



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 140
September 28, 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 – NEW Co-chair!!

MAP is super excited to announce our new co-chair: Sireen El Nashar, ED of Zaytuna Services Society and a long time MAP member. She has joined Thanh in 'active duty' already and we are all very grateful for her participation and the experience and wisdom she brings.

At the MAP meeting last week Sireen spoke about her own journey to Canada and desire to help those who have challenges with immigration. She is looking forward to being co-chair and working with all the agencies collaboratively.

Please join us in welcoming and supporting Sireen in her new role!

At the same meeting MAP members supported the role of the new MAP Advisory Council in assisting with MAP decision making and guiding the organization through Strategic Planning in the next months. The Advisory Council consists of:

Loren Balisky – Kinbrace

Iris Solorzano – Options

Brad Kinnie – Journey Home Community

Jennifer York - ISSofBC

Sherman Chan – MOSAIC

Gulalai Habib – Burnaby Neighbourhood House

MAP Executive members Thanh, Sireen and Jenny will attend in a listening and reporting role.

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

Thanh Lam, Sireen ElNashar and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive





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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.

Watch the hearing online

The Supreme Court hearing on our legal challenge of the Safe Third Country Agreement will be [webcast](#) on Thursday October 6, beginning at 9:30am Eastern.

Speak out in support of our legal challenge

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 favorable climate for people fleeing persecution. We hope to build more public support for people seeking Canada's protection, including for those crossing irregularly, and for remedies following the court decision that are positive for refugees. **Participate in an event in Vancouver**
Vancouver: there will be a rally outside the Vancouver Art Gallery (750 Hornby St). For details, contact Mariana Martinez Vieyra, mariana@vast-vancouver.ca.

Show your support through social media

We will be publishing a media release about the hearing early next week: check our [Media Room](#) and share it widely!
[Share our educational video](#) on your platforms! You can find us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



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**Hey, Canada:
stop turning
people back at
the border.**

Let's put an end to the Safe
Third Country Agreement.

BC Government Update regarding BCSIS Funding:

- As you may know, the BC Settlement & Integration Services (BCSIS) program recently received a funding lift for FY22/23 and FY23/24. BCSIS Stream B service providers, who focus on services for refugee claimants, were included as a part of this funding lift. Current contracts will expire on March 31, 2024.
- It is important to note that this was a *temporary* funding lift, valid only for this fiscal year and next. Ongoing funding for the BCSIS program beyond FY23/24 will need to be confirmed through the provincial budgeting process.
- Once the future funding is confirmed, we will then be in a position to launch a procurement for services, including services for refugee claimants. **MUNI expects this procurement for new services will likely take place in the Summer/Fall of 2023, with contracts in place as of April 1, 2024.**
- **We are sharing this information now to ensure refugee claimant-serving organizations are aware of this future opportunity. More information will be shared widely in the coming months regarding how and when to respond to the procurement. If you are interested in learning more about provincial funding opportunities, please ensure that your organization is aware of BC Bid and sign up for notifications.**
- If you have any questions, please pass them to Alex Kang, Alexander.Kang@gov.bc.ca

This update is also to be found in the [MAP Minutes for September 22](#)

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.



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

Available in PDF attached also

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.

You have two options to attend this invitation-only event.

IN-PERSON - Thursday, September 29

2PM – 5PM

515 W. 10th, Room 403

Tasty snacks from local caterer, Tayybeh (VLIP member) will be provided.

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

(Few seats are left. Please RSVP by today Sept 28th 4pm).

VIRTUAL - 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
- کارهای و تحصیل
- سیستم بیمه و درمان
- ارتباط با جامعه و کارهای داوطلبانه
- سیستم مالیاتی
- سیستم وسایل نقلیه عمومی
- مزایای اجنتمانی
- 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.





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
- Outreach support
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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
- Food hamper you can take home
- 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

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**Anonymous Survey:
Help be part of the solution for
International Medical Graduates
to access medical licensure**

This study has been approved by the UBC Research Ethics Board



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MOSAIC

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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.

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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-Nr6ljPUMQGscInJ4 or http://go.pardot.com/e/330341/3yKkeW2/b3mtr/351136264?h=cIZ8RChU1cTswYCBY_8GUSBkvS-Nr6ljPUMQGscInJ4.

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Yann Martel

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DIVERSEcity
ENTREPRENEUR
& **SMALL BUSINESS**
FAIR

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](#)

REPEATS

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



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.

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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!**



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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

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