This session is open to all community workers in BC*](#)

This session will be recorded.
Click below to register.

Register

We want to hear from you!

How can Legal Aid BC's child protection resources be improved?

 [Thursday, June 2](#) |  [10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PDT](#)

Come share your thoughts about how Legal Aid BC [child protection legal information resources](#) work for your community and how they can be improved. Help us create resources that better serve your community. The focus group takes place online using the Microsoft Teams platform. Register [here](#) or email publications@legalaid.bc.ca to save your spot by **Wednesday, June 1**.

Once you register, you will receive 1) a Microsoft Teams link to access the meeting and 2) a digital or print package of LABC's child protection publications

If you have questions, contact Patricia Lim at publications@legalaid.bc.ca

[*This session is open to community workers who support people with child protection issues](#)

This session will be recorded.
Click below to register.

Register

 To sign-up for this newsletter, please [click here](#)
To view the entire newsletter, [click here](#).

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Posters attached also!

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MAYO 15, 2022 1-4 PM
HOLLAND PARK
KING GEORGE STATION
SURREY

Contactanos:

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 (778) 536 - 3419

Canada
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**From Dignidad Migrante – posters also attached
 Activities for Temporary Foreign Workers arriving into BC!**



Invitan:



MWAG

**Échate un taco!
 Ven a cenar**

¡No importa tu estatus!
 Si eres trabajador migrante
 Te esperamos a cenar cada último
 Domingo de Mes en:

Landing Sport Center – The Loft,
 45530 Spadina Avenue, Chilliwack

Tramites 2:00 PM
 Cena 5:00 PM
 Rifas/Juegos 6:00 PM

April 24 – Mayo 29 – Junio 26 – Julio 24
 Agosto 28 – Septiembre 25



Contáctanos



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Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -
April 28, 2022**

[Read Digest on RRN Website](#)

QUOTE:

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