



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 138

September 14, 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.

MAP NEWS

MAP Meeting September 22 at 9:30 – 12:00pm

IN PERSON at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, 800 East Broadway, Vancouver

Meet old friends again! Share your ideas over a cup of coffee before the meeting and at break. AGENDA includes:

NEW co-chair for MAP!

NEW Advisory Council

Strategic Planning

Your news and updates

Housing Working Group meetings will take place at the same venues from 1pm – 2:30pm Exact room names/numbers will be communicated Here is the schedule of locations for the fall months:

DATE	HOST AGENCY	ADDRESS
September 22, 9:30 am	Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	800 E Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5T 1Y1
October 27, 9:30 am	Surrey Central Library Room 120	10350 University Dr, Surrey, BC V3T 4B8
November 24, 9:30 am	ISS of BC Rooms 201/202 (2 nd fl)	2610 Victoria Dr, Vancouver, BC V5N 4L2

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

Thanh Lam and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive

Previously emailed out to MAP members:

Please share this information within your networks. (2 pages)

Today, **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada** launched the new **asylum online application (eApp)** that will replace the **Canadian Refugee Protection Portal** and become the main way to make a refugee claim in Canada. Beginning September 13, 2022, individuals in Canada wishing to make a refugee claim can do so online through the new eApp. The new eApp is only for people who are already in Canada.

Through this secure platform, officers can communicate directly with clients or their legal representative . Claimants can track the status of their application and can also authorize a legal representative to submit a claim on their behalf. To do so, the representative and the refugee claimant must complete the declaration and the Use of a Representative form found on our website and upload it to their application.

Important Note: Individuals who have already submitted a claim through the CRPP do not need to complete a new claim through the eApp. Individuals who started a claim in the Canadian Refugee Protection Portal on or before September 12, 2022, but have not yet submitted it, will have until December 31, 2022, to do so.

The CRPP will continue to be used by claimants who have their examination moved inland from a port of entry if directed by CBSA.

What's new

Improved communication: Clients or their authorized representatives will receive all correspondence from IRCC through the eApp. This includes requests for additional information or clarification on information submitted, invitations to attend a refugee claim interview with an officer in one of our refugee intake offices in Canada, or immigration medical examination (IME) instructions. Clients or authorized representatives will also now be able to submit correspondence requested by IRCC directly in the eApp.

Real-time status: Clients or authorized representatives can also view where they are in the refugee intake process on the dashboard in their eApp account.



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IRCC continued

What remains the same

Upon claim submission, IRCC will continue to issue a Client Application Summary PDF document outlining what was submitted through the eApp.

IRCC will continue to issue an Acknowledgement of Claim document after receipt of a complete online application and supporting documentation. This document provides Interim Federal Health Program coverage.

The new online asylum application will help process files more efficiently and reduce wait times for eligibility decisions. This also means IRCC will issue work permits faster, and that refugee claims will be referred more quickly to the Immigration and Refugee Board.

People requiring accommodation may still make a claim by paper. Each request for accommodation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, please visit IRCC's website.

The Vancity Community Partnership Program (CPP) is still open, and we encourage organizations to submit their applications. We have a new granting portal, and we encourage MAP members to register their organizations and submit their requests.

- Here is the link to the granting portal: [SmartSimple | Vancouver City Savings Credit Union](#)
- They can refer to this job aid on how to register: [vancity_granting_portal_guide.pdf](#)

If there are any organizations that are looking for more than the maximum amount of \$25,000 allowed through CPP, they can reach out to me directly to discuss further.

Diana Barry (she/her/hers)

Community Investment Associate

Vancity

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Settlement & Integration Program

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



Let's Chat Conversation Club

Come and join us to:

- Practice and improve your English
- Meet friends from different cultures
- obtain information and resources
- Share your thoughts and talents

To register, please scan



Date: Every Tuesday,
Sept 20th--Dec 20th,

Time: 10:30-12:00pm

Location: Online by Zoom

www.burnabynh.ca

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WOMEN SUPPORT AND CONNECTION IN FARSI/DARI LANGUAGES

SEPT 17 TO NOV 19TH
EACH SATURDAYS
1:00-3:00 PM. IN-PERSON

4460 Beresford Street, South BNH

This program includes the following topics with Mahboobeh Mohammadi, Ali Ahadi, and Elmira Fakhr as guest speakers:

- Introduction to Canada's financial system
- Creative team story making
- Introduction to healthy diet and group cooking
- Experiencing art with collage and drawing
- Self-esteem and self-confidence
- Dance and party

Snacks, tea, and bus tickets will be provided. Childcare will be provided by registration.

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

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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CONVERSATION CIRCLES FOR FARSI/DARI SPEAKING NEWCOMERS

SEP 15 TO DEC 15
THURSDAYS, ONLINE
2:00 - 3:00 PM.

In this program you will:

- Find new friends
- Know your neighbours
- Increase your knowledge in different areas
- Improve your English.

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Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8
(in front of Metrotown Skytrain)
(604)431-0400

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جلسات گفتگو برای تازه واردان فارسی/داری زبان به شکل آنلاین

سپتامبر ۱۵ الی دسامبر ۱۵
هر پنجشنبه، ساعت ۲ الی ۳ بعد از ظهر

در این برنامه شما میتوانید:

- دوستان جدید پیدا کنید.
- همسایه های خود را بشناسید.
- معلومات خود را در موارد مختلف افزایش دهید.
- زبان انگلیسی خود را تقویت کنید.

برای ثبت نام به آدرس های زیر به تماس شوید :

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at 4460 Beresford Street, South BNH

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- Know your neighbours
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- Improve your English.

Month of Sep 14 & 28
Month of Oct 5 & 19
Month of Nov 2 & 16
Month of Dec 7 & 21

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جلسات گفتگوی سالمندان فارسی/داری زبان

هر چهارشنبه، به شکل حضوری
۱ الی ۲:۳۰ بعد از ظهر
آدرس: نزدیک مترو تاون استیشن
4460 Beresford Street, South BNH

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Family Friendly
Educational Event

Free Food & Drink

Drumming &
Story-telling

Crafts & Jewelry
Fundraiser

Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House invites you
to join our commemoration event for:

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2022

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2131 RENFREW ST. VANCOUVER
FROG HOLLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Inquiries: ws@froghollow.bc.ca

**Elder & counsellors on-site to offer support*

**Smudging & medicines available*

**All funds raised go to Indian Residential School Survivors Society*

Please contact The **Indian Residential School
Survivors Society** toll-free at **1 (800) 721-0066** or
24hr Crisis Line 1 (866) 925-4419 if you require
further emotional support or assistance.



#EVERYCHILDMATTERS

[Froghollow Neighbourhood
House Summer Newsletter –
read it in your browser](#)



On Oct 1st, hundreds of people will be riding or walking for a cause they believe in. The Ride is Journey Home Community's largest fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$150,000.

We are creating caring communities that offer refugee claimants housing, settlement support, and opportunities for connection.

How much of a difference *does this make?* We hope this [2 minute video](#) gives you a small glimpse of the impact. Without our supporters, we cannot do what we do.

Join us. As a Donor, Participant, or Volunteer, you can help us reach our goal of \$150,000. This is why, this fall, we have adopted theme **HOPE BEGINS WITH A HOME** for we know the importance of having an initial safe and affordable place to begin their Settlement Journey

[Learn more about the Ride for Refuge 2022](#)

www.journeyhomecommunity.ca

Dear Partner Organizations,

Dignidad Migrante invites you, your colleagues, and you partner organizations to read, sign and share this letter where we ask Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Minister of Immigration Sean Fraser, to give Open Work Permits to all TFWs and to regularize all undocumented workers in Canada.

We have to act now given this historic opportunity- we have to speak up, share, sign, and protest. Remember *silence will always be complicit in the oppression of TFWs*.

As fearless advocates for TFWs rights, we have created this exposing and direct letter, but you can all write your own letters, and we will make sure we sign those too.

SIGN HERE:
<https://chnq.it/jF8LxbC2rw>

Sincerely,
Dignidad Migrante

Daniela Jaramillo (she/her/ella)
Settlement Worker
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
T: 778-791-3419 II 778-683-3419 II 1800-625-3419 II fax: 604-288-5122
212-1400 East 11th. Avenue, Vancouver, BC. V5N 1Y5 (provisional)



SAVE THE DATE: Social Indicators and Trends in Vancouver
Data webinar: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Join us for our annual update on population-level data, trends, resources, and connections that can support your group's work in the community. This year's topics will include new data released from the 2021 Census, preliminary trends during and after COVID, and City efforts and tools for more community-grounded data. For more information or to register, please contact socialpolicy.research@vancouver.ca.

Please note there will be NO Data Webinar held on October 13, 2022

* * Those that have already RSVP'd for this date, should reconfirm for Sept 28th session.

Thank you .

Regards,

Social Policy Grants Team
Social Policy & Projects | City of Vancouver

CCR is asking member organizations to take action to support our legal challenge of the Safe Third Country Agreement around the time that the Supreme Court will hear our appeal - on **Thursday, October 6.**

Join a CCR meeting to brainstorm and organize actions!

How you can take action:

We are asking members to use the occasion of the Supreme Court hearing for **public education**. We want to bring attention to a complex and misunderstood issue and create a favourable climate for people fleeing persecution. We hope to build more public support for people seeking asylum in Canada, including for those crossing irregularly, and for remedies following the court decision that are positive for refugees.

- Participate in a rally in Ottawa

In collaboration with Amnesty International, CCR is hoping to organize a rally in front of the Supreme Court on the day of the hearing. We encourage those who can to consider participating in the rally.

- Organize local events across Canada

For those who can't make it to Ottawa, we encourage you to organize local events. If there are volunteers to coordinate local events, CCR and Amnesty International could encourage members in the area to participate. We already have some volunteers to coordinate people in some cities – email to get involved:

For **Vancouver**: Mariana Martinez, mariana@vast-vancouver.ca

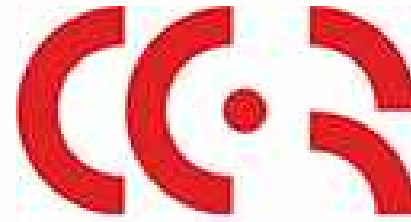
Please contact Janet at jdench@ccrweb.ca if you are willing to coordinate something in any other city.

- Show your support through social media: (we will provide suggestions of messages).

About the Safe Third Country legal challenge

At issue in the case is whether sending refugee claimants back to the US under the STCA violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. For more information about the legal challenge, see December 2021 [media release](#) and the [Supreme Court website \(case 39749\)](#) for details, including the written arguments of the parties.

Thank you for your solidarity!



Our scholarship deadline is **Monday, September 19th!**

The CCR's Youth Network is incredibly excited to offer [10 scholarship opportunities to youth newcomers/refugees every year until 2030](#). This amazing initiative was made possible thanks to the collaboration of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the generous donation of Daniel Schickedanz.

This scholarship program has been created to support young newcomers as they:

- Play a role in creating a positive social change;
- Prepare to be active citizens promoting diversity and advocating for refugee and immigrant rights.

The CCR Youth Network Core Team will review the applications and select applicants based on criteria along two streams: a) educational commitment and b) community engagement.

Do you work with or know of youth aged 16 - 24 that would be interested in this scholarship? Share this opportunity and encourage them to apply before September 19, 2022!

Shilik Hamad

Youth Network Coordinator

514 277 7223

shamad@ccrweb.ca

ccrweb.ca



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.** Intended Target Audience: This is an introductory webinar; it may be too basic for advanced data users.

2021 Census Webinar Series: Indigenous Peoples and Housing

Description:

On September 21, Statistics Canada will be releasing the fifth set of results from the 2021 Census of Population. This release will explore the First Nations people, Métis and Inuit in Canada and Canada's housing portrait. The census webinar will provide you with key information including:

Concepts and definitions

High-level national, provincial, and territorial findings

Instructions on how to access data products and resources online

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

Language, Dates, Times, and Registration Links:

English: September 28, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time

Self-Register: [English Webinar on September 28, 2022](#)

Outreach Program / Collection and Regional Services Branch

Statistics Canada / Government of Canada

WESTINFO@statcan.gc.ca

REPEATS

MAP BC is recruiting members for the Information Working Group



- Are you interested in more public education by and about refugee claimants?
- Do you have ideas you would like to voice?

MAP's Information Working Group is tasked to organize education events throughout the year, and we are ready to get started for Fall 2022.

If you enjoy organizing, event planning, have creative or communication skills then we need you!

Be part of a super creative group and learn new skills!

Planning meetings are online twice a month starting now! Call Jenny at 778-835-3760 to chat, or email info@mapbc.org.

MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents

A Bitter Pill:

Utilizing the talents of refugee women doctors

Did you know that 90% of resident physician jobs in Canada are closed to international doctors?

It's a terrible waste of talent and resources.

Join our all women panel of doctors and advocates to find out why and learn more.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 4, 2021
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Register online here: <https://bit.ly/3pa12LL>

Questions? Email info@mapbc.org

MAP'S IN FOCUS LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

FINDING HOME

TRANSFORMATIVE PLACES WHERE REFUGEE CLAIMANTS FLOURISH

Tuesday, March 16th 2022 at 7:00 PM

Register online <https://bit.ly/3qUPyYV>

JOIN US TOMORROW!

with

Guests: Loren Skibby, Marissa North, Mohammed Elzein

Hosts: Kinbroce, Journey Home, Options

MAP'S In Focus Lecture Series Presents

SEE THE HUMANS BEHIND THE TRAUMA

INDIGENOUS & ASYLUM SEEKER EXPERIENCE

Thursday, December 2nd at 7 pm Online

Water, shelter, and medicine for the evening: Modern medicine, herbs, and spirituality

Guests: Sandy Koo, Sarah Mullen, Maryam, and others

Register online <https://bit.ly/308B6C1>

MAP'S In Focus Lecture Series Presents

AFGHANS IN SEARCH OF A HOME

Issue Awareness & Welcome to Refugees - In a Resilient Future

Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 PM

Register online <https://bit.ly/3rWZjYf>

Guests: Dr. Arsal, Dr. Arsal, and others

MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents

Canadian Refugee Law: Who does it protect?

With a special introduction by UBC student **Aashra**, the opening lecture features **Dr. Arsal** as guest speaker and **Amanda Aita** as moderator. Dr. Arsal will discuss how legal measures like the Multiple Entry, Strategy and the Safe Third Country Agreement restrict access to refugee protection in Canada, and provide the protections that would otherwise be available to refugees across the border. Dr. Arsal will also discuss how access to refugee protection has been further restricted with the onset of COVID-19 and what we may expect when circumstances begin to ease and the Canadian border re-opens.

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021
Time: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. online via Zoom
Link: <https://bit.ly/3rCCDD7>

Speaker: Dr. Elvin Arsal, Associate Professor, Peter A. Bloor Law, University of British Columbia

Moderator: Amanda Aita, Associate Refugee Lawyer, Staff Lawyer with Migrant Workers' Centre

OUR PARTNERS



PIRS is pleased to inform you that our next cohort of the ***LEAD program** is starting on October 4th. Currently we're recruiting participants and will appreciate your support to promote this program among your clients who may be interested and good fit.

Please **find attached a flier for promotional purposes, and a 1-page description for more details about the program goals, expectations, and ideal participants:**

- **LEAD welcomes newcomer, immigrant and refugee women in the settlement process who are interested in getting involved in the community in a meaningful and relevant way and who feel ready to explore volunteer or employment opportunities in the near future.*
- *LEAD requires lower Intermediate English (CLB 5/6) and an interest in self-development and community-based leadership*
- *LEAD provides capacity-building and leadership skill development opportunities, access to information and resources, as well as network-building*

Please note, this year we'll be delivering the program through hybrid format with a few in-person sessions. **We will be holding the following Info Sessions to provide more information and answer any questions about the program:**

- Online: Sep 18/Friday from 12:30 to 2:00 PM
- In-person: Sep 20/Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:00 PM at #104 -12941, 115 Ave, Surrey

Please also feel free to forward this to your colleagues and networks.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to email: shabib@pirs.bc.ca

Thanks for your time and support!



Dear partners and community,

After the successful completion of the first cohort of the **Childcare Leadership Group (CLG)** – part of the **Building a Childcare System that Works for Immigrant and Refugee Women** project–PIRS is excited to receive applications for the second cohort of childcare advocates! This project is possible due to the generous support of Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE).

The Childcare Leadership Group (CLG) welcomes immigrant and refugee women with experiences interacting with the childcare sector— as parents, workers, service users, employers, and others – to share their expertise, build a network, and co-design solutions to structural challenges in the childcare system.

Benefits of participating

- Receive capacity building training sessions from leaders in the field
- Build a network of women passionate about contributing towards more inclusive and accessible childcare systems
- Amplify the voices and experiences of immigrant and refugee women
- Engage with stakeholders and be part of decision-making tables within the childcare sector in BC and nationally
- Receive honoraria for participation

Program dates

- Start date:** October 12, 2022 - **End date:** July 12, 2023
- The CLG will meet twice every month on Wednesdays via Zoom and in-person
- Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 PM (1.5 hours)
- Information session:** October 5, 2022 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM PT (Zoom)

To apply, please fill out the [Childcare Leadership Group Application](#) by **September 30, 2022**

We'd appreciate your sharing the attached flyer with your network and clients. If you are interested in learning more or would like to partner, please visit our [website](#) or reach out to Gabriela Cervantes at gcervantes@pirs.bc.ca (project coordinator).

We look forward to hearing from you and supporting your clients with this great leadership opportunity.

Thank you for your kind support.



Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Sessions for newcomers

Posters attached in PDF

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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@burnaby nh.ca; C: 236-877-2517	1st Monday of each month 11am - 1pm	2nd Monday of each month 11am - 1pm	3rd Monday of each month 11am - 1pm
Mandarin:	Dali Qu daliq@burnaby nh.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@burnaby nh.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@burnaby nh.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 avelina.d@burnaby nh.ca; C: 236-889-4065	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@burnaby nh.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@burnaby nh.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

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THE NEW NEIGHBOURS PODCAST

NEW EPISODES BIWEEKLY ON "CALL FOR STORIES"

If you have:

- Stories
- Life lessons
- Concerns or
- Cultural knowledge to share
- Music
- Information you want to share with your community

experience not required.

Get in touch to learn more about becoming a guest or follow us on www.site.com

Contact:
duyt@BURNABYNH.CA
PHONE (604) 396 - 6955

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Join us at AMSSA's 45th Annual General Meeting!

This year, AMSSA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in a hybrid format, with the in-person portion taking place at UBC Robson Square. An agenda and background documents will be sent to registrants closer to the date of the AGM. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Event Details:



Date: Friday, September 23, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM PT

Registration open at 2:30 PM

Location: Online and in-person at UBC Robson Square
(800 Robson Street, Vancouver B.C. V6Z 2C5)

Highlights will include:

Presentation of the 2022 AMSSA Diversity Awards including the Riasat Ali Khan Diversity Award, Service Recognition Staff Award, and Service Recognition Volunteer Award.

Panel Discussion - Human Rights: Pre-Pandemic and Now

This interactive armchair discussion will centre on key human rights issues in B.C. pre-pandemic, and the impact of the last two and half years while living with COVID-19. Panelists will identify and converse about the numerous political, environmental, and social changes that have occurred over this time.



Please RSVP by September 16 by

[REGISTERING HERE](#)



Newcomer women across the Lower Mainland have participated in a Photovoice research project with researchers in the Adult Education and Social Work & Human Services departments over the past year. These women participants took photos that represent their experiences of "belonging" and "exclusion" as they settle in Canada. We are excited to showcase their photo stories at the UFV Art Gallery. This project has generously been funded by an SSHRC Explore Grant, a UFV Faculty/Student Research Grant, and the Provost's Strategic Initiatives Fund. Our research is also a collaboration with a team at Queen's University in Belfast, which is conducting a similar project with newcomers to Ireland.

We are excited to celebrate the exhibit with community members, policymakers, and various stakeholder groups on **Friday, September 23 from 4 – 7 pm** and hope you can join us. This is a drop-in type of event, and we will be offering music and light snacks. There will be a short formal program starting at 5 pm and speakers include representatives from UFV, research participants, and a recorded greeting from our partners in Ireland.

Shanga Karim, The Shoe Project





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Here we are! **Registration for Members for the CCR Fall 2022 Consultation is open!**

To answer all of your burning questions, the consultation is in-person, there are early bird rates available, there will be a social event, and you can register several participants at once! We share your enthusiasm and are looking forward to connecting with you.

This year's theme is: ***Towards equity and anti-racism in Canada's immigration system***

Here's why you should attend:

- **Cross-regional learning:** join the other participants to discuss emerging trends, share information, develop best practices with an intersectional lens, and network with people coming from across Canada.
- **Collective impact:** the diversity of participants provides an opportunity to strengthen communities by brainstorming, hearing from and giving input to government officials, and sharing resources and strategies to respond to issues.
- **Social event:** the Local Organizing Committee is happy to announce that there will be a social event. An evening of fun, networking and socializing on Thursday, Nov. 24. Details for this event to come.

REGISTER

Registration details:

- View our [preliminary program here](#) (subject to change)
- **Registration fee scale:** [access the fee scale](#). Please note that Early Bird rates run until Oct. 14
- **Accommodation:** Early Bird rates for [hotel rooms at the Marriott Courtyard](#) are available until Oct. 3
- **For assistance:** either with the registration process or to discuss reductions or group rates, email us at consultation@ccrweb.ca



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Members! Call for nominations to be part of the Executive Committee!

CCR is looking for candidates to join the members already sitting on the Executive Committee. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the CCR as well as develop new professional and personal skills!

This Fall, during the Annual General Meeting, we will be electing several Executive members, including the **Secretary** and **Treasurer**. Please consider whether your organization could support a candidate for one of these important positions within the CCR, or whether there is someone from another organization you could encourage to run.

The deadline for nominations is set for Saturday, October 22, as mentioned in the **attached Letter from the Nominating Committee for Executive Elections** (including information about the eligibility criteria and the electronically fillable Nomination Form): [CCR nominations letter-form 2022.pdf](#).

Do you work with racialized, refugee, and im/migrant women or gender-diverse people in Canada? Are you interested in sharing your community's top priorities, challenges, and successes?

[We would like to invite you to participate in a survey being carried out by the Alliance for Racialized, Refugee, and Im/migrant Women, an initiative co-led by OCASI and our project Advisory.](#)

Sharing your perspectives in this survey will help inform the thematic content of our virtual regional roundtable meetings held in early November 2022. Participating in the roundtable meetings are also an opportunity for you to engage with other community members working with racialized, refugee, and im/migrant people across different regions of the country.

Please complete the questionnaire by September 18th 2022. If you would prefer to have a conversation, rather than respond to the questions, or if you would like to learn more about this initiative, please contact Leah Woolner: lwoolner@ocasi.org

The Alliance for Racialized, Refugee, and Im/migrant Women is an initiative exploring the need and feasibility of forming a cross-country coalition of organizations and individuals who share common priorities in making Canada a just and equitable society for racialized, refugee, and im/migrant women, girls, and gender-diverse people. Our work is guided by [anti-racist and anti-oppressive practices, intersectional feminist and decolonial principles](#). Central to these efforts is our recognition of indigenous sovereignty and commitment to acting in solidarity with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis women, girls, and two-spirited peoples. To learn more about the Alliance for Racialized, Refugee, and Im/migrant Women, visit our [website](#).

English - SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.gle/Vd4ePqT9EVdqcvNU8>

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