



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 134

July 20, 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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

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### MAP BULLETINS OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS

MAP meetings take a break over July/August – and bulletins will be reduced too. For your article submission here are the bulletin dates:

*July 20, August 10, 24 – regular weekly bulletins will resume on September 7.*

*Any urgent and important notices will still be sent out as they are received.*

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### MAP CO-CHAIR POSITION

MAP is accepting nominations or self-nominations for a co-chair in a limited role associated only with the organization and chairing of MAP meetings. In time for our September start up please consider if you can help MAP in this way.

Job descriptions provided on request; core duties are:

- With the assistance of the MAP Coordinator identify speakers for upcoming MAP meetings based on emerging needs and themes
- Approve the Agenda
- Chair alternate meetings: 2.5 hours once a month for 9 months (no meetings in December/July/August)
- Attend meetings with full MAP Executive on a weekly basis (30 minutes)

TOTAL HOURS PER MONTH: 10

#### Requirements for the role:

- You work with a MAP member agency who works with refugee claimants
- You have the support of your supervisor to become engaged with MAP, and MAP membership approval
- You are available for weekly meetings at a time to the 2 co-chairs' convenience.

If you are interested please email Thanh Lam at [TLam@mpnh.org](mailto:TLam@mpnh.org)

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**Thank you** for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants

Thanh Lam and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive



Please see the following 3 announcements received recently:

Dear stakeholders,

The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) is committed to rendering quality decisions and to upholding a high standard of conduct. The IRB is also equally committed to ensuring that the member complaints process remains transparent, fair, and efficient.

To this end, the Board has taken steps to improve the member complaints process, including:

- bolstering the independence of the process by assigning responsibility for overseeing the process to an independent Ombudsperson;
- enhancing transparency by publishing an annual report, including summaries of all member complaints that are finalized by the IRB; and
- increasing the timeliness of service by implementing [service standards](#) for three key phases of the complaints process.

Additionally, as part of the [management response and action plan \(MRAP\)](#) to address the recommendations of the IRB's [Evaluation of the IRB Process for making a complaint about a member](#), the IRB revised its *Procedures for making a complaint about a member*. To accomplish this goal, the IRB consulted with national stakeholders, members, the union, and internal partners to:

- clarify the scope of the procedures;
- better outline the steps within the complaints process;
- refine the criteria for deciding member complaints; and
- include commentary sections where appropriate to provide further guidance and clarification of the complaints process.

As a result, the IRB is releasing its updated [Procedures for making a complaint about a member](#) (effective June 30, 2022). In addition, the IRB made minor updates to its [Code of conduct for members of the IRB](#), to reinforce that member complaints must relate to alleged breaches of sections 9 to 15.

The IRB is also releasing its latest [Annual report on member complaints](#). This report covers a 15-month period from January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022. Subsequent annual reports will use the fiscal year timeframe to align with federal government reporting.

You are encouraged to read the new *Procedures*, *Code of Conduct*, as well as the latest *Annual Report* to understand how the Board manages complaints made about the conduct of its members, as well as the types of complaints received and how they have been resolved.

Please share this information within your respective organizations.

Thank you, Richard Wex, Chairperson, Immigration & Refugee Board of Canada



Dear stakeholders,

Access to justice and quality decision-making lie at the core of the Immigration and Refugee Board's (IRB) mandate. As mentioned at our recent meeting of the IRB CC, the Board has recently undertaken two independent reviews to assess how well we are delivering on those priorities, with a particular focus on access to justice and quality proceedings in the context of virtual hearings.

I am pleased to inform you that reports from both reviews and associated management plans to address all recommendations are now available

- The [report on the sense of access to justice associated with virtual hearings held before the IRB using MS Teams](#) was prepared by Cyberjustice Laboratory (Cyberjustice) based on their review of procedures and hearings held on the MS Teams platform. Based on a survey, Cyberjustice concluded that most respondents had a strong sense of access to justice from their virtual hearing experience. The [IRB's Management Response and Action Plan](#) describes the actions we've taken, including full or partial implementation of Cyberjustice's recommendations, to further improve access to justice.
- The [report on Quality Performance in the Refugee Protection Division 2020-21](#) was prepared by Hélène Mayrand, a law professor specialized in immigration and refugee law, and is the latest in our ongoing quality performance reviews. Professor Mayrand found that 91% of the RPD hearings assessed met or exceeded the IRB's established, high-quality standard. The RPD has accepted all recommendations and has developed a [Management Response and Action Plan](#) to address areas for improvement.

We invite you to read the full reports and the IRB's action plans to respond. Please share this information in your organization.

Thank you,

Richard Wex, Chairperson, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada



Dear stakeholders,

On behalf of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB), I would like to thank you for your contributions to the revision of *Chairperson's Guideline 4 on Women Refugee Claimants Fearing Gender-Related Persecution*. The updated version has now been released and can be found on the IRB website.

The revised [Guideline 4](#) incorporates approaches and best-practices already well-established at the Board and which reflect expert advice, evidence-based developments in social science, and developments in law.

Your ongoing input and support help strengthen the Board's efforts to sustain and improve the quality of its adjudication by ensuring that tools and guidance available reflect the needs of those appearing before the IRB as well as the IRB itself. Your contributions also help the Board to continue Canada's tradition of global leadership in recognizing gender as a consideration in refugee determination.

We would greatly value your assistance in making your stakeholders and audiences aware of the new *Guideline 4*. To facilitate awareness-raising, we attach a communications toolkit. The toolkit includes key messages and a suggested template email, along with optional social media posts, all of which contain the link to the new Guideline as posted on our website: [irb.gc.ca](http://irb.gc.ca). You are, of course, welcome to adapt the messages.

I would like to draw your attention to some of the more noteworthy revisions in the new Guideline which include:

- a broadened gender-inclusive scope, while still recognizing that women, girls, and LGBTQ2I+ individuals are disproportionately impacted by gender inequality, discrimination, and gender-based violence. This new scope is reflected in a new title: Chairperson's Guideline 4: Gender Considerations in Proceedings Before the Immigration and Refugee Board;
- explicit reference to the ongoing application of a trauma-informed and intersectional approach to proceedings involving gender considerations, consistent with the Board's existing commitment to trauma-informed adjudication in all refugee and immigration cases involving individuals who have experienced trauma. Recognizing the challenges that people who have experienced trauma may face, is part of the Board's overall adjudicative strategy for fair, timely and well-reasoned decision-making. Moving forward, the Board will consider incorporating this approach in other policy instruments, as appropriate;
- expanded substantive guidance on gender as a basis for persecution, state protection, internal flight alternatives and gender-specific considerations for detention reviews, admissibility hearings, and immigration appeals; and
- an expanded application to also include the Immigration Division and the Immigration Appeal Division.



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In addition to your contributions during the comprehensive review that was conducted between Spring 2020 and Winter 2022, the update is also based on consultations internal to the IRB; a case law review of IRB and higher court cases; an analysis of current literature pertaining to gender issues and trauma; a review of other countries' approaches to adjudicating similar cases; and the input and advice of other government departments.

The revised *Guideline 4* complements efforts by the Board to respond to the changing landscape of gender-based adjudication, including through innovative initiatives such as the recent creation of the Chairperson's Gender-based Task Force.

Comprehensive mandatory training for all decision-makers has now been delivered and updates will be provided on a regular basis to our members based on experience gathered with the application of the *Guideline* as well as input from our members and those appearing before the Board; key elements of the Board's ongoing commitment to adjudicative quality and consistency.

We have carefully considered the expert opinions and interventions of everyone who contributed throughout the process, while also bearing in mind that the primary goal of our Guidelines is to provide clear and concise guidance to support members in their independent decision-making.

Once again, thank you for your valuable contributions in the context of this significant review and revision to *Guideline 4*.

Richard Wex, Chairperson

Immigration & Refugee Board of Canada

Hello,

As a community organization that could potentially benefit, we want to ensure you are aware of the support the **Canadian Red Cross** is providing, with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada, to community-based organizations currently supporting those whose mental health and wellbeing have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Community-based organizations can apply for funding of activities with a budget of a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$75,000 to support them in their work to:

- **Promote** mental health and wellbeing in the context of COVID-19 by building protective factors and/or reducing risk factors and enhancing resilience.
- **Prevent** longer term mental health illnesses including those associated with COVID-19 related traumatic experience.
- **Respond** by equipping organizations and service providers to offer safe, responsive, and effective programming and support for those whose mental health and wellbeing has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Canadian Red Cross ***Strengthening Community Capacity to Support Mental Health and Wellbeing: COVID-19 Mental Health and Wellbeing Grant Program*** is currently accepting applications. All activities and expenditures must take place between October 1, 2022 - January 31, 2024.

**The deadline to apply to this program is July 29, 2022**

If you are interested in this program, we invite you to visit [www.redcross.ca/mentalhealthgrants](http://www.redcross.ca/mentalhealthgrants) for more information. If you have questions about the program, you can reach the Canadian Red Cross team by phone at 1-833-966-4225 Monday to Friday between 8 am and 8 pm EDT, or by email at [mentalhealthgrants@redcross.ca](mailto:mentalhealthgrants@redcross.ca).

Please feel free to share this information with other organizations in your network that may be interested.

Regards,  
Settlement and Integration Policy Branch



Are you a Refugee/Immigrant woman who has survived violence? Are you passionate about having a seat at decision-making tables? We need your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions on improving services to women experiencing violence.

**Survivor Centered Systems of Care project** brings immigrant and refugee women survivors centre-stage to inform system-based change in how Gender Based Violence services are provided. This is achieved through training, supporting, and encouraging survivors to lead critical dialogues together with Systems of Care, comprising of service providers, police, legal, and health services. The project uses DIVERSEcity's survivor-centered safety and empowerment framework, Roots of Safety, grounded in providing culturally appropriate and respectful guidance and support.

DIVERSEcity is recruiting 10 Refugee/Immigrant women survivors to lead service planners and providers in critical reflection on existing policies and practices through the lens of survivors. Together, they will address discriminatory gender-based violence prevention and response policies and create processes for ongoing collaboration.

Your participation requires a commitment of 40 training hours, plus an additional 60 hours co-facilitating critical dialogues with Systems of Care Partners, in addition, your input into the creation of a web-based tool to increase women survivors' capacity to influence Gender Based Systems. Your expertise, contribution and time are valuable and essential to the success of this endeavour, Survivor-Centered Systems of Care Project will remunerate you for participation. This project will conclude March 31, 2024; thus, all activities need to be completed prior to that date.

For more information, please contact Nina Rihal, Project Manager at [nrihal@dcrs.ca](mailto:nrihal@dcrs.ca) or 604-218-9648.



With reference to DIVERSEcity's program outlined above:

DIVERSEcity is currently recruiting for 10 IRER women survivors that would be interested in participating in the Survivor Centered Systems of Care Project. **Hopefully, in the fall, we will be ready to start leading discussions with various organizations, agencies and departments writing policies, designing, or providing services for women experiencing gender-based violence. If you know of anyone within your network who would be interested in this project, I ask you to connect me with them.**

Please do contact me if you any further questions, thank you.

Kind Regards,

**Nina Rihal**, Project Manager - Survivor-Centered Systems of Care

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**DIVERSEcity**  
community resources society



## Empowering kids at DIVERSEcity summer day camps at DIVERSEcity Surrey Community Campus

*When school's out, DIVERSEcity is here with day camp options that are not only fun for children and youth permanent residents, but also take an empowerment approach to confidence-building and finding belonging. Here are our free camp options this summer.*

### "I am Strong" Summer Camp

At this free summer day camp, kids (aged 6–18) will engage and learn fun topics such as:

- Mindfulness and mental wellbeing
- Friendships and belonging
- Social skills and creating healthy relationships
- Personal and public safety

Monday to Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm - July 25–28, 2022 or August 8–11, 2022



### "Our Place" Summer Camp

At this free summer camp, kids (aged 7–12) will have fun and engage in trauma-informed activities around:

- Health and wellbeing
- Self-efficacy and self-esteem
- Cultural diversity
- Rights and responsibilities
- Connection to nature

The next “Our Place” camp is Monday to Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm, August 8 to September 1, 2022

[See here for more information and to register.](#)

## Employment Opportunity – Outreach Support Worker Assistant (Temporary Part-Time; 2 positions)

Hours: 10 hrs/week

Location: Virtual and in-person at our program sites (South Vancouver/South Burnaby/New Westminster)

Compensation: \$19/hour

Start and End date: Sept 12, 2022 – Feb 17, 2023 (20 weeks; winter break from Dec 19 to Jan 6)

Deadline to apply: July 22, 2022

### Job Purpose

Established in 1975, Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) is a pioneer and leader in the provision of programs that develop immigrant and refugee women's knowledge, skills and confidence. Our mission is to deliver accessible, inclusive, low-barrier programs for immigrant and refugee women and their children that create a sense of belonging, meaningful participation, and leadership. Our values are Inclusion, Community, Compassion, Empathy, Accountability, and Courage. For more information visit <http://pirs.bc.ca>

The Outreach Support Worker Assistant works closely with the Outreach Support Team. The Assistant's role is to assist the Outreach Support Workers with the intake and referral of clients' needs, source and coordinate the distribution of donations to immigrant and refugee families, and in-person support in the food hamper programs. This Assistant role, with the support of the supervisor, has significant responsibility in reaching out to the community, and is accountable for achieving specific community engagement goals.

These positions will report to the Program Coordinator.

*These employment opportunities are subject to the funding of the Government of Canada through the WorkBC Work Experience Opportunity Grants. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the eligibility criteria section below.*

### Key Accountabilities

#### Food Hub Sites Support (50%)

- Assist with the distribution of the weekly food hampers, including sorting donation items, packing items into hamper, etc.) at program sites
- Communicate with volunteers and families regarding the pick-up schedule and other issues as needed.

#### Outreach Intake and Referral (50%)

- Assist Outreach Support Workers (OSWs) in the intake, assessment, and referral of clients to meet their needs (food, settlement, basic necessity, health and medical, resources and other).
- Help coordinate donation solicitation and distribution to families according to the intake (e.g. Food, clothes, household items, furniture, baby items, etc.)



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Call 604.298.5888 | Email: info@pirs.bc.ca

## Employment Opportunity

Position: Outreach Support Worker - Ukrainian speaking

Hours: 15 hours/week to start

Location: Virtual and onsite work in Surrey, New Westminster, Burnaby, Vancouver

Compensation: \$21.53/hour

Effective date: September 5, 2022

Application submission deadline: July 22, 2022

### About PIRS

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### Job Purpose

Working as a part of our dynamic and fun Outreach Support Team, the Outreach Support Worker (OSW) in this position will provide support to the newly arrived and previously settled Ukrainian women and their children living in Surrey, New Westminster, Burnaby, and Vancouver.

The focus of this position is to develop relationships of trust with clients in order to bridge isolated newcomer women to programs that will help them develop a sense of social inclusion and belonging and support them and their children in the settlement process. The OSW will be responsible for client recruitment, providing outreach support, referrals, and monitoring and recording client progress.

The OSW must have knowledge of immigrant and refugee settlement services, be able to work with individuals with multiple barriers, have excellent interpersonal skills and be flexible to perform a variety of duties. This position will report to the Program Coordinator and Program Manager.

### Duties and Responsibilities

#### 1. Recruitment:

- Promote PIRS programs to community organizations, settlement services and individuals in the community
- Conduct all activities related to client recruitment such as presentations, marketing and intake
- Welcome and register new participants and their children
- Represent PIRS at community events as required
- Maintain and submit enrolment fees / registration statistics (all participants and volunteers) monthly



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## JHC IS HIRING

Journey Home has a unique and exciting opportunity to hire for our **Meanwhile Spaces start-up initiative**. This program offers transitional housing for refugees in empty apartment buildings or houses awaiting redevelopment. We have several available roles with opportunities to support refugees who are placed in transitional housing in empty buildings awaiting redevelopment.

Please help us in spreading the word that Journey Home Community is hiring! If you, or someone you know, would like to use your passion and skills to walk alongside refugee claimants, one of these roles could be for you. Click [here](#) to connect to our website and view the job descriptions.

- Mid-July 2022 - Settlement Intake Worker #1 (35hrs)
- Aug 1, 2022 - Settlement Supervisor (40hrs)
- Aug 15, 2022 - Settlement Intake Worker #2 (35hrs)

**To apply: [employment@journeyhomecommunity.ca](mailto:employment@journeyhomecommunity.ca)**

Keep checking our website for potential future postings: [Journey Home Community](#)

Dear Service Providers,

**POSTER ATTACHED**

We are pleased to inform you that the **Fully-funded "Hospitality Operations Certificate" (PBLMT)** - in partnership between **UMOJA, PICS,** and **Insignia College** is receiving new applications. This program will provide the participants with a strong foundation for their future career in Hospitality industry.

This is a **22-week program - classes start on August 15, 2022.**

Please feel free to refer your clients to this program. Registration link -> [HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS CERTIFICATE TRAINING PROGRAM \(freetrainings.ca\)](https://freetrainings.ca)

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- El requirements:
  - Must have established a claim for Employment Insurance (EI benefits), or
  - Must have had an EI benefit period that ended within the previous 60 months; or
  - Must have earned more than \$2,000 in insurable earnings and paid employee EI premiums on those earnings in at least 5 of the last 10 years (Note: the 5 years do not have to be consecutive years), and:
- Must have an Action Plan (AP) from WorkBC that identifies PBLMT as a reasonable goal to support their occupational goal. Pre-requisites required for client referral to this program are EI eligible Clients; BCEA PWD Clients; BCEA Non-PWD Clients.
- \*Must be PR/Canadian citizen/refugee/protected person \*Must be BC resident \*High school graduate or mature student
- \*English proficiency CLB6 or equivalent

### BENEFITS & CERTIFICATIONS:

- Up to \$300 weekly living support to qualified applicants
- Access to Technology Application
- Food Safe
- OFA Level 1
- Serving It Right
- WHMIS
- World Host

It would be highly appreciated to have your support in sharing the information to your clients and encouraging them to join this FREE training program.

For registration and more information, please contact:

**Kavya Kumar** - [pblmt@insigniacollege.com](mailto:pblmt@insigniacollege.com) 778-695-7030 (Ext- 117)

**Claudia Tran** - [claudia.tran@pics.bc.ca](mailto:claudia.tran@pics.bc.ca) 604-596-7722 (Ext- 177)

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# Funding Opportunity: Emergency Preparedness and Response



**Applications Open: July 4**

*Does your organization provide community-based seniors' services? You may be eligible for an emergency preparedness grant.*

In response to the emerging need for increased capacity in the face of extreme weather events, United Way British Columbia is releasing an **open call for proposals for a one-time grant of up to \$25,000** to Community-Based Seniors' Services organizations across BC. This grant is intended to support organizations in their efforts to plan for – and respond to – extreme weather emergencies such as floods, wildfires, extreme heat, ice storms, and more.

Applications must be submitted electronically and will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning **July 4, 2022**, depending on available funds and to accommodate seasonal need.

More information, along with a pre-recorded information session, will be available at [CORE BC](#) on July 4th.

## **Other Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources from CORE BC:**

- [What We Heard - Provincial Consultation on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery](#)
- [Extreme Heat Social Media Toolkit from BC Ministry of Health](#)
- [Report: Extreme Heat and Human Mortality: A Review of Heat-Related Deaths in B.C. in Summer 2021](#)

• Looking for first aid training or emergency supplies? St. John Ambulance is a national charity with local branches that provide training and emergency kits and supplies. For product and price information, contact: Michele Boivin: [Michele.Boivin@sja.ca](mailto:Michele.Boivin@sja.ca)  
604-990-1290 Extension 3409



Canadian Council  
for Refugees  
Conseil canadien  
pour les réfugiés

(From CCR) **Dear member,**

We hope you are doing well! Here is a quick message to remind you of the meeting coming up this week on Thursday on **Refugee Claimants issues**.

**Refugee claimant issues** *Virtual meeting*

**When:** Thursday, July 21 starting at 11:00am Pacific

[Register](#)

*Acknowledgement: document and media report received from CCR:*



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IRCC has published its Anti-Racism Strategy 2.0 (2021-2024)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/anti-racism-strategy.html>

Ipsos

6 July 2022

## **Perception Vs. Reality? Canadians Believe They're Leading the Way on Refugee Support, But They're Actually at the Back of the Pack**

64% of Canadians support accepting more Ukrainian refugees

Toronto, ON July 6, 2022 — Canada has a reputation as a country welcoming to newcomers and refugees. But how much of this reputation is based in reality? A new global Ipsos study, carried out to mark World Refugee Day 2022, paints a complex picture of how the world perceives Canada's role in supporting refugees, and how Canadians view their own efforts.

The latest Ipsos Global Advisor research asked respondents across 28 countries to name the top three nations that took in the largest number of refugees in the world (before the Ukraine conflict). The results show an important perception gap. Nearly half (46%) of Canadians believe their country falls in the top three refugee host nations, while one in ten (12%) globally believe Canada is a top-three refugee host. How surprised would these people be to know that Canada in fact ranks 34th in the world as a host country for refugees, well behind the top-three countries of Turkey, Colombia, and the United States?

See the full article:

<https://www.ipsos.com/en-ca/news-polls/Canadians-Believe-Leading-Refugee-Support-Actually-Back-Pack>

## Grant Alert

• Applications are now open for the [Recovery and Resiliency Fund](#) until September 30, 2022.

Through a partnership between the Government of BC, Vancouver Foundation, United Way BC, and New Relationship Trust, \$34 million in multi-year, flexible grants will be available for **charities and non-profit organizations disproportionately impacted by the pandemic**. The fund will support: \$50,000 flexible grants for 3 years for organizations that provide community benefit and have operating budgets of less than \$1 million

• \$77,000 flexible grants for 3 years for organizations that provide community benefit, have operating budgets of less than \$1 million, and are in full partnership with, or led by, equity-denied communities that center the communities they represent

• Flexible grants for Indigenous-led organizations with annual revenues of more than \$1 million. These organizations can apply through New Relationship Trust [here](#).

Grants from the Recovery and Resiliency Fund will provide stable funding for organizations to strengthen their operational capacity to help with recovery and longer-term resiliency.

For the first time, we are awarding grants through a randomized selection process that assesses eligibility rather than merit, minimizes biases, and removes competition between organizations. Learn more about why we're using this process in our [latest blog post](#).

If you have any questions, please contact us at [grants.admin@vancouverfoundation.ca](mailto:grants.admin@vancouverfoundation.ca).

[Learn More](#)

My name is Trevor MacDonald and I am one of the partners at **A Safer Walk**.

In several Canadian cities there is an increasing sense that things are less safe, particularly for women. National gender-based violence stats are *not* improving, and worse for women of visible minorities. Currently, most safety apps for women are simply panic buttons or trip loggers that *don't* discourage encounters and are often 15-20 mins late in response.

This pushed my partners and I to develop **A Safer Walk** as a free app exclusively for females, and those who identify as female, to help make spontaneous connections with other local verified women for shared walks, transit rides, shared cabs, or even social activities.

We certainly thought about women immigrating to Canada (sometimes alone), along with their supporting organizations, as groups that could benefit from this proactive approach to women's safety.

It would be great to have a conversation with you to share more about our app and the services we provide to women and organized groups.

Please visit our website at [www.asaferwalk.com](http://www.asaferwalk.com) for more details.

**PDF info deck attached for your reference.**





## Fall Workshop Series | Racialization and settler complicity: The complicated interface of migration, colonization, and Indigeneity in Canada

September 23, 12-2pm

October 21, 12-2pm

November 18, 12-2pm

CMS is excited to present a fall workshop series held in partnership with the [David Lam Chair in Multicultural Education](#) and the [Canada Research Chair in Indigenous People's Well-being](#).

Three connected in-person workshops will focus on articulating the tensions, paradoxes, and multiple and moving layers of complexity that exist at the interface of Indigeneity and migration in what is known as Canada, where settlers can be both subject to and complicit in the violence of different forms of colonialism through day-to-day actions.

The workshop series invites and equips participants (racialized and non-racialized) to expand their capacity for difficult conversations about settler-Indigenous-land relationships, where racialization confers different tensions, roles and accountabilities.

The workshops are held using the "depth inquiry" method, a mode of conversation that creates an educational space where people can learn and unlearn through experiences of psychological dissonance, or "difficult knowledge".

Due to limited space, and because a complex and at times emotionally difficult space will be shared, the series is designed for **all participants to attend the 3 workshops**. We are expecting a higher number of applications than available spaces.

Read more about the depth inquiry methodology, participation requirements, and complete the registration/application form [here](#).

## YOUR CENSUS NEWS UPDATES FROM STATISTICS CANADA

### HOME ALONE: MORE PERSONS LIVING SOLO THAN EVER BEFORE, BUT ROOMIES THE FASTEST GROWING HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Trends in living arrangements reflect and influence socioeconomic conditions. Population growth and aging, urbanization, rising educational attainment, sustained immigration, rising ethnocultural diversity, and housing affordability have all contributed to shifts in the ways people live.

In recent decades, there has been a gradual decrease in the share of households composed of only one family with no additional people. Alternatives like living alone, with roommates, or with extended family members have grown in popularity. The diversification of living arrangements has implications for housing supply and demand, as well as individuals' care and support networks, spending, and economies of scale....[Read more](#)

Click [here](#) for more data products, 2021 Census

### INCOME EXPLORER, 2021 CENSUS

The '2019/2020 Income' visualization shows median values of selected income sources by age and selected geographies for 2019 and 2020. This visualization aims to show the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on various income sources across Canada.

The 'Characteristics' visualization shows average and the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentiles for selected income sources, various population groups and geography. Enter an income value to view its standing in relation to these statistics.....[Read more](#)

### NEXT CENSUS RELEASE

**Next Census release on August 17, 2022** Linguistic diversity and use of English and French in Canada

Support the Shoe Project!

*An opportunity to support the refugee women who participate with MAP's World Refugee Day*

Fundraising Walk-athon!

(From Caroline Addison – local mentor The Shoe Project)

Many of you may know of my involvement with the Shoe Project. Since 2018, I have been the Vancouver writing mentor, guiding three cohorts of amazing women through the process of writing their stories. Additionally, this spring I mentored online 12 Afghan women evacuated from Kabul after the Taliban takeover, who are in a safe country awaiting resettlement to Canada. Needless to say, this has been a life-changing experience for us all. You can read Marsha Lederman's article about the first Vancouver group here: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/theatre-and-performance/article-in-her-shoes-after-she-got-on-her-feet-as-told-by-female-immigrants/>.

I'm writing now because I'm participating in a fundraising walk for the Shoe Project on 6 August. **If you would like to support this wonderful program, you can donate here:** <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-shoe-project/p2p/laceup2022/team/the-vancouver-seawall-walkers/captain/vancouver-seawall-walk/>

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Caroline



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# EXTREME HEAT SAFETY WORKSHOP

JULY - AUGUST 2022

- ✓ **WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS?**
- ✓ **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STAY COOL?**
- ✓ **HOW TO CARE FOR SOMEONE WITH HEAT RELATED ILLNESS?**



## STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

*Book a workshop for yourself, a group or your organization today.*

## RECEIVE FREE COOLING KITS!

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## REPEATS

Hello!

This summer, REACH will be running both online and in person workshops where we will dive into the 2 most common climate emergencies in the summer – extreme heat and wildfire smoke. The workshops will cover the different health risks of extreme heat and wildfire smoke. Learn how to identify symptoms of heat related illnesses, how to take care of yourself and others, and tips to stay cool at home.

You can contact me at 604-245-3838 or [ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca](mailto:ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca) to arrange for a workshop for your community members and groups or your staff!

Warm regards,  
Faith

(Poster attached in PDF)

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## Upcoming free webinar

### Refugee claimants and admissibility issue

 **Tuesday, July 26 |  10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT**

In this session our speaker will review the refugee process from the importance of a Basis of Claim to Preparation for the Hearing. There will be a discussion on admissibility criteria about why certain applicants do not have access to the refugee determination system. Lastly, the speaker will talk about the advantages and disadvantages of making an application on Humanitarian and Compassionate grounds or proceeding with a Refugee Claim if denial would result in a Removal Order.

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

Click below to register.

**Register now!**

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**Poster attached**

## Missed a live session?

**No problem! We have recorded them for you!**

### Rights of vulnerable immigrants



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This webinar focuses on two groups of immigrants who are amongst the most vulnerable: migrant workers and victims of family violence. Our speaker Kamaljit Lehal covers the rights and remedies of these immigrants to assist them in escaping abusive workplaces and abusive family relationships.

**Watch [here](#)**

Recorded on: June 16, 2022

Length: 2 hours

### 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

## Job opportunity with PICS (Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society)

### **Punjabi Settlement Worker** (see full job description and application procedure in the PDF attached)

**Job Title:** *Settlement Worker (Punjabi/Hindi Clients)*

**Hours of Work:** 30 + hours per week (Permanent)

**Reports To:** Director of Language, Settlement and Social Programs

**Location:** PICS Head Office (Surrey, BC)

**Job Summary:** Under direction of Director of Language, Settlement & Social Programs, the Settlement Worker provides immigrant and refugee newcomers with information and referrals about Canada and BC society and systems, guidance and support, organizes, plans and implements workshops, group orientations and information sessions on Settlement related issues to new immigrants.

Applications to: [career@pics.bc.ca](mailto:career@pics.bc.ca)

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The Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL) is pleased to introduce its new digital law journal, the *CARL Review of Refugee Law and Practice*.

The *Review* supports CARL's mission to foster the professional development of its members and enhance the practice of immigration and refugee law in Canada. Content will include short, timely pieces in either French or English on a range of topics, touching on both policy and practice, and representing diverse viewpoints. **Refugee lawyers, law students and refugee advocates** are invited to contribute, regardless of whether they are CARL members. The *Review* aims to publish in December of each calendar year and will be distributed to CARL members and contributing authors by email as a PDF attachment.

Please send an email to [journal@carl-acaadr.ca](mailto:journal@carl-acaadr.ca) to view the Submission Guidelines. Deadline for submissions is October 1, 2022.

Pia Zambelli & Audrey Macklin, Editorial Board

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Statistics Canada is delighted to invite you to our **free** upcoming webinar.



## What is the 2021 Census of Population Webinar Series?

**We will be presenting** a 2021 Census of Population Webinar Series, which is based on our most recent census, held on May 11, 2021. The webinars will be presented after the [major data releases](#) scheduled between February 9 and November 30, 2022 and will share information on census concepts, data products, and resources available from the 2021 Census.

**Please note:** Advanced registration is required.

### 2021 Census Webinar Series: Families, Households and Marital Status, Canadian Military Experience, and Income

#### **Description:**

On July 13, 2022, Statistics Canada will be releasing the third set of results from the 2021 Census of Population.

This release presents a portrait of Canada's families and households as well as the income profile of Canadians. For the first time in its history, the 2021 census will also include data on Canadian military experience across the country.

The census webinar will provide you with an overview of key results, including:

- Marital status and family structure, with – for the first time ever – data on the gender diversity of couples
- Income concepts and definitions
- Results, how to access data products and resources online and more.

Following the presentation, Statistics Canada officials will be available to answer questions

#### **Date/time and registration:**

In English: July 20, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time

Self-Register: [English Webinar on July 20, 2022](#)

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