



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 152

January 4, 2023

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

- **Expressing our sadness at the tragic loss of life in the Immigration Holding Centre December 25, 2022**

MAP expresses our deep sadness in response to the passing of a detained individual at the IHC last week. With our work at the IHC, we know how vulnerable detainees at the IHC are, especially in regard to settlement and mental health needs. While we wait for more information, our IHC Support Team is debriefing to ensure that our staff are well supported during this challenging time.

- **MAP Strategic Planning – Meeting January 13, 2023**

As a MAP member you are warmly invited to attend the morning session on Friday January 13 (doors open 8:30 am) at Journey Home Community, 7175 Royal Oak Ave, Burnaby, BC V5J 4J3 (free parking). The Agenda is included in this bulletin. Lunch will be provided so if you wish to attend please respond to the Eventbrite invitation at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/map-bc-strategic-planning-day-tickets-490160843277>

Registration closes Tuesday Jan 10 at noon. Your voice is important!

Building a better MAP BC!

MAP Executive wishes all our member agencies a **Happy New Year** and a bright, productive and collaborative **2023!** We look forward to meeting up as much as possible and supporting all our members in their work to support refugee claimants and the creation of a better community of welcome and prosperity.

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants
Thanh Lam, Sireen El Nashar and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive



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.



Dear stakeholders,

I am pleased to inform you that the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) has now received approval for new Immigration Appeal Division Rules, 2022. The new IAD Rules will come into force on January 14, 2023.

The new Rules, which replace the old Rules introduced in 2002, will modernize the appeal process and help to ensure the IAD resolves appeals effectively, fairly and in accordance with the law. A [Summary of key changes to the Immigration Appeal Division Rules](#) is available on the IRB website.

You can learn more about the new IAD Rules once they are published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, along with a Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement that explains how we addressed your feedback when developing the new Rules.

In addition, in the coming weeks we will be offering information sessions for counsel. These sessions will be conducted virtually on Microsoft Teams. Recordings of the sessions will be made available. Additional information regarding these sessions will follow.

We are confident the new IAD Rules will help achieve our shared objective of ensuring greater access to justice for persons appearing before the IAD.

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

Dear stakeholders,

Counsel and stakeholder representatives are invited by the Immigration Appeal Division (IAD) of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) to attend a **virtual information session about the new IAD Rules**, which will come into force on January 14, 2023.

The objective of the information session is to help ensure counsel understand the new appeal process and their respective obligations. The session will include:

- new process of a typical appeal, including new time limits
- other important changes to the IAD Rules
- transitional provisions for pending appeals filed before coming into force

ENGLISH SESSION
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
12:30 p.m. PST
[REGISTER HERE](#)

The session will also include time for questions.

There will be one national session held in each official language. The dates are:

- [English session: Wednesday, January 11, 2023, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM PST](#)
- [French session: Friday, January 13, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM PST](#)

FRENCH SESSION
Friday, January 13, 2023
12:00 p.m. PST
[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Register today!](#)

You must register for this event. Please select the registration link above for either the English or French session and follow the registration instructions in your web browser. Once you have completed the registration, you will receive an email from the IRB with the connection details for the information session. Don't forget to add it to your calendar!

We hope you can join us at these information sessions and thank you for your continued support.

Suzanne Gilbert

Deputy Chairperson, Immigration Appeal Division

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

Free English Language Training

ALL NEWCOMERS ARE WELCOME

 **REFUGEE CLAIMANTS**

 **UKRAINIAN & AFGHAN NEWCOMERS**

Curriculum Will Include Topics Such As: Canadian Culture, Preparing for a Job Interview, Understanding Tenancy, Understanding Basic Banking in Canada, Financial Literacy and much more!

Registration opens: Dec. 30, 2022

Register online at: www.inasmuch.ca on the ESL Page

CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2023

**Classes Will Be Held at: Sevenoaks Alliance Church
2575 Gladwin Rd., Abbotsford**

Thank you to these sponsors!



Poster also attached

To register for free ESL training go to www.inasmuch.ca

Classes begin soon!



Building Bridges

Are you a skilled immigrant or refugee woman?
Are you interested in honing your skills to increase
employability? We can help you set and achieve
your career goals in 2023!

Join our **FREE 20-week Program**
on Thursdays 6 to 8:30 pm
February 23 - July 27, 2023
Online on Zoom with the possibility
of a few in-person sessions

This program welcomes skilled immigrant,
refugee and newcomer women with written
and verbal English at a Higher Intermediate
level (CLB 6/7) interested in developing
professional, interpersonal and leadership
skills.

You will gain

- Healthy self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improved public speaking, collaboration and facilitation,
digital and financial literacy skills
- Goal setting and project management skills through developing
and implementing a small personal project
- New connections and professional networks
- Mentorship and individualized support



PIRS is happy to share an announcement about the start of
a new cohort in 2023 of our signature program, **Building
Bridges for immigrant and refugee women!**

We've started recruitment and registration for the next
cohort of our Online Building Bridges (BB) program
commencing on February 23rd. Aimed at skilled immigrant
and refugee women interested in professional and career
development to increase their employability, the program
helps them elevate fundamental skills, build a network of
support, and plan pathways to meaningful career in
Canada. **Attached are the flier and a one-page program
description for more details about the program.**

We will host an online **Info Session on Thursday,
February 2nd** to provide more information and answer any
questions from the interested participants.

Please register for one of the Online Info Sessions
Thursday Feb 2nd: 1 - 2 pm / 6 - 7 pm
For registration, please contact Rabia Kaihan
Email: rkaihan@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608-4438



Also attached as 4 pages in PDF



PIRS Programs At-a-Glance | Winter & Spring 2023

Community English Classes

Multi-level English program (from beginner to intermediate) that allows participants to practice and improve their English language skills, make friends, gain self-confidence, and learn more about Canada.

	Vancouver	Burnaby	New Westminster	Surrey	Online
Dates	Winter: Jan 3 - Mar 10 (19 sessions)	Winter: Jan 3 - Mar 9 (20 sessions)	Winter: Jan 4 - Mar 8 (18 sessions)	Winter: Jan 3 - Mar 10 (19 sessions)	Winter: Jan 4 - Mar 8 (18 sessions)
	Spring: April 4 - June 16 (21 sessions)	Spring: Apr 4 - Jun 8 (20 sessions)	Spring: Apr 3 - Jun 19 (20 sessions)	Spring: Apr 4 - Jun 16 (20 sessions)	Spring: Apr 3 - Jun 19 (20 sessions)
Time	Tues/Fri: 9:15 am - 11:15 am	Tues/Thurs: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Mon/Wed: 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Tues/Fri: 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Mon/Wed: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Location	Tecumseh Elementary: 1850 E 41st Ave, Vancouver	Journey Home: 7175 Royal Oak Ave, Burnaby	Holy Trinity Community Hall: 514 Carnarvon St, New Westminster	ISS of BC Surrey Guildford: 10334 152A St #301, Surrey	Online
Contact to register	Anna Xia (English/Mandarin) Email: gxia@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4208	Marianna Gassmann (English/Spanish) Email: mgassmann@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608-4298	Zarina Ali (English/Dari/Farsi/Pashto/ Russian) Email: zali@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4285	Rabia Kaihan (English/Dari/Farsi) Email: rkaihan@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4438	Zarina Ali (English/Dari/Farsi/ Pashto/Russian) Email: zali@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4285

Moving Forward

English language program for immigrant or refugee women who speak Intermediate English and are ready to start exploring their options: continuing education, networking, volunteering and career opportunities.

Dates Winter: Jan 10 - Mar 9 (18 sessions) Spring: Apr 4 - Jun 8 (20 sessions)	Time Tuesday and Thursday afternoon 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Location Online	Contact Anna Xia (English/Mandarin) Email: gxia@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4208
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Family Literacy and Parenting Programs

My Tween and Me (English) | A program for immigrant and newcomer parents with children 7-13 years old.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Jan 23 - Mar 13, 2023 (6 sessions for parents + 2 parent-tween sessions)	Mondays: 12:30 - 2:30 pm	Online	Anna Xia (English/Mandarin) Email: gxia@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4208

My Tween and Me (Mandarin) | A program for immigrant and newcomer parents with children 7-13 years old, taught in Mandarin.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Jan 27 - Mar 17, 2023 (6 sessions for parents + 2 parent-tween sessions)	Fridays: 12:30 - 2:30 pm	Online	Anna Xia (English/Mandarin) Email: gxia@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4208

Nobody's Perfect | A program for immigrant and newcomer parents with children 0-5 years old.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Jan 17 - Feb 21, 2023 (6 sessions)	Tuesdays: 12:30 - 2:30 pm	Online	Anna Xia (English/Mandarin) Email: gxia@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4208

Food Skills for Families

This program teaches newcomer women how to prepare and cook new and unfamiliar foods that are local to Canada while developing nutritional knowledge and budgeting skills. Bus tickets provided. Free childcare available for children 18 months - 5 years old.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Feb 1 - Mar 22, 2023	Wednesdays: 11:30 am - 2:30pm	659 East 52nd Ave, Vancouver (Peace Church)	Marianna Gassmann (English/Spanish) Email: mgassmann@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608-4298



Get Support

Outreach Support

PIRS multilingual team of Outreach Support Workers (OSW) provide one-on-one system navigation and peer mentorship support.

Anna Xia (Mandarin)
Email: gxia@pirs.bc.ca
Phone: (778) 608 4208

Marianna Gassmann
(Spanish)
Email:
mgassmann@pirs.bc.ca
Phone: (778) 608 4298

Zarina Ali
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Phone: (778) 608 4285

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

Olena Zabrodka
(Ukrainian/Russian)
Email:
ozabrodka@pirs.bc.ca
Phone: (778) 608 4118

Ukrainian Women Support Circle | **Information session: December 19, 2022 | 6-7 pm | online**

Support group for Ukrainian women to connect and focus on wellbeing and self-care. *Facilitated in Ukrainian.*

Dates
January 16 - March 20,
2023 (10 sessions)

Time
Monday evenings
6 - 8 pm

Location
Online

Contact
Olena Zabrodka (Ukrainian/Russian)
Email: ozabrodka@pirs.bc.ca
Phone: (778) 608 4118

Food Access

This program provides weekly healthy food hampers and care packages to families with children living in a low-income bracket or on social assistance.

Location 1
South Vancouver Family
Place

Location 2
Journey Home Community, Burnaby

Contact
Marianna Gassmann (English/Spanish)
Email: mgassmann@pirs.bc.ca
Phone: (778) 608 4298



Women's Leadership and Development Programs | For immigrant and refugee women with Intermediate level of English

Building Bridges

The 20-week program supports participants to hone their professional, interpersonal and leadership skills, and increase **employability**. It focuses on skill development in public speaking, communication, collaboration, facilitation, and digital and financial literacy for employment.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
February 23 - July 27, 2023	Thursday (weekly): 6 pm - 8:30 pm	Online with a few in-person sessions	Rabia Kaihan (English/Dari/Farsi) Email: rkaihan@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4438

Pathways to Childcare Careers

Occupation-specific English training program at CLB 5 and 6 level for women interested in working in the **early learning and childcare field**, and includes 40-hour paid work experience placement, Responsible Adult / First Aid / Foodsafe certification.

Eligibility: permanent residents, convention refugees or protected persons, CUET (to be confirmed). Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required. Final acceptance is contingent on the Criminal Record Check clearance.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Spring: Jan 3 - Mar 31, 2023 Summer: June 5 - Sept 8, 2023* exact dates, times & location TBD	Mon - Fri (except Wed) 9:15 am - 2:45 pm (instruction) 2:45 pm-3:15 pm (tutorial)	Online with some in-person sessions 7485 Salisbury Ave, Burnaby	Arlene Ordonez Email: childcare@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608-4168

Rainbow Refugee wants to share with you two positions that we are hiring for:

- Time to Thrive Program Coordinator and
- Clinical Counsellor.

<https://www.rainbowrefugee.com/jobs>

Please share with your network, participants on your programs and anyone who you think is a good fit for either of the positions.

Thank you,

With warmth and care,

Nazanin

Nazanin Moghadami نازنین مقدمی [pronounce](#)

Time to Thrive Program Manager

Phone: 604.339.2424



MAP (Multi-Agency Partnership) Bulletin January 4, 2023



Where4Care: Multiple Languages

Please see the "Where4Care" posters to help patients in our community find the primary care they need in the appropriate places.

The poster is translated into Punjabi, Arabic and Simplified Chinese.

Please consider printing some copies and/or directing your clients who are seeking non-emergency primary care to snddocs.org where they can access these posters and other community health information about finding care over the holidays.

Where4Care Posters

[Where4Care Social Media Campaign](#)

- > [English](#)
- > [Punjabi](#)
- > [Arabic](#)
- > [Simplified Chinese](#)



Resources for Childhood Respiratory Illnesses

- BC Family Doctors has compiled [a list of helpful resources](#) for families of children with respiratory illnesses. It includes: [Children's Medication Shortage \(pharmacists.ca\)](#): Guidance for families on when and how to use these products, and when to speak with a health-care professional for advice.
- [Information for parents seeking medical care for children \(ChildHealthBC.ca\)](#): This resource can help families assess and decide if their child needs medical care. Translations available in [Arabic](#), [Punjabi](#) and [Simplified Chinese](#).
- [8-1-1 HealthLink BC](#): Families can speak to a registered nurse any time, every day of the year.
- [How to Protect Yourself During Respiratory Illness Season](#): Information from the First Nations Health Authority.

HealthLinkBC also has a comprehensive list of information and options that can be found [HERE](#).



Exciting Grant Opportunities in 2023

As you begin planning for the new year, we are excited to announce [BIPOC Grants](#), and [Participatory Action Research \(PAR\)](#) grants launching in January! Please visit our [Grant Updates page](#) to stay informed as we will continue to release more information for new grant opportunities and updates to existing programs.

Participatory Action Research Grants

[Participatory Action Research Grants \(PAR\)](#) support research that is co-led by community members and researchers to learn more about the root causes of pressing issues impacting the health of communities. There are two different grant types available, Convene (one-year) or Investigate (multi-year), depending on the stage of your project in the participatory action research process. **Full applications for Convene grants & stage 1 of Investigate grants open on January 16, 2023.** Visit the [PAR webpage](#) to see more key dates.

We'd like to encourage you to download our [PAR Guidelines](#) and [Decision-Making Framework](#) to learn about PAR and decide which grant meets the needs of your research project.

LEVEL BIPOC Grants

The [LEVEL BIPOC Grants](#) are flexible, general operating grants of \$50,000 for BIPOC-led organizations in BC to support work in racial equity and racial justice. Addressing racial inequities and injustices is important systems change work, and racialized communities are at the forefront of solutions by and for their communities. These grants are intended to be used at the discretion of these organizations based on their need and priorities to ultimately support the aspirations and hopes of BIPOC leaders in their work to advance racial justice. [Learn more about why Vancouver Foundation offers LEVEL BIPOC Grants.](#)

Stage 1 for LEVEL BIPOC Grants opens on January 23, 2023. Visit the [LEVEL BIPOC Grant page](#) to see more key dates. Have questions about this granting opportunity? Download the [2023 BIPOC Grant frequently asked questions](#) resource to find your answers.

Visit our [Grant Seekers page](#) to learn about the grants we offer and our commitment to grant seekers.



Join the team as one of our three new Co-Executive Directors! (2 pages!)

The CCR is hiring three new Co-Executive Director positions to lead the staff team! Reporting to CCR's Executive Committee, the Co-Executive Directors are a part of an exciting new senior leadership team at the CCR which is structured as a tri-partied Co-Executive Directors, each functioning as lead subject matter experts of their portfolio of responsibilities.

Collaborative management

The Co-Executive Directors seek the input and agreement of their peers, striving for consensus in decisions impacting the whole of the organization. While individual CCR team members will report to individual Co-Executive Director's, cross-organizational collaboration is vital for the success of the CCR.

They contribute to the organizational culture through co-creation and enactment of policy, participation in staff and executive meetings and retreats, and involvement in opportunities across the sector that further the mission of the CCR.

Summary of the positions

Co-Executive Director of Programs, Policy and Government Relations

The Co-Ed of Programs, Policy and Government Relations oversees the policy development and advocacy work of the CCR, with a focus on consultation and consensus building. They are responsible for initiating and maintaining relationships with key representatives in government, and for collaborating in the development of strategic messages and campaigns.

[Read more](#)



Co-Executive Director of Human Resources and Operations

The Co-Executive Director of Human Resources and Operations oversees administration, financial management, people and culture and directly supervises the Operations Senior Manager.

[Read more](#)

Co-Executive Director of Development, Communications and Membership

The Co-Executive Director of Development, Communications and Membership designs and oversees the implementation of the annual development communications and membership plans. They are responsible for initiating and maintaining partnerships with government and philanthropy as well as cultivating and nurturing relationships with a diverse, cross-country individual donor and member base. They collaborate with the Co-EDs in the development of strategic messages and campaigns.

[Read more](#)

Working Conditions (applies to all three positions):

35 hours a week

Based in Montreal (adaptations could be considered for the right candidate)

Work in a shared office environment with flexibility given for remote work

Salary Range: \$75,000 – \$85,000 annual basis

Three (3) weeks of vacation time during year of employment

Personal & Sick Days

Application process

The CCR encourages applications from refugees, immigrants, people of colour, Indigenous and LGBTQIA+ people.

Candidates are encouraged to send a cover letter and CV to recruitment@ccrweb.ca by January 17, 2023. That said, positions will remain open until filled.



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

The CCR Youth Network (YN) is starting to plan its 2023 **Youth Action Gathering** (YAG)!

We are seeking CCR members interested in contributing to the planning of the event. If this is you, we invite you to participate in a virtual **meeting on Wednesday, January 18.**

The [Youth Action Gathering](#), happening annually, is designed as a safe space for young refugees and newcomers across Canada to meet in-person at a national level to achieve the following objectives:

- Build networks, solidarity and momentum among newcomer youth and allies from across Canada;
- Offer newcomer youth from across the country an opportunity to learn from international refugee advocates, as well as to network with youth leaders from other countries;
- Provide a space for newcomer youth to develop their leadership and engagement on the common challenges affecting them;
- Equip refugee and immigrant youth with useful skills and resources to increase awareness on the issues identified and to plan actions to address them at the national level.

Some meeting objectives include:

- Confirming interest of members and capacity to commit to a 2023 YAG planning committee;
- Exploring how members can offer leadership experience to youth newcomers in the YAG planning process;
- Planning a draft timeline for the months leading up to the YAG.

If you have any questions, please email Shilik Hamad at shamad@ccrweb.ca.

2023 YAG planning **When: Wednesday, January 18 starting at 10:00am Pacific**
The meeting will last 90 minutes.

REGISTER

Happy New Year! I am writing to share a job opportunity on my team.

The Conference Board of Canada

Employment opportunity: 8-month contract
Role: Research Associate, Immigration

Reports to: Associate Director, Immigration Research

Location: Remote working arrangement within Canada

The ideal candidate will be a skilled researcher with a demonstrated interest in public policy, economics, and/or supporting improvements to Canada's immigration system. They will bring exceptional writing, quantitative and qualitative analysis skills, intellectual curiosity and passion and commitment to a culture that values high quality, creativity and thought leadership. The successful candidate will be part of a professional research and convening team and will undertake integrated, non-partisan, applied research for public policy and private sector decision-makers.

For the full job ad, see:

<https://conferenceboard.bamboohr.com/careers/45>

If you want to know more, please feel free to reach out to me at dennler@conferenceboard.ca

Thanks,

Kathryn Dennler (she)

Researcher affiliated with the Centre for Refugee Studies and the Refugee Law Lab at York University

Recent research:

- *Deporting Refugees: Hidden Injustice in Canada* <https://romerohouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Report-on-deportation.pdf>
- *Deportation Data Repository: Statistics and Documents Relating to Deportation of People with a Refused Refugee Claim* <https://refugeelab.ca/projects/deportation-data/>



Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest –
December 15, 2022**

[Read Digest on RRN website](#)

REPEATS

Dear Community Partners,

Please feel free to share with clients and volunteers:

Do you want to start your career as a Community and Health Interpreter, but need to enhance your skills? Then this training program is for you!

Options Community Services has launched the Community and Health Interpreter training program to give you the know-how employers are looking for.

For more info, register for an upcoming info session! [See the flyer here and attached.](#)



Make a DIFFERENCE.
Help bridge the communication gap.

Community and Healthcare Interpreter Training Program

INFORMATION SESSIONS

This program offers:

- 11 weeks of online learning of employability and occupational skills training
- 12 weeks of work experience at an organization that matches the Participants interests and abilities (including peer mentorship and job search support)
- 2 weeks of follow-up support
- Possible living allowance provided

Eligibility:

- Must be referred by WorkBC
- EI Eligible: currently receiving EI or EI Reachback
- Earned more than \$2,000 in insurable earnings and paid EI premiums on those earnings in at least 5 of the last 10 years
- BCEA/BCEA-PWD clients
- Must have a LINC 7 or 8

Earn certificates in:

- Community, Healthcare and Mental Health Interpreting
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training
- Emergency First Aid /CPR Level C
- Basic Counselling - Statement of Completion

DATES

December 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21

TIME

Morning Session
10:00 - 11:30 am

Afternoon Session
1:00 - 2:30 pm

For details, please contact the program:

Email:

pbimt_3@options.bc.ca

Phone:



This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.



Introducing our new website!

We've just launched the new vancouverfoundation.ca and invite you to come check it out

Be assured that you will continue to receive the same level of support from us. The new site does not affect any current grant applications or upcoming grant program timelines.

What's new on our website

- Homepage is easier to navigate
- Mobile and tablet-friendly
- More [stories of funded projects](#)
- [All our grant programs on one page](#)
- Improved digital accessibility

[Visit the new
vancouverfoundation.ca](https://vancouverfoundation.ca)



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Centre for Migration Studies

New episode of the Global Migration Podcast is now available:

[Belonging in Unceded Territory](#)

Canada is lauded for its multiculturalism and being a welcoming host society to migrant newcomers. But discourses around settlement and integration tend to ignore the realities of Canada's status as a settler colonial state. What would it mean to take seriously the fact that these are Indigenous lands to which Canada has no right to offer welcome? Can practices of immigration and settlement be reconciled with the possibility of decolonization? These are the questions that brought together partners in Coast Salish territories – or, Vancouver, BC – for a multi-year research collaboration called "Belonging in Unceded Territory." With newcomer and Indigenous community members from [Frog Hollow Neighborhood House](#), [migration scholars from CMS](#), and staff from [Immigrant Services Society of BC](#) and the [Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC](#), space is being made for new narratives of belonging. What will they be?

Visit our [website](#) to tune in and discover other episodes!



Call for Community Partner Projects: Information & Data Design Course

UBC's **INFO 300 (Information and Data Design)** course is looking for Community Partners to provide Community Engaged Learning projects for students.

Description: User experience (UX) is concerned with every aspect of the user's interaction with a product, service, or organization that make up the user's perceptions of the whole. UX design as a discipline encapsulates elements such as website design, applications design (desktop or mobile), interaction design, user research, and usability assessment of products or services.

In this course, undergraduate students will **learn the fundamentals of UX design and work on a major group project to apply the skills learned throughout the course.** The students' projects can be focused on a variety of topics/areas related to UX such as (but not limited to):

- Conducting user research to identify opportunities for re-design of a product or service;
- Designing a user interface prototype for a product or service based on a series of requirements;
- Conducting a usability evaluation of a product or service to identify current interaction pain points and propose design solutions to mitigate findings.

Course timeline: From January 9th, 2023 to April 14th, 2023.

Engagement Details: The community-engaged learning (CEL) model in this course is a **project-based engagement.** Students will meet with their partnering organization three to four times throughout the semester. Meetings will be held in person or virtually (whichever is preferred).

What will students learn from this experience?

- 1.How to execute a UX project with an organization in our community
- 2.How to interact with different stakeholders from different milieus
- 3.How to recognize and account for the needs of a not-for-profit organization in their design practice; and 4) contribute to the life of a not-for-profit organization in our community.

For more information please contact St-Cyr, Olivier: ostcyr@mail.ubc.ca.



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés



The CCR Youth Network (YN) is seeking 6-9 youth newcomers/refugees to join its Core Team for the year 2023-24. **Our Core Team consists of young refugees and newcomers from across Canada, ages 16-25, regardless of status.**

Each member takes on a specific role in collaborating virtually to plan in-person and online initiatives on issues youth newcomers care about! These initiatives include [webinars](#), workshops, campaigns, [Youth Action Gatherings](#), CCR events, and [much more](#).

By being part of the core team, youth will be provided the opportunity to:

- Influence the future directions of the Youth Network and the CCR in policy and government relations.
- Work with Core Team members to plan the '23 Youth Action Gathering, participate in CCR events and create additional Youth Network initiatives.
- Travel to in-person events (happening throughout the year) such as Core Team retreats, the CCR Consultation and meetings, and the Youth Action Gathering
- Develop leadership, organizational, facilitation, and public speaking skills.
- Bring the voice of your community into policy related conversations.
- Stay up to date with immigration and settlement policies.
- Network with CCR members, academics, policy makers, advocates and mentors.

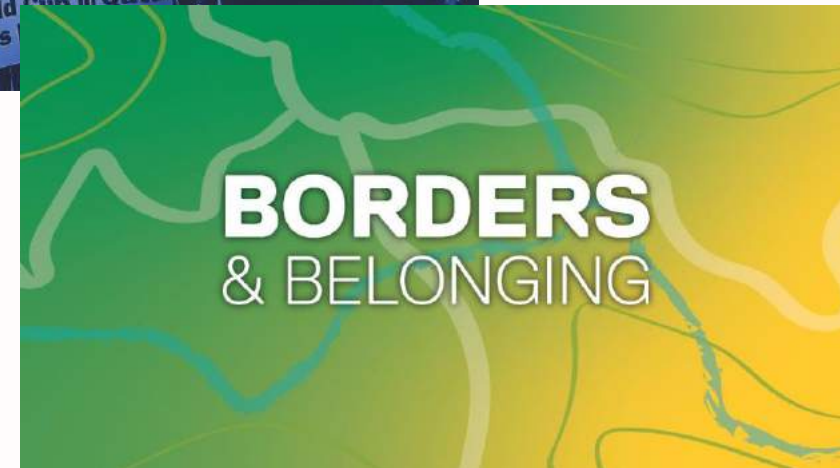
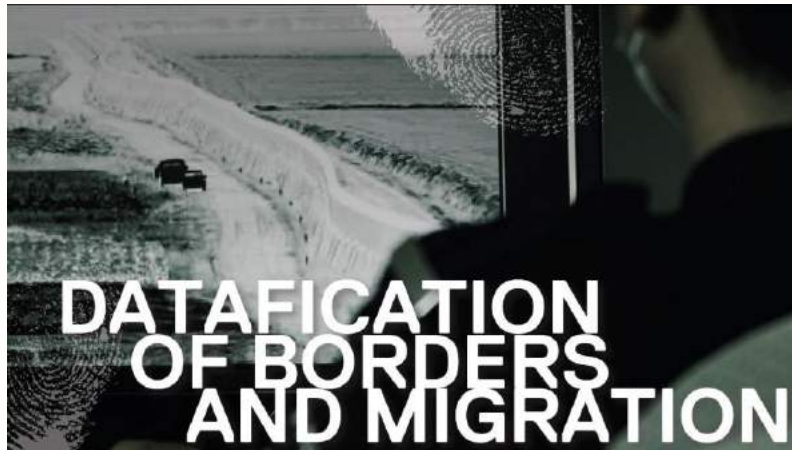
Application process

The CCR encourages applications from refugees, immigrants, people of color, Indigenous people, those with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ people. Do you work with or know of youth that would be interested in this volunteer position? Share this opportunity and encourage them to **apply online** before **January 16, 2023!**

If you have any questions or need any accommodation, please email: Shilik Hamad, Youth Network Coordinator at shamad@ccrweb.ca. Follow us on Instagram for more updates about the Youth Network at: [@CCRYouthNetwork](#)

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