



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 141

October 5, 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

It's a BIG week!

- **CCR challenge to the Safe Third Country Agreement** – see inside for details and actions you can take on October 6
 - **Launch of Kinbrace's 'My Refugee Claim'** – on Oct 12 – see inside for how you can be part of it
 - **MAP's survey – What do YOU want to learn about at MAP meetings?**
Tell us what's important to you, what questions you have and issues you want brought forward as presentations to MAP – we are looking for your suggestions to put into place: Go to <https://form.jotform.com/222715137323045> to complete the survey before October 14, 5pm.
 - **IN FOCUS! – Heads up! We will be presenting to the public out on the community on 2 evenings in November:**
November 8 – at Surrey Central Library
November 28 – at Renfrew Branch Library, VPL
“Seeking Asylum: Everything you thought you knew about Canadian refugee law”
A dynamic presentation by a refugee claimant, a lawyer and a settlement worker documenting the journey along the way.
Contact: Angela Sequiera, Chair of the Information Working Group at bonitasequeira@gmail.com if you would like to speak or partner.
 - **THANK YOU to all who attended the MAP meeting on September 22nd and provided their input into MAP's deliberations around the road ahead and the voices we must listen to – your ideas were well received and will be acted on.**
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Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants

Thanh Lam, Sireen ElNashar and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive



The Safe Third Country Agreement will be heard at the Supreme Court on October 6! **Take action to support our legal challenge on social media or in person.**

ACT NOW in support of CCR and the challenge!

Flyer and Media Releases attached for distribution

Watch the hearing online - The Supreme Court hearing of CCR's legal challenge of the Safe Third Country Agreement will be [webcast](#) on Thurs October 6, at 9:30am Eastern.

Vancouver #EndtheSTCA Rally - October 6 , AT 12 NOON at the Vancouver Art Gallery (VAG)

Meet on the Robson side of the VAG , on the right side of the stairs . Lunchtime, food trucks + nice weather hopefully mean more people around. Organized by Mariana Martinez Vieyra, VAST and Co-chair CCR Inland Protection WG mariana@vast-vancouver.ca.

Show your support through social media

Check CCR's [Media Room](#) and share posts widely!

[Share our educational video](#) on your platforms! You can find us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Dear stakeholders,

[The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada \(IRB\) is pleased to announce that new webpages to support parties appearing before the Immigration Appeal Division \(IAD\) are now live. Written in easy-to-understand language, we hope that the content found in \[Making an immigration appeal\]\(#\) will provide added support to appellants, particularly those without counsel and vulnerable persons.](#)

Background

In 2019-2020, the IAD, in partnership with the National Self-Represented Litigants Project (NSRLP) at the University of Windsor, evaluated the level of service provided to those without counsel. IRB staff, immigration law specialists, and a focus group with self-represented litigants, among others, were consulted. The study concluded in part that those without counsel would benefit from additional support and resources. The new web content—developed in collaboration with Clear Language and Design (CLAD) consulting services—is just one example of the Division's response to the study.

Providing better support to those who appear before the IAD

The improved content will guide parties through the tasks required to:

- make a sponsorship appeal;
- make a residency obligation appeal;
- appeal a removal order; and
- respond to a Minister's appeal from an Immigration Division decision.



Continued:

Redesigned webpages include:

- detailed information on the steps required for making an appeal;
- information to help prepare a case;
- simple instructions for submitting documents; and
- information on how to prepare for an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) conference.

This new web content supports the Board's objective of becoming a high-performing digital organization that supports greater access to justice. I invite you to visit [Making an immigration appeal](#). We welcome comments and suggestions that will help us to improve the user experience for our appellants.

Please share this message with your membership as you deem appropriate. Thank you once again for your ongoing engagement.

Suzanne Gilbert

Deputy Chairperson, Immigration Appeal Division

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

Kinbrace READY TOURS available

Ready Tour dates:

1. Friday, October 7th , 9:30-11:30am PST
2. Friday, October 21st , 9:30-11:30am PST
3. Friday, November 4th , 9:30-11:30am PST
4. Friday, November 18th -11:30am PST

RAD Info Session: **(Poster is also attached)**
Wednesday, 30 November, 1:00 - 3:00 pm PST

Masi Allahverdi
READY Tour Organizer
M 604.362.1070
T 604.255.9691
masi@kinbrace.ca



**Refugee Appeal
Division (RAD)**

INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Next virtual session:
30 November 2022 • 1:00-3:00 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**



Dear MAP BC Community

You are invited to the launch of My Refugee Claim

My Refugee Claim is a new public legal education and information resource designed to inform, connect, and prepare refugee claimants as they navigate Canada's refugee protection process. The Orientation Booklet and MyRefugeeClaim.ca work together to help each refugee claimant understand their journey through the process, supported by in-depth information.

Join the virtual launch event from wherever you are in Canada. No tickets or registration required.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82867313582?pwd=MS83aFdGLOVodE03TFRleGhRMWxhZz09>

The launch will be in English only (with apologies in advance, no interpretation provided).

Share this invitation and zoom link widely with refugee claimants, frontline settlement/community workers, lawyers, immigration consultants, law clinics, community groups, faith communities – anyone who might benefit from a national resource that is regionally relevant, written from and for the refugee claimant perspective.

Everyone is welcome.

My Refugee Claim has been a year-long national project completed thanks to help of dozens of stakeholders (people with lived refugee claimant experience, frontline experts, lawyers) and multiple funders.

My Refugee Claim resources are available in English only at this time.

[Orientation Booklet \(cover\) - My Refugee Claim](#)

[Website \(homepage screenshot\) - My Refugee Claim](#)

Join the virtual launch event from wherever you are in Canada

Wednesday

12 October 2022 at 11 am PT

More info: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/my-refugee-claim-launch-event-tickets-429827655087>

Questions? Contact info@myrefugeeclaim.ca



My Small Business (MSB) initiative is for newcomer women with small business ideas (i.e. home-based businesses and/or income-generation projects) towards their economic independence. **(Poster also attached)**

MSB is a pilot project by **Settlement and Integration Program of Burnaby Neighbourhood House**, in collaboration with **Women Economic Council (WEC)**.

Newcomer women applicants with artisan skills and a strong desire and passion to start a small business, are encouraged to apply.

Registration for the first cohort is from now until October 23, 2022.

My Small Business (MSB) is aiming to support newcomer women with learning opportunities through a combination of needs and assets-based focus, towards their empowered emotionally, socially and economically as building a future in Canada.

The sessions will be a mix of zoom and in-person learning interactions, with occasional access to marketing opportunities. Interpretation, translation, child-minding and transportation support would be provided, as needed.

For registration and more information, please see the attached poster.

If you know any newcomer women interested in starting their small business, please share this information and encourage their registration by:

Email to: rashay@burnabynh.ca or

Phone at: [\(604\) 431-0400](tel:6044310400)

Rasha Youssef / Burnaby Neighbourhood House



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A poster for the 'My Small Business' initiative. The poster is white with a teal background. It features the title 'Settlement & Integration Program' in orange and black. Below it, it says 'Burnaby Neighbourhood House located on the traditional unceded territories of Coast Salish Nations'. The main title 'MY SMALL BUSINESS' is in bold black, followed by 'a pilot project for newcomer women with business ideas'. There are two circular images: one showing a person working on a craft and another showing a person's hands. A list of questions is provided in a box, including 'Are you an immigrant or refugee woman?', 'Are you interested in: gaining more confidence?', 'obtaining business skills?', 'strengthening your network?', 'connecting with available resources?', 'Do you have an artisan skill that you want to advance?', and 'Do you plan to start a small business?'. To the right, there are bullet points: 'Improve women's psychological wellbeing', 'Expand social networking', 'Foster income earning skills', and 'Create opportunities'. Below these are three phases: 'Phase 1: Needs/assets assessment, identifying barriers, psychological readiness & confidence building.', 'Phase 2: Identifying the small business ideas, mentorship and building professional networks.', and 'Phase 3: Marketing and promotion, continued technical support and coaching.'. At the bottom, it says 'To apply please contact: Rasha Youssef, project coordinator, rashay@burnabynh.ca, 604-431-0400'. The registration deadline is 'OCTOBER 23, 2022'. The website 'WWW.BURNABYNH.CA' is listed. At the bottom right, there are logos for WEC (Women's Economic Council) and weCOR (Women's Economic Council of Ontario). The footer also includes the Canadian flag and the text 'Integration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada' and 'Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada'.



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et Citoyenneté Canada

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Umbrella Workshops for Health 6. Diabetes and Hypertension for the Latin American community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn how to prevent these chronic diseases
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Saturday Oct 22 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 **Passcode:** 612872

No registration needed. If you have questions please call
Event is in Spanish

It's free! Join us!



Talleres de Salud Umbrella 6. Diabetes e Hipertensión Arterial para la comunidad Latinoamericana

Es gratuito!
Ven y Únete a nosotros!

¿Qué? ¡Un taller para todos !

- Vamos a reunirnos para:
- Aprender cómo prevenir estas enfermedades
- Practicar inglés
- Conocer nuevas personas
- Nos relajaremos y divertiremos!

¿Cuándo? Sábado Octubre 22 10:30 am a 12:30 pm

¿Dónde? En Zoom por favor presione en este link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanIxSytWZz09>

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Umbrella Workshops for Health

6. Diabetes and Hypertension

for the Arabic-speaking community

It's free! Join us!

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn how to prevent these chronic diseases
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!



When Wednesday Oct 12 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9P>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

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للمجتمع الناطق بالعربية

انضم لنا على زووم
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يا لها من ورشة عمل للجميع
دعونا نجتمع معا من اجل
تعلم كيفية الوقاية من هذه الامراض المزمنة
ممارسة اللغة الانكليزية
مقابلة اناس جدد
استمتع واسترخ



الزمان: الأربعاء 2022-10-12 من الساعة 5:30 مساء الى الساعة 7:30 مساء

المكان : على زووم فضلا اضغط على الرابط التالي

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanIxBtYtWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

No registration needed. If you have questions please call Hana 7
Event with interpretation to Arabic



Umbrella Workshops for Health

6. Diabetes and Hypertension

for the Tigrinya-speaking community

It's free! Join us!

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn how to prevent these chronic diseases
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!



When Thursday Oct 20 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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Next Intake: 28th Nov 2022 - 17th Mar 2023



Public Works Technician Training

Public Works Technician Training is a 16-week Project Based Labour Market Training Program (PBLMT). Participants will receive training and work experience in occupational skills related to: public works, working safely, use of tools and equipment, environmental best practices, as well as maintaining and repairing roads and sidewalks, water systems, sanitary and storm sewer systems, building maintenance, parks and recreation facilities and fire protection systems.

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BENEFITS AND CERTIFICATES	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY	WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$300 weekly allowance for eligible clients • Full work gear (PPE) is included • WHMIS • Occupational First-Aid Level I • Transportation Endorsement • Traffic Control Person (TCP/Flagger) • Confined Spaces • Fall Protection • Ladder Safety • Basic Electrical Safety • Underground Utilities Locator • Excavation, Trenching and shoring Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred by a WorkBC Centre with an Action Plan • Current resident of British Columbia • Either a Permanent Resident, Canadian Citizenship, or Refugee (protected person) • BCEA PWD Clients • BCEA Non-PWD Clients • Currently receiving Employment Insurance (EI) Benefits or • Reachback, have had an EI benefit within the previous 60 months or • Have earned more than \$2,060 in insurable earnings and have 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) 	<p>Public Works Technician Training is a 100% government-funded free, group based full-time consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 week of Orientation (Live Virtual) • 9 weeks of Academic Training (Live Virtual) • 1 week of Short-Term Certifications (Hybrid) • 1 week of Job Support (Live Virtual) • 4 weeks of work experience with local employers (In-Person)

<p>Ahana Roy Tel: 604.324.7733 Ext: 411 Email: ahana.roy@pics.bc.ca</p>	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!</p>	<p>Yuhan Yu Tel: 604.396.7722 Ext: 614 Email: yuhan.yu@pics.bc.ca</p>
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PBLMT Public Works Technician Training Program

We are Recruiting! for the Public Works Technician Training **starting 28th November 2022**. It is 16 weeks program until 17th March 2023.

If you are interested in joining the program, please reserve your spot at the **Registration Link** below: <https://freetrainings.ca/Public-Works>

Possible Career Outcomes:

- Construction
- Road & Sidewalk Repair
- Traffic Control/ Flagger
- Landscape Maintenance
- Wastewater Operation

Training Information:

Public Works Technician Training is a 100% government-funded free, group-based full-time program consisting of:

- 1 week of orientation
- 9 weeks of virtual and in-person academic training
- 1 week of short-term certifications
- 1 week of job support
- 4 weeks of work experience with local employers.
- This will prepare participants to work as Public Works Technicians.

- After completing the program, participants will receive a certificate from a post-secondary institution.

During the training, you will get 8 safety certificates and 2 occupational certificates as follows:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Occupational First Aid Level 1, WHMIS, Confined Spaces. Ladder Safety and Fall Protection, Excavation and Shoring Safety, Transportation Endorsement, Basic Electrical Safety, Traffic Control Person (TCP/Flagger), Underground Utilities Locator

Eligibility Criteria:

Section 1 – Canadian Status + Currently live in BC

Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, Ukrainian Refugees (CUAET), Refugee with Court Order Decision/ Work Permit

Section 2 – Employment Status

Unemployed, Casual/ on-call Employed (less than 20 hours per week), Part-Time Employed (less than 20 hours per week)

Section 3 - EI Eligibility

BCEA PWD Clients, BCEA Non-PWD Clients (Income Assistance), Active Regular Employment Insurance (EI) Benefits, EI Reachback: have had Regular EI benefits within the previous 60 months, Worked full-time for at least any 5 years out of the last 10 years in Canada + have earned more than \$2,000 in insurable earnings and have 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)

Section 4 – WorkBC Case Management

WorkBC Case Manager confirmed your eligibility and submitted your application to the Ministry. Case Manager send an approval email to yuhan.yu@pics.bc.ca and ahana.roy@pics.bc.ca before the program starts (this process may take 1-8 weeks depending on the WorkBC workload).

We will contact you after you fill up the form on the **Registration Link** at: <https://freetrainings.ca/Public-Works>

Please feel free to contact me for more info 😊

Yuhan Yu

Job Developer & Facilitator

Project-Based Labour Market Training (PBLMT)

Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society

课程时间: 11月28日至3月17日



公共工程技术人員

公共工程技术人員培訓是一項為期 16 週的基於勞動力市場項目培訓計劃 (PBLMT)。參與者將獲得與以下相關職業技能的培訓和工作經驗：公共工程、安全工作、工具和設備的使用、環境最佳實踐，以及維護和修理道路和人行道、供水系統、衛生和雨水管道系統、建築維護、公園和娛樂設施和消防系統。

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<https://freetrainings.ca/public-works>

福利和執照

- 為符合條件的客戶提供最高 300 加元的每週津貼
- 全套工作防護裝備 (PPE) 包括: WHMIS
- 職業心肺急救 I 級執照
- 通勤補助
- 交通管制員證 (TCP/Flagger)
- 限制空間
- 墜落保護
- 梯子安全
- 基本電路安全
- 地下工程定位器
- 挖掘、挖溝和支撐安全

報名資格

- 由 WorkBC 中心推薦並附上就業計劃
- 目前是卑詩省居民、永久居民、加拿大公民或難民 (受保護人)、是 BCEA 殘疾人客戶
- 是 BCEA 非殘疾人客戶
- 目前正在接受就業保險 (EI) 福利或
- Reachback 在過去 60 個月內有過 EI 福利
- 或在過去 10 年中至少有 5 年獲得了超過 2,000 加元的可保收入，並為這些收入支付了 EI 保費 (注意：5 年不必是連續年)

預期課程大綱

- 公共工程技术人員培訓課程是 100% 免費政府補助。團體班。星期一至五全日課程包含以下：1 周新
- 生輔導 (視訊課程)
 - 9 周學術培訓 (視訊和實體課程)
 - 1 周短期執照課程 (視訊和實體課程) | 需求求
 - 輔導 (視訊和實體課程)
 - 4 周本地工廠就業工作實習 (實體)

可能的就業機會
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[Read the whole update in your browser.](#)

CMS New Voices Speaker Series | Fall 2022

Event Dates:

October 25 | November 7 & 28 | December 7

Time: 12:15 - 1:45 PM (PT)

Location: [Case Room, Liu Institute for Global Issues](#)

We invite you to attend events in our [New Voices Speaker Series](#) taking place Oct-Dec 2022, an opportunity to profile the research expertise and interests of new faculty in migration at UBC, across three departments!

Register to attend each event here:

Tuesday October 25 | [Helena Zeweri, UBC Anthropology](#)

[Witnessing Empire's Bordering Practices: Afghan American Diasporic Politics in the Aftermath of Withdrawal](#)

Monday November 7 | [Aryan Karimi, UBC Sociology](#)

[Reconsidering the Origins of Assimilation Theories](#)

Monday November 28 | [Elif Sari, UBC Anthropology](#)

Details to be announced

Wednesday December 7 | [Jemima Baada, UBC Geography](#)

[Climate Change, Domestic and Foreign Investment, and Migration in Ghana](#)





INSIDE THE STCA APPEAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022
4:00-5:30PM EST
ZOOM WEBINAR

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF REFUGEE LAWYERS, IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR
REFUGEES, INVITES YOU TO DE-BRIEF WITH THE LAWYERS
WHO PREPARED & ARGUED THE SAFE-THIRD COUNTRY
AGREEMENT (STCA) APPEAL BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

WHAT WAS THE STRATEGY TO GET TO THE SCC?
HOW DID THEY PREPARE FOR THE HEARING?
WHAT SURPRISES CAME UP IN ORAL ARGUMENT?

ANDREW BROUWER
APPELLANT'S COUNSEL



ERIN SIMPSON
APPELLANT'S COUNSEL



JOSHUA BLUM
APPELLANT'S COUNSEL



INSIDE THE STCA APPEAL

DE-BRIEF WITH THE COUNSEL TEAM BEHIND THE SAFE-THIRD COUNTRY
AGREEMENT APPEAL BEING HEARD AT THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

[REGISTER HERE](#)

OCTOBER 13, 2022 - 4:00-5:30PM EST – ZOOM

On October 6, 2022, the Supreme Court of Canada will hear the appeal of the *Safe-Third Country Agreement* (STCA). In 2020, the [Federal Court](#) struck down the STCA regime for violating s.7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. But in 2021, the [Federal Court of Appeal](#) overturned that judgment. Now the Supreme Court will weigh in.

You can watch the webcast of the Supreme Court hearing on October 6, 2022 at 9:30AM EST at this [link](#). And you can read all of the parties' factums at this [link](#).

One week after the hearing, the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL), in collaboration with the Canadian Council of Refugees (CCR), invites you to join us as we sit down to de-brief with some of the lawyers who prepared and argued the appeal.

Hear about their strategy to get the case to the Supreme Court; how they prepared for the hearing; and what went as planned and what was a total surprise during the oral argument. Speakers include:

Andrew Brouwer, Legal Aid Ontario's Refugee Law Office

Erin Simpson, Landings LLP

Joshua Blum, Jared Will & Associates

Registration is free. We look forward to you joining us!



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

CCR invites members to participate in the quarterly virtual meeting on issues for refugee claimants on Tuesday, October 18.

Refugee claimants *Virtual meeting*

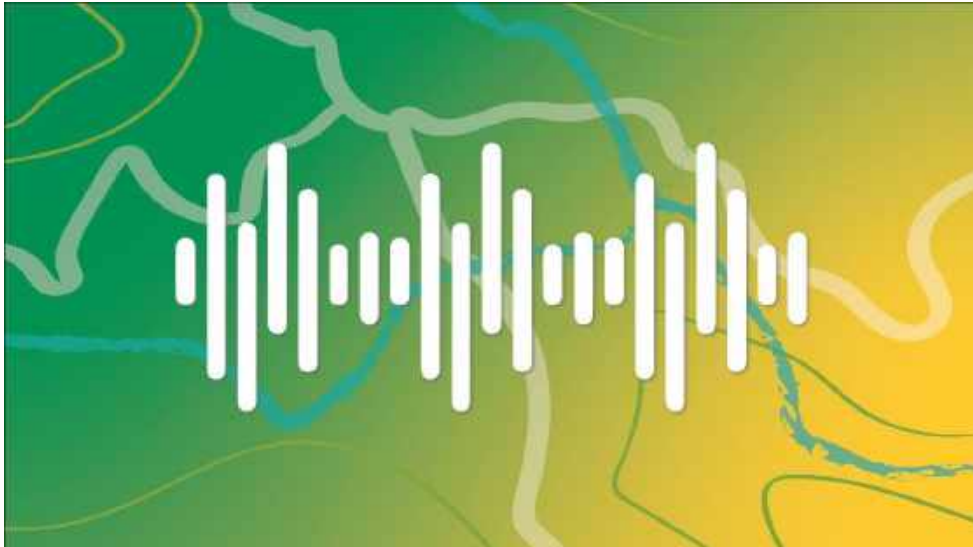
When: Tuesday, October 18 starting at
11:00am Pacific

[REGISTER](#)



[New podcast: Borders & Belonging](#)

CERC Migration researcher **Maggie Perzyna** debunks myths about migration with the help of experts from around the world. Subscribe to our new podcast so you won't miss an episode! The podcast is a co-production between **CERC Migration** and **openDemocracy**.



The proliferation of technological solutions is offering new ways to view migration-related challenges and opportunities. State and non-state actors are increasingly engaging technological tools to tackle complex migration challenges – like predicting the next major event to spur a refugee crisis – and supporting migrants themselves, through the use of advanced digital technologies like blockchain. To help provide a wide perspective on the rapidly changing landscape of technology use in migration management, CERC Migration is pleased to introduce the **Migration Tech Tracker**.

The Migration Tech Tracker (“Tech Tracker”) is an interactive tool developed to capture various uses of technology by the diverse range of actors in the migration sector. This tool does not question the use of these technologies, but rather presents them in a neutral manner to offer knowledge and present findings for researchers, practitioners and community groups to leverage in their work.

REPEATS

Fraser Health's useful help for finding a family doctor – scan the QR Code.

Available in PDF attached also

Need help finding a doctor?

Sometimes it might be difficult to know which family doctors are accepting new patients. We have compiled a document that can support you in finding a primary care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner).



Use your smartphone to scan the QR code for some quick tips.

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For more healthy resources visit:
fraserhealth.ca/south-asian-healthy-resources



fraserhealth.ca/south-asian-newcomer-resources



Information provided by:
South Asian Health Institute (SAHI)



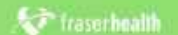
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You're invited to **Funding Vancouver's Immigrant Services Sector Discussion** **Poster attached - URGENT!!!**

Join **VLIP** as we host a **dialogue session on the state of funding for newcomer and immigrant services in Vancouver** and the gaps that have emerged in recent years. We are holding this event in partnership with **the City of Vancouver**, a long-time funder for immigrant serving organizations.

In collaboration with staff from the City's Social Policy department, we are inviting representatives of the sector to join us in reflecting on how well currently available funding (across levels of government) is meeting the sector's needs, how demographics are shifting in Vancouver, and how the City's funding could be tailored to support equity-deserving groups that are otherwise underserved. We are interested in hearing from a cross-section of organizations, large and small, and especially from those who have not traditionally been able to access the City's Community and Social Service grants.

Thursday, October 6

2PM – 4PM Online via Zoom.

Register [here](#) to save your spot!

(Few seats are left. Please RSVP by Oct 4th, 12 noon)

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me directly

Koyali Burman, Co-Manager Vancouver LIP

(236)-889-8269 / koyali.burman@vancouverlip.org

Emergency Preparedness (English) [Link](#)

October 6

How familiar are you with the potential hazards in Vancouver? Do you know about the steps for gathering emergency supplies and making an emergency plan? If not, then this workshop is for you. This online workshop prepares you for facing the potential disasters in Vancouver.

Newcomer Information Session (Farsi)

October 7 - Flyer shown and attached.

Impact North Shore hosts a free orientation session so that you and your family can learn more about their services. During the presentation, you will gain an understanding of the English classes available and housing options. You will learn about the services related to finances, employment, and the community.



Immigrant Service Centre



Workshop Highlights

اینجکت تورت شور، از شما دعوت میکند در جلسه اطلاعاتی رایگان که برای تازه واردین برگزار می شود، شرکت فرمایید. این جلسات به صورت ماهیچه در روز جمعه به زبان فارسی برگزار میشود و شما با خدمات موجود در کانادا و تورت شور آشنا خواهید شد.

این جلسه حاوی اطلاعات زیر می باشد:

- آشنایی با خدمات موجود در این سازمان - برنامه های آموزشی برای خانواده ها
- یادگیری زبان انگلیسی
- زندگی روزمره در کانادا
- مسکن
- کارپایی و تحصیل
- ارتباط با جامعه و کارهای داوطلبانه
- سیستم بیمه و درمان
- سیستم مالیاتی
- سیستم وسایل نقلیه عمومی
- مزایای اجنماتی
- قوانین سینیزی و تمدید یی آر کارت

For more information and to register contact:
Front Desk, office@impactnorthshore.ca or
604-988-2931

Newcomer Information Session

جلسه توجیهی برای مهاجرین تازه وارد به زبان فارسی

Friday, October 7
1:30pm – 3:30pm

This no-cost orientation session will help you and your family to understand and connect to the services available on the North Shore as well as in Canada. Sessions are held monthly.

Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to all newcomers and immigrants.

Online via Zoom

Details to join this virtual session will be provided after registration.

This program is government funded and free of charge.

Funded by:

Financed by:



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada



REACH Community Health Centre

Vietnamese Cross Cultural Health Promoter

31 hours per week.

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.

See attached posting for details

How to apply

If you are interested in this role, please send the following to Jobs@reachcentre.bc.ca with the **Subject line: Vietnamese Cross Cultural Health Promoter:**

- Cover letter stating why you are a great fit for this position
- Resume

Posting is open until filled. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, we will only contact those candidates selected for interviews.



To see the whole newsletter, including information about the new [family management conferences in Provincial Court](#) [click here](#)


Mothers Leaving Abusive Partners

We've updated [Mothers Leaving Abusive Partners](#) to reflect the recent Provincial Court Family Rules changes. This booklet is for women with children who've been abused by their intimate partner.

This includes a spouse or someone with whom they share a child but were never in a relationship with. The booklet explains how to get help and protection, and how to handle parenting arrangements. This revised version features a new perforated back cover with important phone numbers to tear off and carry. It also has a checklist of what to take with you when you leave an abusive relationship.

[Mothers Leaving Abusive Partners](#) is available in print and online. Please recycle any old copies of this booklet.

Produced in collaboration with the YWCA Metro Vancouver.

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



Check out our recent webinars

Refugee claims

Eligibility requirements and admissibility issues



Legal Aid BC

This webinar focuses on the refugee process from the importance of a Basis of Claim to Preparation for the Hearing. Topics include: admissibility criteria, ways to initiate and withdraw a claim, credibility, work permit, internal flight alternative (IFA), and options when a claim is refused.

Watch [here](#)

Recorded on: July 26, 2022

Length: 1 hour 30 min

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

Clickable PDF copy attached

For more **virtual training and learning videos**, [click here](#)

Community English Class for Immigrant and Refugee Women

FALL 2022

Holy Trinity Community Hall

Gym & Downstairs Room
514 Carnarvon St. New Westminster,
BC, V3L 1C4

FREE!

Sep 26 - Dec 14, 2022

Mondays & Wednesdays

9:30 - 11:30 am

- English for everyday conversation
- Children's program at the same time
- Outreach support
- Food hamper you can take home
- Bus tickets provided

We welcome newcomer women with various English levels (beginner to pre-intermediate). We are here to help you improve your English for everyday conversations, be a part of a multicultural community, make friends, gain confidence and learn more about Canada!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CONTACT: Zarmina Ali (English/Dari/Farsi/Pashto/Russian)
Email: zali@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608 4285
www.pirs.bc.ca



PIRS English language classes available in New Westminster, Surrey and Burnaby!

On this page and the next

ALL posters attached too



Community English Class for Immigrant and Refugee Women

FALL 2022

ISSofBC Surrey Welcome Center
#301 - 10334 152A St, Surrey

FREE!

Sep 27 - Dec 16, 2022

Tuesdays & Fridays

9:30 - 11:30 am

- English for everyday conversation
- Children's program at the same time
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PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CONTACT: Rabia Kaihan (English/Dari/Farsi)
Email: rkaihan@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608 4438
www.pirs.bc.ca



Community English Class for Immigrant and Refugee Women

FALL 2022

Journey Home Community
7175 Royal Oak Ave,
Burnaby, BC V5J 4J3

FREE!



Sep 27 - Dec 1, 2022

Tuesdays & Thursdays

12:30 - 2:30pm

- English for everyday conversation
- Children's program at the same time
- Outreach support
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- Bus tickets provided

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PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CONTACT: Marianna Gassmann (English/Spanish)

Email: mgassmann@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608-4298

www.pirs.bc.ca

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: CHILDCARE LEADERSHIP GROUP



Are you an immigrant or refugee woman with lived experiences in the childcare sector?

As part of the Childcare Leadership Group (CLG) you will receive training and support to co-design and implement solutions to help shape the childcare system in British Columbia.

WHY JOIN?

You'll have the opportunity to:

- Attend capacity building sessions
- Engage with stakeholders and decision-makers within the childcare sector in BC and nationally
- Share your expertise through the media, policy consultations, and other sector gatherings
- Receive honoraria for participation

*PIRS welcomes applicants with all residency statuses who intend to live in Canada

ELIGIBILITY

To apply, participants must:

- Identify as an immigrant woman*
- Be passionate about childcare in any capacity (as a parent, worker, employer, advocate, etc.)
- Have working knowledge of English
- Attend training sessions twice per month (online and in-person) from October 2022 to July 2023

PROGRAM DATES

OCT 12, 2022 - JUL 12, 2023

TIME

6:00 - 7:30 PM

INFORMATION SESSION

OCT 5, 2022 | 5:00 - 6:00 PM
@ZOOM

HOW TO APPLY?

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

To learn more about the project, visit www.pirs.bc.ca/building-a-childcare-system/

For questions or assistance, contact Gabriela Cervantes at gcervantes@pirs.bc.ca or 778-608-4098

PIRS Childcare Leadership Group – poster attached



2 pages

Are you an IMG? To advocate effectively, we need YOUR participation. Help us by taking the survey below.

Do you want to feel valued and respected for your experience and expertise. You didn't choose Canada as your home to be underemployed. You have invested a lot of time, money and sacrifice to get here. You are not alone. Together, we have the power to change the system. Be an advocate for yourself and your colleagues by providing much-needed data for systemic change in Canadian healthcare and the CaRMS Match Process.

Are you an IMG? Please feel out this [survey](#)

To move the needle in your favour, Alliance of Doctors Denied by Degree, MOSAIC & Dr [Karin Humphries](#) need DATA that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant & Time-bound to create concrete goals.

TAKE ACTION NOW! BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE TODAY! Internationally trained medical doctors like you are facing barriers to finding work in Canada. Canada needs qualified medical doctors, yet barriers continue in the Canadian healthcare licensing system preventing qualified doctors from practicing in Canada. This has to stop. @mosaicbc received funding to collect and analyze data to propose changes to the licensing system to remove these barriers. doctors' access to medical licensing.



This survey is part of research by Dr. [Karin Humphries](#) at [#ubc](#) seeking to address the lack of disaggregated data. The absence of this data is an impediment to pressing for change in a system which disadvantages internationally trained doctors' access to medical licensing.

By sharing your personal experience in the [survey](#) you will help clarify and provide accurate information about what is really going on, so Karin Humphries, Alliance of Doctors Denied by Degree, MOSAIC, and others who see how insane the current situation is can understand what needs to be done and advocate on your behalf to remove the barriers to obtaining licensure in the Canadian healthcare system. IMGs and the public will benefit.

To advocate effectively, we need your participation. Take the 15-20 minute anonymous survey to help us better advocate and support you.

For more information and to participate in the survey click on the

link: http://go.pardot.com/e/330341/gHkFWbHF/b3mtn/351136264?h=cIZ8RChU1cTswYCBY_8GUSBkvS-Nr6IjPUMQGscInJ4 or http://go.pardot.com/e/330341/3yKkeW2/b3mtr/351136264?h=cIZ8RChU1cTswYCBY_8GUSBkvS-Nr6IjPUMQGscInJ4.

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FREE

OCTOBER 19, 2022 3–7 PM
SURREY CITY HALL
 13450 104 AVENUE, SURREY, BC

TRADESHOW OF EXHIBITORS 3–5 PM
 SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES
 IMMIGRANT BUSINESS MARKETPLACE
 KEYNOTE SPEAKER AVI ARYA
FOUNDER, INTERNET MOGULS

NEW!
BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION
 Prizes up to \$2,000!

REGISTER:

 DCRS.CA/ENTREPRENEURFAIR

AVI ARYA

PRESENTED BY:

For more information, email selfemployment@dcrs.ca



DIVERSEcity Entrepreneur & Small Business Fair Plan, launch & grow your business at our fair, October 19, 2022, 3–7 pm

DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society is pleased to invite you to our free DIVERSEcity Entrepreneur & Small Business Fair, presented by Canadian Western Bank (CWB). The in-person event held during Small Business Week supports diverse entrepreneurs to get the knowledge and tools they need to plan, launch and grow their own business in Canada.

Cost: Free

Where: Surrey City Hall 13450 104 Avenue, Surrey, BC

Who can attend: Any member of the public or DIVERSEcity client or connection interested in starting a small business in BC.

Please join us! Learn more and register at dcrs.ca/entrepreneurfair.

Exhibition and sponsorship opportunities also still available. Please email selfemployment@dcrs.ca.



West Coast Virtual Fairs: Career, Volunteer & Graduate Schools

The West Coast Virtual Fairs team, a collaboration between the University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, and Simon Fraser University, is delighted to invite you to the [West Coast Virtual Fairs 2022: Career, Volunteer & Graduate Schools](#) on **November 2-3, 2022**.

The event will take place virtually on the Eventus platform to make it convenient and safe for you to connect with the talent from all three schools. You will create a virtual info booth with a company description, logo, and relevant links to your company website. You will also have the option to hold pre-booked 1-on-1 sessions with students and alumni (using the video conferencing tool embedded within Eventus) or pre-booked group sessions (using the video conferencing program of your choice).

Register [here](#) by October 3!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@westcoastvirtualfairs.com.

Wage Subsidy - Community Based Work Learn Program

Are you interested in hiring students and creating an inclusive and accessible work environment for your organization? UBC's Community Based Work Learn program helps employers create part-time employment opportunities for UBC students with disabilities. The program provides funding, training, tools, resources and on-going support for employers. **Deadline to express interest is Oct. 14.** Limited funding available.

About the Program:

The Community Based Work Learn program is looking for off-campus, Vancouver area employers interested in providing part-time on-site employment opportunities (approximately 12 hours/week) to students with disabilities. In addition, the program will provide funding, training, tools, resources and on-going support for employers to enhance their own equitable practices in the workplace. Work placements will be from the period of Jan '23 to April '23.

Funding Availability:

Wage subsidies of up to \$6,000 for each student hired is available. Students will be hired from a pool of pre-recruited and trained candidates.

Employer Commitments:

- Paying students a wage in-line with UBC's Community Based Work Learn. From January 2023 to April 2023.
- Paying the student via the employer organization's payroll
- Covering costs for taxes, vacation pay, Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and WCB, etc. that come with hiring a student
- Participate in UBC-hosted workshops on equitable workplace practices or demonstrate a prior commitment to workplace accessibility and inclusion
- Must be located in the Lower Mainland in British Columbia

If you are interested in participating in this program and hiring a student, please contact recruit.talent@ubc.ca



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[Apply to the Amino Malko Fund](#)

To honour our commitment in [promoting full participation of refugees](#) in CCR events, we are opening the applications to the Amina Malko Fund for Refugee Participation.

The Amina Malko Memorial Fund

This fund is named after Amina Malko, a former CCR Executive Committee member, a long time refugee rights activist in Toronto with the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI) and at one time a refugee herself. She passed away in March 2001 in the prime of her life. The fund was created by the CCR in recognition of the financial barriers which limit refugee participation.

Are there refugees associated with your organization that could benefit from attending the CCR Fall Consultation in Toronto?

The CCR is offering funding to assist two or more refugees in participating in the Consultation.

What is covered by the Fund:

- The funding will cover air/bus/train fare to Toronto and accommodation.

What is not covered by the Fund:

- Costs such as food and local ground transportation need to be covered by the supporting organization.

Eligibility criteria - applicants must:

Be people who have had the experience of being a refugee

Be supported by an organization that is a CCR member

Be at least 18 years old

Submit the completed application form below (with letter of engagement from the organization) as soon as possible (exact deadline will be communicated soon)

For further details and to access the form, click on the button above. If you have questions, email us at refpart@ccrweb.ca.

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YOUR CENSUS NEWS UPDATES FROM STATISTICS CANADA

**2 Fact Sheets
Attached**

DATALENS

TO BUY OR TO RENT: THE HOUSING MARKET CONTINUES TO BE RESHAPED BY SEVERAL FACTORS AS CANADIANS SEARCH FOR AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME

In 2021, 10.0 million households in Canada owned their home, which is more than at any point in the country's history. However, while the number continues to grow, Canadians overall were less likely to own their home in 2021 (66.5%) than they were a decade earlier, when a record high (69.0%) were homeowners.

This follows a period of growth where the homeownership rate grew from 63.6% in 1996 to 68.4% by 2006.....[Read more](#)

HOUSING INDICATORS, 2021 CENSUS

This interactive chart is comprised of two visualizations which show statistics of housing outcomes for selected population groups in private households. The chart displays one of four housing indicators: affordability, core housing need, suitability and adequacy. The data table describes the population group's tenure status of household. Housing outcomes can be produced by making selections from the age, gender, characteristic, household type and geography dropdown menus....[Housing indicators, 2021 Census](#)



WHILE ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE STILL THE MAIN LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN CANADA, THE COUNTRY'S LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY CONTINUES TO GROW

Despite the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on arrivals to the country, immigration has continued to enrich Canada's linguistic diversity.

English and French remain by far the most commonly spoken languages in Canada. More than 9 in 10 Canadians speak one of the two official languages at home at least on a regular basis.

The 2021 Census also found that 4.6 million Canadians speak predominantly a language other than English or French at home (in other words, they speak this language most often at home, without speaking other languages equally often; see the box "Languages known and spoken: Understanding the concepts"). These individuals represent 12.7% of the Canadian population, a proportion that has been increasing for 30 years. By comparison, the proportion was 7.7% in 1991, when immigration levels were rising....[Read more](#)

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

NEXT CENSUS RELEASE

Next Census release on October 26, 2022

Immigration, place of birth, and citizenship

Ethnocultural and religious diversity

Mobility and migration

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