



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 150

December 7, 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

- **As the year slowly winds down and submissions to the bulletin thin, we want to take the opportunity on this 150th edition to thank all those who mentioned the bulletin as a valued asset to MAP membership – thank you for your support!**

- **MAP Strategic Planning – Meeting to discuss our values**

In the light of survey responses and as part of the strategic overhaul of how MAP does its business, MAP's Executive and Advisory Council are meeting online next week to look at our **stated Values: humanity, integrity, neutrality, impartiality and respect** – to discuss if they still fit? what do they mean in our context? or if they should be replaced with others?

Members are warmly invited to send ideas supplemental to the survey. We are also open to considering a next stage meeting with members in early January (before January 13) if this is wanted. Please inquire at info@mapbc.org. Thank you!



Building a better MAP BC!

- **The weekly bulletin will appear on December 14 and then take a break until January 4th. Please make sure you get any time-sensitive notices in to info@mapbc.org by December 13 midday to be included before the holidays. .**

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

Thanh Lam, Sireen El Nashar and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive



YOU'RE INVITED!

TO THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS & PRESENTATION OF THE RENATE
SHEARER AWARD

Celebrating Award Recipient, Shanga Karim

December 8, 2022

Meet & Mingle at 5:30pm

Official Event From 6:00-7:00pm

Shanga Karim, beloved friend of MAP and many of its member agencies, will be awarded the Renate Shearer award tomorrow evening for her work in supporting the human rights of women.

You are invited to watch online by registering [HERE](#)

The online event starts at 6pm – the program is attached

Please join us to honor Shanga and all she has achieved, and continues to achieve, for human rights.

(PDF Program attached)

The Child and Youth Refugee Research Coalition (CYRRC) is pleased to share our new **podcast mini-series, *The Refuge: Policy Matters***. This three-episode series features discussions between policy makers, academics, community partners and people with lived experience about how to better support children, youth, and families with refugee experience in Canada. The episodes cover the following three themes:

- How to foster collaboration between policy makers, academics, and community
- School supports for children and youth with refugee experience
- How to help newcomers feel a sense of belonging in their new communities

Each episode has an accompanying policy brief with recommendations supported by evidence and lived experience.

We hope that these materials may help to inform your research and services for newcomers and to advocate for policy changes that will benefit newcomers to Canada. We would be very grateful if you would also share these materials within your organization and your networks.

The policy briefs and the podcast episodes can be found on our [website \(https://cyrrc.org/the-refuge/\)](https://cyrrc.org/the-refuge/). The episodes can also be found on [YouTube](#) or on any podcast streaming service by searching "The Refuge CYRRC".

About Us: The Child and Youth Refugee Research Coalition (CYRRC) is a national network of academics, community partners, and government agencies committed to promoting the integration of refugee youth and their families in Canada. We are funded by a 2.5M Partnership Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and have carried out more than 80 studies in the past five years.

DATALENS

CANADA LEADS THE G7 FOR THE MOST EDUCATED WORKFORCE, THANKS TO IMMIGRANTS, YOUNG ADULTS AND A STRONG COLLEGE SECTOR, BUT IS EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT LOSSES IN APPRENTICESHIP CERTIFICATE HOLDERS IN KEY TRADES

Leveraging these credentials is important [as more of the population nears retirement age](#). Moreover, Canada faces a labour crunch, with [high employment](#), [record-low unemployment](#) and [record-high job vacancies](#). Capitalizing on our highly educated population is key to ensuring that Canada has enough trained workers to fill the spaces left by retirements..... [Read more](#)

JOBS IN CANADA: NAVIGATING CHANGING LOCAL LABOUR MARKETS

Over several decades, the Canadian labour force has been shaped by many long-term demographic and social trends. The aging of the baby boom generation has contributed directly to declines in the proportion of adults participating in the labour force, raising questions about the future supply of labour and living standards. Given the need to ensure that there are enough workers with the right skills to fill the spaces left by retirements, education has played an increasingly important role in shaping employment opportunities, especially for higher-paying jobs.....[Read more](#)



HAS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CHANGED COMMUTING PATTERNS FOR GOOD?

Pandemic lockdowns and changes in how and where Canadians work during the pandemic alter the face of commuting in Canada in 2021.

Just over 2.8 million fewer Canadians were usually commuting in May 2021 than in May 2016. This includes just under 1.7 million fewer people travelling to work mainly by car, close to 1 million fewer usually taking public transit and 289,000 fewer usually walking or cycling to work....[Read more](#)

[Infographic: Going to college after finishing a degree](#)

[Infographic: Commuting in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic: What changed from 2016 to 2021?](#)

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



Refugee Research Network

- RRN Research Digest - December 1, 2022

[View full notice in your browser](#)

[Read Digest on RRN website](#)



Tentative Agenda

Provided by HIP Strategic Planning

Morning: Membership, Partner Agencies, & Advisory Council (3 Hours)

Purpose: Gather insights from the Membership in relation to the SOAR analysis that can inform the Advisory Committee to assist with decision making / prioritization

Present the results of the survey to ensure all voices heard

Outcome: Understand the perspective of the membership as a whole and what they see as the strengths, opportunities and aspirations for MAP BC. This foundational information will influence the Results and Goal discussion in the afternoon.

Afternoon : Advisory Council & Partner Agencies (3 hours)

Purpose: Results discussion and establish top 5 goals & related objectives for the next 3 years.

This discussion will be reflective of what was learned / heard in the AM from the broader membership.

Outcome: Set a clear direction and goals / objectives to guide MAP BC in the next 3 years as they continue to grow and evolve. To provide a framework for MAP BC's Advisory Council to use in decision making and prioritization.

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

Monday, December 12th

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Sevenoaks Alliance Church: 2575 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford

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

Limited spaces available. Registration required!

Physically distanced class following COVID-19 safety measures.

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

To register: email coordinator@inasmuch.ca

First Aid Training for those in the Abbotsford area.

To register please email: coordinator@inasmuch.ca



WelcomeBC

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



Thank you Gulalai (Burnaby Neighbourhood House) for sharing this news with MAP members:

Vancity Community Foundation is hiring several new positions. The new structure will allow the Foundation to have dedicated leadership and the necessary resources, while focusing on where it can grow and become more meaningful partners in addressing some of our society's most pressing issues.

As part of this restructure, 312 Main (which is a part of VCF) is also hiring two new positions. This will help the project take another step toward better supporting the members/tenants and the larger community the building is a part of.

Two new positions at 312 Main:

- [Managing Director](#)

- [Community and Membership Manager](#)

Additional new positions at VCF:

- [Director, Operations](#)
- [Director, Communications and Advocacy](#)
- [Evaluation Analyst](#)
- [Director, Community Programs](#)
- [Manager Community \(Reaching Home\)](#)
- [Communications and Administrative Coordinator \(Living Wage Campaign\)](#)
- [Manager, Housing Accelerator Program](#)
- [Loan Officer, Housing Accelerator Program](#)
- [Senior Manager, Resource Development \(Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Senior Manager, Marketing \(Philanthropy\)](#)

Please note that 312 Main will be prioritizing diversity and equity in the hiring process.

Please reach out at [Sean Condon@Vancity.com](mailto:Sean_Condon@Vancity.com) if you have any questions and I can direct you to the appropriate contact.

Thank you,

Sean Condon, Director of Social and Economic Innovation, Vancity Community Foundation



[Read this in your browser](#)

Recruit UBC Talent

Meet Students, New Graduates, and Alumni at In-Person Events

The Employer and Alumni Engagement team at the UBC Centre for Student Involvement and Careers would like to invite you and your organization to some of our upcoming recruitment events and offerings.

In this issue:

1. Upcoming in-person career fairs
1. Employer hosted information sessions are free
2. Partner with us



UBC Spring Career Fair

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm PST

Location: Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre

Register on [CareersOnline](#) by December 9 for the Early Bird Rate.

Organized by the Central Career Office at UBC. Meet students, new grads, and alumni from all faculties and schools while promoting your organization's full-time/part-time/Co-op/volunteer opportunities.

See Sponsorship Package details [here](#) or contact spring.fair@ubc.ca if you have any questions.