



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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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

Welcome Back! It's back to school and back to the MAP cycle of meetings and get together!

MAP will be meeting in person going forward – we welcome you to attend and share meaningfully with others before during and after the meeting in the spirit of MAP collaboration!

Various different locations have been generously provided to make everyone's commute easier! A big thank to Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, Surrey Libraries and ISSofBC for stepping up and helping out.

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

Housing Working Group meetings will take place at the same venues from 1pm – 2:30pm Exact room numbers will be communicated.

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

Thanh Lam and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive

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

Supported by: 2M EDCP, MAP, Kinbroce, VAST, Options, Journey Home, and others.

MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents

FINDING HOME

TRANSFORMATIVE PLACES WHERE REFUGEE CLAIMANTS FLOURISH

Tuesday, March 15th 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

JOIN US TOMORROW!

with:

- Leon Blakely - Kinbroce
- Margaret North - Journey Home
- Mohamed El-Dar - VAST

Questions? Email info@mapbc.org

MAP, VAST, 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 care. Millions for the asking. Modern medicine. More and more available.

Indigenous Storyteller: Sandy Ross

Survived Afghan Violence: Sharmila Khatun, Program Manager for the Canadian Red Cross, Afghanistan & Pakistan

Asylum Seeker Experience: Hudaib and Ahdab

Register free to learn about the shared experiences of displacement and trauma of Indigenous peoples and asylum seekers. How can we build a common understanding of the lived experience of the two populations to create a better future?

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3Q8B6C1>

MAP, VAST.

MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents

AFGHANS IN SEARCH OF A HOME

Issue Awareness & Welcome to Refugees - In a Resilient Future

Tuesday, October 5th, 7:00 PM

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

Questions? Email: info@mapbc.org

Author: Amir Zargoshti, Visited from MISAAC in cooperation with:

Amir Zargoshti - Director of Hope for Afghan Children

Elaine Friesen - Durston Neighbourhood House

Patricia Priddy - VAST

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MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents

Canadian Refugee Law: Who does it protect?

With a special introduction by UBC student, **Ashwin**, the opening lecture features **Dr. Arsal** as guest speaker and **Aravinda Pata** as moderator. Dr. Arsal will discuss how legal measures like the Multiple Evadist, 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. Canada's law, Dr. Arsal will 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. Elif Arsal, Associate Professor, Peter A. Baskin Law, University of British Columbia

Moderator: Aravinda Pata, Associate Refugee Lawyer, Staff Lawyer with Migrant Workers' Centre

OUR PARTNERS: MAP, Kinbroce, VAST, Journey Home, Options, and others.



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

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@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

www.burnaby nh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (sal̓ilwataw), Kwikwetlem (kwikwətləm), Squamish (sqwəwšišmesh) and Musqueam (muskəwəpm) Nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

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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

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

The Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a charitable non-profit organization. We are a volunteer driven community-funded agency with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

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





New Perspectives Series: Indigenous views on immigration to Turtle Island (Virtual Event)

Event Date: September 13, 2022, 4:30 – 6:00 pm PT

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, [ISSofBC](#), in partnership with the [Ismaili Centre, Vancouver](#), has created the New Perspectives series that will feature three public events held from September 2022 to March 2023.

The series aims to bring new voices into debates around immigration in Canada. These include Indigenous views on immigration, the impact of climate change, and pressing issues likely to shape Canada's future immigration policies.

Immigration is predicted to rise in the coming decades and the issues that will be discussed in this series have global importance. The series of events is open to anyone interested in the topic of immigration wherever they are based.

The first event, [Indigenous views on immigration to Turtle Island](#), will be held online on September 13, 2022, and will feature a panel of Indigenous leaders from across Canada, moderated by ISSofBC's Indigenous Advisor, Kory Wilson.

Registration closes September 12 at 11.59pm (Pacific Time).

You can register [here](#).



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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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• Toronto, November 24-26

**Fall 2022
Consultation**





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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>



REPEATS

!!We at MOSAIC and MAP are happy to announce that the [BC CHARMS Refugee Claimant Navigation Website](#) is now live and ready to use!!

INFORMATIONAL PDF ATTACHED!

[What is the BC CHARMS Refugee Claimant Navigation Website?](#)

One of innovative initiatives under the BC CHARMS Project was creating a navigation website for Refugee Claimants that could fill the gap between their arrival and getting their first contact with a settlement worker in BC.

The BC CHARMS Refugee Claimant Navigation Website is a collection of valuable resources and services to support Refugee Claimants with their essential needs immediately upon their arrival to British Columbia, Canada. This website connects to receive information regarding settlement services.

[What can Refugee Claimants find on the BC CHARMS Navigation Website?](#)

Key Contacts - Top Tips - Legal - Housing - Health & Emergency - Wi-Fi & Connectivity - Food & Clothing

[Why Use the BC CHARMS Navigation Website?](#)

- Easily available through scanning the QR code!
- A singular place containing the most useful information to assist Refugee Claimants upon their arrival
- Built-in [tutorial video](#) with subtitles in more than 7 languages
- Seamless visual navigation of website functions
- Very simple language for newcomers with limited English

[Let's make this website available to our Refugee Claimants clients!](#)

Scan the QR code and connect! (Business card versions available, email Marzie (mnezakat@mosaicbc.org) and Floorance (ffaqiri@mosaicbc.org)



Dear Refugee Claimants and Newcomers,

As part of our commitment to finding more inclusive ways to hire refugee claimants and removing some employment barriers faced by all newcomers, we invite you to attend a focus group to discuss employment barriers and to share experience and stories. To register for this focus group, please fill out a brief survey. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete, and is located at:

<https://forms.gle/nnGhFTUZsYgdxeFu7>

In the survey you need to confirm attendance and choose the date that works best for you. The focus group will be in person at Kinbrace office and will be offering a \$50 honorarium for those selected to attend. Please note this is for refugee claimants and recent newcomers only.

More details about the project and the focus group are found **attached**.

Mohammed Zaqout
Achieving Financial Mobility Coordinator
Tel: 604.446.4431 / 604.255.9691

Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op invites you to join their NEW online Health Workshops for Arabic, Spanish and Tigrinya - speaking communities – **Posters in English and first language attached!**

Umbrella Workshops for Health

5. Health System Navigation

for the Arabic-speaking community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about the Canadian health system
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Wednesday Sep 21 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

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

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

It's free! Join us!



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



Umbrella Workshops for Health

5. Health System Navigation

for the Latin American community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about the Canadian Health system
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Saturday Sep 17 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

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

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

It's free! Join us!



No registration needed. If you have questions please call Angelica 604-404-2105
Event is in Spanish



Umbrella Workshops for Health

5. Health System Navigation

for the Tigrinya-speaking community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about the Canadian Health system
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Wednesday Sep 14 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

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

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

It's free! Join us!



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



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MOSAIC is excited to announce that the Refugee Settlement and Integration Program at MOSAIC will be hosting two sessions for First Aid Training and Food Safe Training this coming Fall. These trainings are available for all (Refugee Claimants, International Students and Temporary Foreign Workers). **Posters attached in PDF**

Dates:

Food Safe Training - Wednesday, September 21st
First Aid Training - Thursday, September 22nd

Location: MOSAIC, 5575 Boundary Road. Vancouver BC, V5R 2P9

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sandwiches for lunch, and bus tickets are provided

Mask is mandatory, and strict hygiene procedures are in place.

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

The registration is free but limited. To register, please email ttang@mosaicbc.org



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

Thursday, September 22nd
9:00 am—5:00 pm

MOSAIC - 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver

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

Limited spaces available. Registration required!

Physically distanced class following COVID-19 safety measures.

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

To register: ttang@mosaicbc.org



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

Wednesday, September 21st
9:00 am—5:00 pm

MOSAIC - 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver.

- FOODSAFE Level 1
- FREE Training: Receive a Certificate
- Highly valued by Canadian employers in many industries
- Training in English

Limited spaces available. Registration required!

Physically distanced class following COVID-19 safety measures.

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

To register: email ttang@mosaicbc.org



We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs





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UPDATES:

- Rainbow Refugee is hiring for the position of inland coordinator (https://charityvillage.com/jobs/lgbtqai-refugee-inland-program-coordinator-in-vancouver-british-columbia-ca/?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)
- We continue to hold in-person walk-ins on Tuesdays 12-4pm to support with legal navigation and advocacy (connecting to Legal Aid, education on refugee determination process, choosing a lawyer, etc.). The walk-ins are held in our lounge at 1033 Davie Street, Vancouver. For psychosocial support, please contact Nazanin at support@rainbowrefugee.ca

MOSAIC in collaboration with the **University of British Columbia** is conducting research to identify barriers and any biases faced by **Internationally Trained Medical Graduates (IMGs)**.

Find materials attached and the survey link below to promote widely among your members and networks.

IMGs can participate in this survey by clicking on the survey link below:

<https://bit.ly/3yKkeW2>

This survey is part of research seeking to address the lack of disaggregated data. The absence of this data is an impediment to pressing for change to a system which appears to disadvantage internationally trained doctors' access to medical licensing. The survey collects demographic, educational, and licensure data from graduates of international medical schools. The survey results will allow us to better understand the barriers, biases, and challenges IMGs face in obtaining Canadian licensure.

The survey is anonymous and is designed only to collect demographic, educational, and Canadian licensure data. Data will be stored on a secure, password protected, database located at the University of British Columbia. The data will **not** be accessible to the Faculty of Medicine of UBC. All study results will be reported in aggregate to ensure no individual is identifiable.

How they plan to use this data

- Distribute the findings of the project widely to advocacy groups, immigrant-serving organizations, government and non-government health organizations
- Hold public education sessions and webinar to encourage participants to support the call for an equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI-) based approach for IMGs to qualify to practice in Canada.
- Publish the results in journals and use the data to challenge the existing narratives.
- Meet with Ministries of Health and other stakeholders to share the data and to encourage and engage in a dialogue for systemic change.

If you have any question related to this survey or the research, please feel free to contact:

- Sherman Chan, Director of Family and Settlement Services, MOSAIC at schan@mosaicbc.org or
- Karin H Humphries, Scientific Director, Centre for Improved Cardiovascular Health (ICVHealth) at CHÈOS, Associate Professor, Emeritus at khumphries@icvhealth.ubc.ca



Visuals and Flyers are attached

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Thank you very much!



Childcare Career Exploration at the Y



During this 10-week course, learn from childcare professionals currently working in the field:

- Strengthen your communication skills and get information about education planning related to a childcare career in Canada.
- Learn about volunteering in a childcare setting and practice interview skills for informational, volunteer and job interviews.
- Expand your networks and develop an understanding of diverse childcare careers and educational pathways

FREE but Registration Required

Open to Convention Refugees CUAET visa holders and Permanent Residents

When:

Fridays, September 16 - December 2, 2022

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location:

Robert Lee YMCA
955 Burrard Street
Vancouver

Register [HERE](#)

First Time ever at a YMCA Immigrant Service Program? After you register on Eventbrite, you must complete application form to complete (click link below to download) and return to connections@gv.ymca.ca



More events offered at the Y for Convention Refugees

Online English Conversation Club - Wednesday Mornings

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 10:30 AM – 12PM PDT

Free, but please register here.....



OR

In-Person English Conversation Club - Friday mornings

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where:

Robert Lee YMCA
955 Burrard Street, Vancouver



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The CCR's Youth Network is incredibly excited to offer **10 scholarship opportunities** to newcomers and refugee youth 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. [SEP]

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 that would be interested in this scholarship? **Share this opportunity and encourage them to apply before September 19, 2022!**

[Details here](#)



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On the **first anniversary of Francisco Rico-Martinez's passing**, August 13th 2021, CCR is launching a new call for applications for the **Access to Justice Award**. The award was created to honour Francisco's leadership over three decades within the CCR.

Francisco Rico-Martinez worked tirelessly to protect and seek justice for the uprooted. As President of the Canadian Council for Refugees from 1997 to 2001 and holding numerous other positions in the organization through the years, and as co-founder of the FCJ Refugee Centre – he never stopped being a fearless leader, a teacher, an inspiration, a model, and a companion along the way, within the CCR and throughout refugee and immigration advocacy communities.

Details: The award, in an amount of up to \$10,000 each year, will be given to projects designed to advance access to justice in an area within the mandate of the CCR in one or both of two fields: **Capacity building** and **Advocacy**.

Who is eligible: The award will be given on an annual basis to an individual, group of individuals or organization to support them in pursuing a project aligned with Francisco's core commitments.

Deadline to Apply: October 16

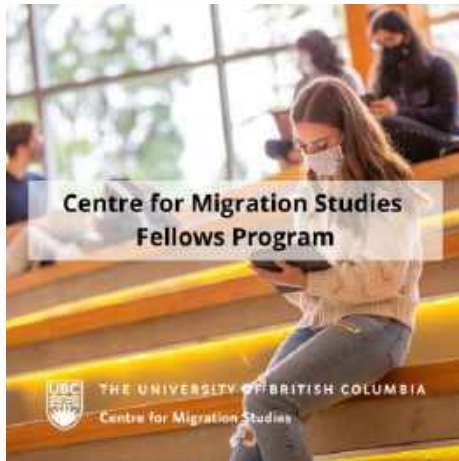
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