



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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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

- **Thank you to everyone who submitted a completed survey for the MAP Strategic Plan. We had a whopping 41 agencies respond so MAP is very well represented.**
- **The MAP Advisory Council met with HIP Strategic Consulting to discuss steps in creating a new MAP Vision and will continue to discuss the Values. Members are welcome to join a meeting in early December to discuss MAP's values. Please inquire.**
- **MAP Strategic Planning Day – led by Angie McLeod of HIP Strategic Planning Friday January 13 – at Journey Home Community, Burnaby in person (see Agenda over) You are encouraged to join!**

Building a better MAP BC!



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

MAP Strategic Planning January 13th Tentative Agenda

(will be confirmed in early January)

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,

On December 1, 2022, the IRB's Edmonton office will move from its downtown location to Sprucewoods Business Park. The address is 8915 51st Ave. NW.

The new location will include:

- a room for members
- an interpreter room
- two dry cells with dedicated washrooms
- a secure corridor for transporting detainees to and from hearing rooms

In the months after the move, the IRB will add a fenced external compound (sally port) to the side of the building. This will allow Canada Border Services Agency officers to transport detainees to and from the site safely and securely.

The IRB will not hold in-person hearings in Edmonton between December 2 and December 16, 2022. We will use this time to test our equipment and systems. In-person hearings will resume when the new location opens on **December 19, 2022.**

Like the current location, the new Sprucewoods location will continue to be used exclusively for hearings. It will not be a full-service office. If you need to communicate with Divisions in the Western Region, you should reach them as you do now. Depending on each Division's policy, you may have access to:

- electronic communication
- mail / in-person at our Vancouver office

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

Richard Wex

Chairperson,

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

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



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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.

This report from Parliament (Report of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration) may be of interest to some:

[Promoting Fairness in Canadian Immigration Decisions \(ourcommons.ca\)](https://ourcommons.ca)

Relevant recommendations included in the report are an independent oversight of the CBSA, addressing the uneven support, in terms of policy, given to the plight of Ukrainians vis-a-vis other refugee groups, the high number of refusals of applications from African countries, and analyzing the use of Artificial Intelligence in the sorting out of applications.

Recommendation 2. That Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada extend the special measures offered to Ukrainians, including the measure to allow for sponsorship of extended family members, to those from other countries and regions that are faced with humanitarian crises

Recommendation 4. That the Government of Canada conduct a comprehensive racial equity review of Canada's immigration and refugee system, including legislation, regulations, policies and priorities.

Recommendation 17. That the Government of Canada create an independent oversight body for the Canada Border Services Agency and that its mandate includes addressing racism and complaints about racism.

Recommendation 18. That the Government of Canada implement mandatory and regular seminar style anti-bias, anti-racism and cultural awareness training for all staff at the Canada Border Services Agency, from management to front line agents.

Recommendation 19. That the Government of Canada require an independent assessment and oversight by IT security experts of Chinook, e-tools and the expansion of the use of artificial intelligence in immigration on a mandatory basis

REPEATS



Hello, Please share this in your networks

ICA is excited to announce our upcoming online Bystander Intervention Training Sessions! This training provides individuals practical ways to navigate tough conversations and situations around race. Our two-part training is for individuals of all ages who want to move beyond silence and be active upstanders when they see instances of racism or discrimination. [Click here to register for sessions on Thursday, December 1 and Monday, December 5, 6-8:30pm](#)

Participants will learn:

- how to recognize and respond to racist incidents
- the history and practices of Bystander Intervention
- strategies to interrupt racism in different contexts and spaces
- how to de-escalate situations and use active listening skills

[Space is limited, sign up today!](#)

Please email Tari at tmurwira@icavictoria.org with any questions. I look forward to seeing you on December 1st.
Sincerely,

Tari Murwira
Community Engagement Coordinator

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Transforming Employment Narratives: Inspired by Refugee Claimants and Employers

- **Kinbrace Community Society** is seeking proposals from experienced individuals and teams to support in curriculum design and delivery of the inaugural Transforming Employment Narratives program, under the direction of the Kinbrace team and the Achieving Financial Mobility Advisory Committee.

The deadline to submit a proposal is Sunday Dec 4, 2022 at 11:59PM Pacific time

Please let me know if you have any questions.

I appreciate your help and support.

[Mohammed Zaqout](#)

Achieving Financial Mobility Project Coordinator

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CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS



The BIPT/Burnaby LIP is looking for new members for its Immigrant Advisory Council.

The Immigrant Advisory Council provides input and feedback on the BIPT activities and serves as a source of diverse perspectives on emerging issues and opportunities that maybe significant for the work that the BIPT does.

The Advisory Council members must live/work in Burnaby.

These individuals represent a range of countries of origin, length of time in Canada, occupational backgrounds, ages and genders and various forms of diversity.

They must have experience, knowledge, abilities, or skills related to immigrant integration and are non-partisan.

Get to know our existing members by reading their short bios [here](#).

If you are interested in joining the council, please fill out the attached form and email it as an attachment to Ana Maria at abustamante@burnabyfamilylife.org

APPLY NOW

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YOUR CENSUS NEWS UPDATES FROM
STATISTICS CANADA

DATALENS

THE CANADIAN CENSUS: A RICH PORTRAIT OF THE COUNTRY'S RELIGIOUS AND ETHNOCULTURAL DIVERSITY

More than 450 ethnic or cultural origins were reported in the 2021 Census. The top origins reported by Canada's population, alone or with other origins, were "Canadian" (5.7 million people), "English" (5.3 million), "Irish" (4.4 million), "Scottish" (4.4 million) and "French" (4.0 million).

In 2021, over 19.3 million people reported a Christian religion, representing just over half of the Canadian population (53.3%). However, this proportion is down from 67.3% in 2011 and 77.1% in 2001.

Approximately 12.6 million people, or more than one-third of Canada's population, reported having no religious affiliation. The proportion of this population has more than doubled in 20 years, going from 16.5% in 2001 to 34.6% in 2021....[Read more](#)

IMMIGRANT POPULATION BY SELECTED PLACES OF BIRTH, ADMISSION CATEGORY AND PERIOD OF IMMIGRATION

These interactive charts show the distribution of the immigrant population by selected places of birth and by various geographic regions in Canada. Two charts are presented: one is for places of birth and the second, geographic areas.

[Immigrant population by selected places of birth, admission category and period of immigration, 2021 Census](#)



NEXT CENSUS RELEASE ON NOVEMBER 30:
Education, Labour, Language of work
Commuting, Instruction in the minority official language

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Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -
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