



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 132

June 22, 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.

REGISTER FOR THE MAP MEETING NOW!

Thursday June 23, 9:30 am online

Agenda: Discussion about your experiences with the IRCC portal – and answers from IRCC

Presentation by CCR Quality of Services Project

REGISTER Here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscOuorj4rH9ZndXBRcKvPpVMeHjGry1oS>

JOURNEY HOME COMMUNITY'S 'MEANWHILE SPACES' PROJECT HITS NATIONAL HEADLINES!

MAP is proud to share that one of its founding members has been acknowledged for their contribution to housing refugee claimants with a long article in The Globe and Mail. Full article is linked in the News inside this bulletin; but quote: *“Our understanding is we are the only developer in Metro Vancouver that has adopted this program with Journey Home,” said Andrew Tong, Concert’s chief investment officer and managing director, CREC Commercial Fund LP. “We think that it’s a huge opportunity for other developers to take part in this. Really, there is not a lot of risk to them. Why wouldn’t they take advantage of this great program where a lot is taken care of by Journey Home?”*

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:

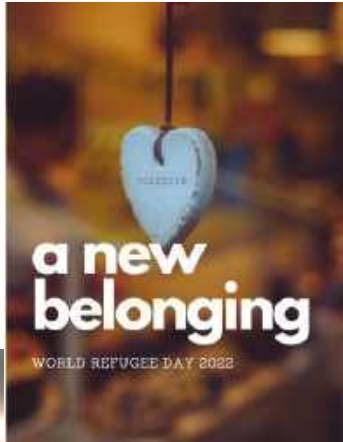
July 6, 20, August 10, 24 – regular weekly bulletins will resume on September 7.

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

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

Jenny Lam, Thanh Lam - and the other Jenny!

A sample of photos from our three World Refugee Day events – THANK YOU to all the volunteers and organizers!



**WORLD
REFUGEE DAY
2022**

News highlights:

Refugee claimant- related articles from Canada and around the world

June 22, 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:*

[World's ten most neglected refugee crises all in Africa](#)

Aljazeera

June 1

[Health unit plays catch up with school vaccines](#)

Peterborough Examiner

June 17

[BC developer freeing up rental units for refugees](#) (for subscribers)

Globe and Mail

June 17

(see full text in [this LINK](#))

['We have a moral obligation': Brampton school staff deliver food weekly to families in need](#)

The Local Report

June 13

[Hamilton needs help to support Ukrainians](#)

Hamilton Spectator

June 15

[Irish housing supply buckling under extra strain of asylum seekers](#)

The Irish Times

June 17

[Canada commits \\$27 million to ease migration pressures at Summit of the Americas](#)

CBC

Upcoming Ready Tour Dates (poster attached)

Vancouver

June- July 2022

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

- **June 30th** (*Thursday*) - 9:30-11:30am
- **July 15th** (*Friday*) - 9:30-11:30am
- **July 29th** (*Friday*) - 9:30-11:30am



Referral:

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

Interpretation:

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

Contact:

For more information contact: Masi Allahverdi / Ready Tour Organizer / ready@refugeeclaim.ca / 604-362-1070
masi@kinbrace.ca



Youth Cooking Connections: Teen2Chef

A Free Cooking Program for Newcomer Teens

Discover the joy of cooking in this eight-week program with delicious healthy recipes designed for teenagers ages 13-19

- Learn how to make simple recipes that are delicious and easy to make
- Let's talk about eating healthy and why it's important
- Make new friends from other schools and practice speaking English
- Learn how to make your favourite foods from around the world in our community kitchen!
- Receive a free Recipe kit for you to take home and try your hand at cooking at home
- Free complimentary membership to our facilities during the duration of the program
- FREE but Registration is required. **Open to Permanent Residents/Convention Refugees and CUAET participants only**

When:

Fridays, July 8 – August 26
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where:

Robert Lee YMCA
955 Burrard Street

Please register on Eventbrite:

<https://cfsteen2chef.eventbrite.ca>

Contact us at:

connections@gv.ymca.ca

In partnership with:



From
YMCA
Vancouver
(new MAP
member)

**Posters
attached**



Tennis Boot Camp for Youth

YMCA Immigrant Services
For Permanent Residents and Convention Refugees Only

Are you between 16 - 24 years of age? Join us for this 8-week Summer Camp!

- Learn the basics of Tennis fundamentals using Tennis Canada's successful progressive tennis model with coaches from Tennis BC
 - Improve your form and skill on the court
 - Make new friends and practice speaking English
 - Be active and have fun safely this summer
 - No experience or equipment required
 - Participants will receive a complimentary membership to our fitness centre for the length of the program
 - Learn about volunteering
- *If you are between 25 and 30 years old please contact us.

When: Thursdays, July 7 – August 25

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where: Downtown Vancouver Core

To register and for more information:

<https://tennisforyouth.eventbrite.ca>

This program will be in person and will take place in line with current health and safety guidelines

Email us: connections@gv.ymca.ca

Call us at: 778 990 4856

In partnership with:



Building healthy
communities

Building healthy
communities



Find a Care Provider with Pathways Medical Care Directory

Do you work with clients who are in need of a primary care provider? Pathways Medical Care Directory is a resource that enables patients to search for health care providers in their community, including: Family Physicians who are accepting new patients

- Walk-in clinics
- Maternity care clinics
- Virtual care options
- COVID-19 testing and vaccination information

To access the Pathways Medical Care Directory, [CLICK HERE.](#)

(Information gratefully collected from the SND Div of Family Practice PCN Community Partner Update)

Spotlight on the IHART Program: Health Care for Underhoused Patients (Fraser Health)

- The IHART teams provide low barrier, responsive, culturally safe and integrated inter-professional in-reach and wrap-around care to clients. Utilizing a team-based model of care, the primary objectives of the teams are to: Identify and respond to health, mental health and substance use (MHSU) issues.
- Connect individuals to needed health, mental health, or substance use supports or services.
- Stabilize and treat chronic health conditions.
- Support transitions to a new shelter or housing in collaboration with housing and social sector partners to ensure individuals' health needs are met.
- Support stability in new housing through continuity of care and quick response to escalating or destabilizing health, mental health, or substance use concerns.
- Reduce the risk of overdose and other severe and life-threatening incidents by providing harm reduction supplies, education or a safe supply of substances.
- Address people's health care concerns directly in their communities to prevent unnecessary visits to emergency departments.

IHART Teams

To ensure an integrated and holistic approach to care, each IHART team includes clinicians who demonstrate specialized competency in mental health/substance use, primary care support, intervention and public health navigation.

Eligibility Criteria Adults 19 years of age or older.

- Are homeless or precariously housed or living in shelters or encampments.
- Are not connected to other health care supports or services.
- Have current health issues that would benefit from medical and/or mental health (MH) and/or substance use (SU) services.

If you have any questions or would like more information about IHART, please contact Tabitha McLaughlin at tabitha.mclaughlin@fraserhealth.ca.



GOODBYE
A FREE VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE
SHARING REFUGEE STORIES
HELLO

June 26, 2022
4:00 – 5:30 PM PT

www.vancouverplaybacktheatre.com
CLICK TO REGISTER FOR FREE VIRTUAL TICKETS!

This Performance Is Funded By A Neighbourhood Small Grant



VIFF Catalyst Mentorship Program

Applications now open for 2022!

Applications are now open for [VIFF Catalyst](#) – a cohort-based facilitated mentorship program for emerging filmmakers looking to bring their projects to the next level.

Over the course of the 2022 festival (September 29 – October 9), 15 Catalyst participants will be given the opportunity to meet mentor artists and film professionals in facilitated group sessions and one-on-one meetings specifically catered to the mentees' practices, interests, and needs.

Selected participants will also receive a full festival pass and a professional stipend to help offset any economic impact of attending the program.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Who should apply?

The Catalyst program is open to Lower Mainland-based self-identifying emerging filmmakers (directors or writer/directors) who:

- have demonstrated a commitment to grow an artistic practice
- are at least 19 years old when the program starts
- self-identify as facing institutional barriers within the mainstream film industry and/or independent filmmaking communities including filmmakers who are Indigenous, Black, people of colour, 2SLGBTQ+, women, low-income, neurodiverse, newcomers, and/or differently abled.
- have created a film, video or moving-image project (optional)

We invite eligible applicants to **apply by Friday, July 29 at 11:59pm PDT.**

Contact Us

Please contact Catalyst Programmer Laura Arboleda at catalyst@viff.org with any questions or if you require accessibility accommodations for the application process.

Key Dates

July 29 Catalyst applications close

August Catalyst cohort selected

Sept 29 Vancouver International Film Festival 2022 



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for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

Dear CCR member,

Mark your calendars! We are officially announcing that we will be holding our **Fall 2022 Consultation in person in Toronto, November 24-26!**

It will be so good to see you after 2 years! We are hoping that you will be able join us in Toronto.

We can already share a few details with you about this event:

- The location: Marriott Courtyard Toronto Downtown
- The theme: Towards equity and anti-racism in Canada's immigration system
- The content: 15 workshops, 3 plenaries and one social event
- The event website: [Fall 2022 Consultation](#). It is your go-to to find information about accommodation (early bird fees), registration (early bird fees), program, etc. We will be updating the website with new information in the next weeks and months so bookmark this page and check it often for updates!



REPEATS

Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session *Wednesday* *August 31st, 2022, 1:00pm-03:00pm*

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

Poster attached

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

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

Register or refer now by emailing ***your name*** to masi@kinbrace.ca

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

Refugee Appeal Division (RAD)

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next virtual session:

31 August 2022 • 1:00pm PST

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

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

This session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

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

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

Register now by emailing Masi Allahverdi:
masi@kinbrace.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Welcome to BC Orientations

(in Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Filipino, Mandarin, Spanish & Vietnamese),

Ongoing monthly

Poster attached

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Welcome to BC - Orientations (in 1st language) for Newcomers

Language	Contact our Case Managers for registration	Orientation 1: General information on life, resources and systems in BC; dealing with stress of migration, etc.	Orientation 2: Federal & Provincial Benefits	Orientation 3: Money, budgeting, banking and Financial systems and tools
Arabic:	Karima Osman karimao@burnabynh.ca; C: 236-877-2517	1st Monday of each month 10am – 12pm	2nd Monday of each month 10am – 12pm	3rd Monday of each month 10am – 12pm
Mandarin:	Dali Qu daliq@burnabynh.ca; C: 236-877-2616	2nd Monday of each month 10am – 12pm	3rd Monday of each month 10 am – 12:00pm	3rd Monday of each month 10am – 12pm
Dari:	Arman Zamani armanz@burnabynh.ca; C: 604-657-2163	1st Friday of each month 1pm – 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm – 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm – 3pm
Farsi:	Maryam Torabizadeh maryamt@burnabynh.ca; C: 236-877-2531	1st Friday of each month 1pm – 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm – 3pm	2nd Friday of each month 1pm – 3pm
Filipino:	Avelina Dioces avelinad@burnabynh.ca; C: 236-889-4085	2nd Thursday of each month 11am – 1pm	3rd Thursday of each month 11am – 1pm	3rd Thursdays of each month 11am – 1pm
Spanish:	Monica Tinajero Macarty monicam@burnabynh.ca; C: 236-878-9405	1st Thursday of each month 11am – 1pm	2nd Thursday of each month 11am – 1pm	3rd Thursday of each month 11am – 1pm
Vietnamese:	Duy Tong duyt@burnabynh.ca; C: 604-396-6955	1st Tuesday of each month 11am – 1pm	2nd Tuesday of each month 11am – 1pm	Every 3rd Tuesday of each month 11am – 1pm

www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsil'it-Waututh (salwatah), Kwilw'akwam (kwilw'akwam), Squamish (Sikwaxw'mesh Uxwulm'xw) and Musqueam (x'malke'ojam) Nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Photography Session for Newcomer Youth (in-person with a tour to the VanDusen Botanical Garden)

July 5th, 1pm – 3pm

Poster attached

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Photography Program For Newcomer Youth (12 - 18 years old)

IN-PERSON AT VAN DUSEN BOTANICAL GARDEN

JULY 5TH, 2022 1:00 - 3:00 PM

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!!



Do you like taking photos?

Take amazing photos by your cell phone or camera (let us know if you do not have one).

Do you enjoy being in the nature?

Join us for a fantastic adventurous day at the Van Dusen Botanical Garden.

Would you like to meet new friends?

Let's meet at the Burnaby Neighbourhood House at 4460 Beresford Street to go together to the garden.

What else to expect?

Bus tickets and entrance tickets are on us.
Snacks and refreshments will be provided for you.

Join us this summer break RIGHT AWAY!!!

For registration: email parisas@burnabynh.ca or call 236 878 6295

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Enhance your job-hunting skills

July 7th, 14th, & 21st - for Chinese newcomers

Poster attached

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助力您的求職過程

幫您瞭解加拿大職場規則
提升您的職業競爭力
讓您在求職者中脫穎而出

Enhance your job hunting skills

求職技能中文講座

請掃描二維碼註冊報名



中文諮詢: 236-877-2616

時間: 周四晚 Thursday 7:00–8:30pm

7月7日 July 7th

— 簡歷和求職函寫作

Resume & Cover letter Writing

7月14日 July 14th

— 面試技巧 *Interview Techniques*

7月21日 July 21st

— 求職資源 *Job Resources*

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4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8
(In front of Metrotown Skytrain)
(604)431-0400



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Community Health Centre

Building healthy, sustainable communities since 1969

Job Posting

Vietnamese Cross-Cultural Health Promoter

21 Hours per week with possibility of increasing hours to 31 hours per week.

General Responsibilities:

We are looking for a bright energetic person who has a love for programing and health promotion! The Cross-Cultural Health Promoter (CCHP) works with specific immigrant and refugee communities to enhance the well-being of community members through educational and prevention strategies, program development, and initiatives to reduce inequities in the social determinants of health. Working both independently and collaboratively with clients, staff, community partners, and volunteers, the CCHP acts as a bridge between cultures to facilitate the delivery of culturally relevant programs and services, employing adult education strategies, community development techniques, and research methodology.

Please see full job description and application process attached in WORD.

Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table and Burnaby Together – Coalition Against Racism presents:

Racism and Active Witnessing workshops (3) Virtual – poster attached

- June 22, 2022 6:00 -8:30 pm English with Arabic interpretation
- June 29, 2022 5:30 – 8:00 pm English with Farsi / Dari/Pashto interpretation
- July 6, 2022 5:30 – 8:00 pm English with Chinese interpretation

Break the Silence – Professional development for frontline workers – Virtual – poster attached

- July 13, 2022 10:00 – 12:30 pm English

IRCC local data to share:

Please see the reports in PDF attached – there is information pertaining to different classes of newcomers including Protected persons.

Notes: This information is not to be shared on websites

The city specific data should be taken with a grain of salt as it isn't necessarily where they land permanently.

Regional Immigration Report CRD 2021.pdf(~328 KB)

Regional Immigration Report GVRD 2021.pdf(~301 KB)

Regional Immigration Report LMSW 2021.pdf(~381 KB)

Regional Immigration Report Richmond 2021.pdf(~284 KB)

Regional Immigration Report Surrey 2021.pdf(~272 KB)

Regional Immigration Report Vancouver City 2021.pdf(~266 KB)

Regional Immigration Report BC 2021.pdf(~707 KB)

Regional Immigration Report Burnaby 2021.pdf(~270 KB)

Thanks to CCR for sharing this news in a useful way:

The House of Commons special committee on Afghanistan has released its report:

[Honouring Canada's Legacy in Afghanistan: Responding to the Humanitarian Crisis and Helping People Reach Safety](#)

A key recommendation related to immigration:

That the Government of Canada ensure that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada creates an emergency mechanism ready to be deployed in the event of future humanitarian crises, which would allow the Minister to activate quickly, and according to need, various measures such as the lifting of biometric data requirements, the introduction of special visas, the establishment of refugee sponsorship programs, and the establishment of air gateways.

There are also a whole series of recommendations in the section on “Canada’s Refugee Resettlement Effort”

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/AFGH/report-1/page-84#18>



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pour les réfugiés

For CCR Members:

We are happy to share **an exciting new opportunity to best support you** in our collaborative work on the Quality of Services project (see [Project Summary](#))!

Following the meetings we have had with several of you and the feedback you have given us we understood that capacity is a concern for you and therefore, we are pleased to inform you that **the CCR will be supporting you and your organization in:**

- Developing specific policies for your organization, relating to the project priorities, that will strengthen the immigration and refugee services provided to your clients.
- Reviewing, revising and addressing the gaps in your organization's existing policies



You won't have to do this on your own! Partnering with us will allow your organization to benefit from the expertise and experience of the CCR and our broad community of organizations as you work to ensure that your organization has implemented policies and practices that will help you operate ethically.

For more information about how this will take form, **please have a read through our [explanatory document](#).**

Still have questions? Interested in partnering with the CCR?

Write to Basel Dakak, Quality of Services Project Coordinator, bdakak@ccrweb.ca.

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Note! – June 23 MAP Meeting includes a presentation on this project from Basel Dakak



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Centre for Migration Studies

External Events – [read in your browser](#)

June 26 (*virtual*)

[Goodbye Hello: Sharing Refugee Stories](#)

This virtual performance from Vancouver Playback Theatre will feature life experiences about being/supporting a refugee, the triumphs and challenges of settling in Canada, and other personal stories related to these themes. Register [here](#).