



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 139

September 21, 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, 9:30 am IN PERSON at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, 800 East Broadway, Vancouver**
Revised Agenda

Welcome back from Co-Chair: Thanh Lam, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

Announcements:

IRB Updates

CCR – October 6 action to stop the Safe Third Country Agreement

BC CHARMS Update

Short Presentation: Supporting your clients in preparing for COVID this Fall – Fraser Health

MAP RESTRUCTURING NEWS - *Thanh Lam and Loren Balisky*

- Co-chair nomination – MAP membership asked to endorse.
- Report and Request for Endorsement from MAP:
 - Introduction of the Advisory Council
 - Strategic Planning process – goals and format

Update on **BC Refugee Readiness Network Meeting** - MAP Executive

MAP updates for Fall 2022: meetings, using the MAP Website, gathering meeting themes.

Information WG Report

Agency Updates

Adjournment – Next meeting: October 27 at Surrey Central Library

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

Thanh Lam and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive



IRB publishes practice notice on scheduling virtual, hybrid, and in-person hearings

Dear stakeholders,

I am pleased to inform you that the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) has now published [Practice Notice: Scheduling of virtual, hybrid, and in-person hearings at the IRB](#) on its website, and it is now in effect for hearings to be held on October 18, 2022, or later.

The practice notice details how the IRB will build upon the success of its current hearings model by providing additional capacity for both hybrid and in-person hearings. The notice provides general information on the scheduling of virtual, hybrid and in-person hearings at the Board and clear, division-specific instructions for requesting a hybrid or in-person hearing. Important [COVID-19 health and safety measures](#) are already in place to protect hearing room participants, employees and visitors.

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

Richard Wex

Chairperson

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

News highlights:

Refugee claimant related articles from Canada and around the world

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))

*Thanks to Journey Home Community's **Barry Growe** for his research and compilation*

[Multicultural association calls for more resources to address newcomer mental health](#)

Stratford Beacon Herald

September 16

[Migrants across Canada call on Ottawa for action on regularization, permanent status](#)

CBC

September 18

[Nova Scotia will stop holding federal immigration detainees in provincial jails](#)

Toronto Star

September 21

[Immigrant and Refugee Care: Find a Midwife](#)

Midwives Association of BC

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[Ukrainian family wishes they were warned about BC's pricey rental market](#)

CTV

August 30

[Welcome Afghans: Key Figures](#)

Government of Canada

September 14

[United for Ukraine: BC 211 connecting displaced Ukrainians arriving in BC](#)

BC 211

September 14

[As Amazon readies a Victoria warehouse, a hunt for couriers in a tight job market](#)

Vancouver Sun

September 17

PACIFIC IMMIGRANT RESOURCES SOCIETY

PIRS Annual General Meeting: November 8th 2022

Pacific Immigrant Resources Society's (PIRS) 47th Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**

We intend to hold the meeting in person at Creekside Community Centre in Vancouver. Hybrid meeting options may be available.

The meeting will feature

the election of new board members and officers

- presentation of the 2021 Annual Report
- presentation of the Mary Affleck Volunteer Award
- presentation of the George Sisters Award
- presentation of PIRS' bold new vision, mission and strategic direction

PIRS delivers accessible, inclusive, low-barrier programs for immigrant and refugee women and their children that create a sense of belonging, meaningful participation and leadership. Join us in celebrating the achievements of all those who contributed to PIRS' success this past year!

Save the date and I hope to see you there. We are accepting advanced RSVPs at this link:

[RSVP](#)

Hi MAP members

I'm passing along the pre-print of an upcoming journal article on the **settlement integrated mental health program that was piloted at ISSofBC. (Attached as PDF)**

Summary:

Refugees face significant barriers to accessing the public mental health system in Canada. This study investigated the effectiveness of a model of mental health care for refugees in which counselling services were coordinated through a settlement agency and delivered by a multilingual, culturally responsive, multidisciplinary team. The results suggest that the interventions had an important role in reducing symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD, and that participants were highly satisfied with their counselling experience

I hope this will be of interest to the membership.

With warm wishes and the greatest respect for this group and all the work you do.

Kirby

Dr. Kirby Huminuik
Registered Psychologist
Vancouver | British Columbia

Walk with your Doc



You're Invited: Walk With Your Doc

Date: September 22

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Green Timbers Urban Forest Park | 14600 100 Avenue

Since 2010 Walk With Your Doc, has been a catalyst for community relationships in healthcare.

Connection to community matters now more than ever. Walk With Your Doc brings together Family Physicians and patients together in an informal setting, encouraging greater shared understanding, and promoting the many health benefits of walking.

We warmly invite you to join us for this year's Walk With Your Doc.

Water and light refreshments will be provided after the walk and participants will receive a hip bag while quantities last.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Parachute Virtual Gathering for Seniors

During fall 2022 and winter 2023, a series of Community Conversations, co-created with seniors, are being held on various topics related to aging in place. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other seniors across Canada, talk to an expert, learn about resources available to them and share their own experiences if they wish.

Details:

- Events are at no cost
- Events will be 90 minutes or less in duration
- Participants will be able to participate via phone or online using Zoom
- Ample technology support will be provided before and during the events to ensure easy access and meaningful participation
- Highlights of the discussions and opportunities for action will be summarized and made available following the events

Session #1: Maintaining and Building Independence at Home

Date: September 21

Time: 9:00am to 10:30am

--> [Register Here](#)



CMS Weekly Update - Welcome to the 2022/23 academic Year

Fall 2022 programming includes:

- The "[CMS New Voices](#)" 2022/23 Speaker Series which will feature four new migration faculty in the Departments of Anthropology, Geography, and Sociology
- The 3-part workshop series "[Racialization and Settler Complicity](#)" which will explore the complicated interface of migration, colonization, and Indigeneity in Canada, in partnership with the David Lam Chair in Multicultural Education and the Canada Research Chair on Indigenous Peoples' Well-being
- Welcoming an inaugural cohort of CMS Fellows through the [CMS Fellows Program](#)
- [Grad Power Hours](#)
- Other diverse initiatives and [events](#) led by CMS and our Research Groups, including reading group sessions, panel events, workshops, competitions and conferences
- Our official CMS inauguration party!

As always, we invite anyone eligible to apply for **affiliation with CMS** via [this form](#)! Affiliation is an excellent way to stay abreast of the many opportunities and happenings at the Centre and to engage with migration and mobility scholars across UBC. We look forward to hearing from you!

Antje and the CMS team

[To see the entire Update please go here](#)

Registration for the CARFMS 2022 Conference – “Crisis” and Forced Migration: Manifestations of power in a changing world -- is now open!

Join us for the **14th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies**, hosted virtually in collaboration with United College at the University of Waterloo on November 2-4, 2022.

<https://pheedloop.com/carfms22/site/home/>

The 2022 CARFMS Conference will bring together researchers, policymakers, NGOs, practitioners, students, displaced persons, and advocates from diverse disciplinary and regional backgrounds to discuss how to claim, exercise, or resist power in response to the multiple, overlapping global forced migration crises that currently face the world.

Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/carfms22-crisis-and-forced-migration-tickets-375485716887>

Time is flying by!

Here's a quick reminder that **registration for the CCR Fall 2022 Consultation is open, and Early Bird rates are still available – though not for long!**



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

This consultation will address key challenges in our refugee and immigration system. Participants will learn, brainstorm, hear from and give input to government officials and share resources and strategies to respond to these issues in a series of workshops, caucuses, and meetings. We can't wait to exchange with you in person!

Key dates:

- **The event will take place from November 24-26, in Toronto**
- **Registration Early Bird rates run until October 14: [access the fee scale](#)**
- **Accommodation Early Bird rates run until October 3 : [hotel rooms at the Marriott Courtyard](#)**

Event details

- View our [preliminary program here](#) (subject to change)
- **For assistance:** either with the registration process or to discuss reductions or group rates, please do not hesitate to email us at consultation@ccrweb.ca

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

REPEATS

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

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (sal̓ikwataʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwətkwəlm), Squamish (Səwəwíʔmesh Uxwumixw) and Musqueam (məkwəkwəyem) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

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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**

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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 :

شماره تلفن 236 878 6295 ; parisas@burnabynh.ca

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CONVERSATION CIRCLES FOR FARSI/DARI SPEAKING SENIORS



SEP 14 TO DEC 15, 1:00 - 2:30 PM.
THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS, IN-PERSON

at 4460 Beresford Street, South BNH

In this program you will:

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| • Find new friends | Month of Sep | 14 & 28 |
| • Know your neighbours | Month of Oct | 5 & 19 |
| • Increase your knowledge in different areas | Month of Nov | 2 & 16 |
| • Improve your English. | Month of Dec | 7 & 21 |

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جلسات گفتگوی سالمندان فارسی/دري 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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| Month of Sep | 14 & 28 |
| Month of Oct | 5 & 19 |
| Month of Nov | 2 & 16 |
| Month of Dec | 7 & 21 |

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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!



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