



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 155

February 1, 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

MAP's new Vision, Mission and Values

We have received lots of input about the proposed new Vision and Values plus the tweaking of the Mission for MAP. They are listed inside. If you have any other suggestions, please let Jenny know at info@mapbc.org or contact one of the co-chairs or the MAP Advisory Council. Thank you!

Save the date with your clients!

MAP's Information Working Group is organizing its next event: ***Building Connections: An Interactive Information and Resource Fair for Refugee Claimants*** to be held on **April 1 at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House**. Part information fair and part social the event will encourage claimants to meet and make new acquaintances, as well as gather important information which we hope YOU as agencies will provide along with some vital external organizations. Stay tuned for an email invitation and a poster to share with your clients!

Jenny retires! It was announced at MAP and via email that Jenny will retire on March 31 to get on with some other goals in life and generally sleep in till 8 am every day!! A new full-time position will be shared soon and hopefully a part time assistant position so that MAP can achieve more of its goals as established in our recent strategic planning process. It is with a very sad heart that Jenny leaves MAP, but she will stay involved voluntarily one way or another as this has been one of the most rewarding passages of her life and she has made some wonderful friends. Stay tuned!

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

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

MAP's Proposed new Vision:

A world where refugee claimants thrive with dignity, equity, and belonging.

MAP's current Mission open to refinement:

The mission of MAP is to work collaboratively to identify barriers and (provide) solutions to promote the protection and well-being of refugee claimants and service providers, by facilitating networking and information sharing.

Proposed new Values:

- **Humanity** - MAP governs its work by justice and compassion for the refugee claimants we work alongside.
- **Respect** - MAP bases its relationships and work on valuing others and their contributions, as well as maintaining the integrity of MAP's mandate.
- **Equity** - MAP strives to create opportunities where refugee claimants experience equal and just outcomes.
- **Collaboration** - MAP works together to multiply our impact in an atmosphere of trust and care, and using our collective voice towards a common goal.
- **Inclusive** - MAP believes that all refugee claimants have a right to participate and lead the dialogue about their lives and opportunities.
- **Safe** - MAP commits to providing an environment for discussion and activities free of judgement where refugee claimants and member agencies can feel confident and empowered to express their opinions and ideas
- **Championing** - As a unique network MAP will always speak up for the rights and wellbeing of refugee claimants and look for opportunities to influence change positively



See events listed for Froghollow neighbours open to refugee claimants – for more information read [Froghollow's newsletter](#)

Posters attached also



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

For all newcomers, permanent residents, refugee claimants and naturalized citizens.

Join us to make friends, have fun & practise English

3 MONDAYS
FEB 13, 27 & MAR 6, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00PM

IN-PERSON

@FROG HOLLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
2131 RENFREW ST. VANCOUVER

FREE Child-minding & refreshments are provided!



Contact Maysa to register:
236-688-6297
maysa@froghollow.bc.ca

Funded by / Financé par:



For families/caregivers with children 0-6

FAMILY DROP-IN PROGRAM

EVERY MON, TUE & WED
09:30 AM - 11:30 AM

@2131 Renfrew St. Vancouver
Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House



JAN 9 - MAR 8 & MAR 27-29, 2023

FREE
DROP-IN STYLE
LIMITED SPACE
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
HOT LUNCH PROVIDED
NO REGISTRATION
IN-PERSON ONLY

INQUIRIES?

Contact Diane at
604-506-2131, or
dianec@froghollow.bc.ca

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Nadie es Perfecto

PROGRAMA PARA PADRES

Para padres con niños de 0 a 5 años

Seis sábados, 12:30pm - 3:00pm,
11 de febrero a 18 de marzo, 2023

En persona en Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House

Conozca a otros padres con hijos pequeños

Comparta preguntas, inquietudes e ideas acerca de la crianza

Trabaje junto al apoyo de facilitadores entrenados

Discuta situaciones reales sobre la crianza

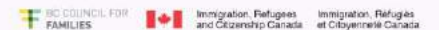
Descubra pautas positivas para criar a sus hijos

- El programa será realizado en español
- Facilitadoras: María Helena y Erika
- Almuerzo ligero y cuidado de niños mayores de 18 meses disponible
- Nuevos inmigrantes y residentes permanentes son bienvenidos

Inquietudes y registros

Contacte a Erika al
604-773-4769, or
erika@froghollow.bc.ca

Funded by / Financé par:



Library Information Session for Newcomers to Canada

Tuesday, February 14
3 pm – 4 pm

A Virtual Session Held over ZOOM



Join us in an interactive discussion and learn about free programs and services available through Vancouver Public Library (VPL). Topics will include:

- Library Cards
- Literacy-based programs for all ages
- Career and job search resources
- Digital Databases
- Library Champions Program


FREE

To register, please contact
Ally or Elmir at volunteer.vanrich@issbc.org

For more information: 604.665.3974 | vpl.ca/events

Join the conversation: [@VPL](#) [/vancouverpubliclibrary](#)



A partnership program:  ISSofBC

**Posters
attached**

These events are hosted by MAP's partners at Vancouver Public Library. The library information session is geared to assisting newly arrived refugees in partnership with ISSofBC



ESL Conversation Practice

Wednesdays, Jan. 11 – Mar. 29
2 – 3 p.m.

Britannia Branch
1661 Napier Street



Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners.

This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers.

FREE

Registration required.

For more information: 604.665.2222 | vpl.ca/events

Join the conversation: [@VPL](#) [/vancouverpubliclibrary](#)



Together with the BC Refugee Hub, AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network would like to invite staff from your organization to attend our upcoming webinars on *Human Trafficking and Exploitation*, and *Scams and Fraud* in February 2023.

Human Trafficking and Exploitation – What Newcomers Need to Know

Thursday February 9, 2023 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. PST

Newcomers to Canada have unique risk factors for exploitation and human trafficking. This webinar will provide a practical introduction into warning signs, indicators and strategies for newcomers and the community who work with youth and vulnerable adults in addressing exploitation and human trafficking. The webinar will also cover immigration fraud and the most common types of exploitation seen by the CBSA.

Target audience: his webinar is targeted to those working with and supporting newcomer refugees, displaced Ukrainians and refugee claimants, including staff from all community service organizations, educational institutions and other stakeholders.

Speakers:

Jessica Waddell, Criminal Investigator, Canada Border Services Agency

Cpl Marlies Dick, NCO i/c Provincial Counter Exploitation Unit, RCMP 'E' Division Major Crimes

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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**Scams and Fraud – What Newcomers Need to Know
Monday February 13, 2023 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. PST**

It takes newcomers time to adjust to Canadian life and settle in. Many are unaware of standard government processes or authentic ways of sharing their banking or personal information with organizations, making them easy targets for various frauds and scams. In 2022, over 56,000 individuals were scammed and \$530 million CAD was lost to fraud, according to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. The webinar will begin with an introductory look at police in Canada, and when to contact emergency services. It will explore the various types of phishing techniques that criminals employ and some of the top scams impacting newcomers. This webinar will then go over the key security features on the Canadian bank notes and provide information on how to check for counterfeits.

Target audience: his webinar is targeted to those working with and supporting newcomer refugees, displaced Ukrainians and refugee claimants, including staff from all community service organizations, educational institutions and other stakeholders.

Speakers:

Farid Salji, Analyst, Bank of Canada's Regional Office for British Columbia and the Yukon

Cpl Vinh Ngo, Subject Matter Resource, 'E' Division Federal Policing Prevention and Engagement, RCMP

[REGISTER HERE](#)

(From CCR listserve)

At various points, some of you have asked for stats about outcomes in different types of refugee claims.

Using data about all claims finalized from 2013 to 2021 obtained from the IRB through access to information requests and a data sharing agreement, I have put together a working paper on the subject. The paper provides a breakdown of outcomes depending on claim categories and claim types.

For example, the paper shows that section 97 claims are much less likely to succeed (48%) than average at the IRB (70%). Similarly, the paper shows that gender-based claims are as likely to succeed as the overall average (70%) and that sexual orientation-based claims are more likely to succeed than average (77%) - though that varies substantially by subtype: transgender (97%), lesbian (84%), gay (79%) and bisexual (68%).

The paper also shows the comparative frequency of various types of claims. For instance, the most common type of claim relating to race, ethnicity and nationality involves the Romani community. And the most common type of claim overall involves political opinion.

The stats also break some of this down by country.

The article is available on an open-access basis here: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4341740> The stats are at page 13 to 23.

SEAN REHAAG

Director, Centre for Refugee Studies (on sabbatical leave) / Director, Refugee Law Laboratory /Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada

CRS: www.yorku.ca/crs / RLL: www.refugeelab.ca / Osgoode: www.osgoode.yorku.ca/rehaag-sean

Research: <https://ssrn.com/author=404046>

The Centre for Refugee Studies will be offering our annual Summer Course from June 5 – 9, 2023.

The course will be hybrid, offered in person at York University as well as virtually.

For more information about the program (including our **great** lineup of lecturers!) and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.yorku.ca/crs/programs/summer-course/>

- [Draft Program](#) -

Theme: Rethinking Refugee-ness? (2 pages)

Resettlement & Sponsorship in Canada

- Overseas Protection: Resettlement & Sponsorship in Canada
- The Canadian Refugee Determination System
- Migration experiences: Citizenship and non- citizenship
- Alternative pathways to protection in Canada
- What refugee mental health tells us about integration and settlement in Canada
- Gender and age mainstreaming in Canada
- Determination and Biases in the Canadian refugee system?
- Resettlement policies and long-term integration

Global Migration Policies and Practices

- International Refugee Law
- International Politics of Refugee Protection
- Current state of the global compact
- Refugee law and indigenous policies
- Indigenous displacement (*continued overleaf*)

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Program continued:

- Disasters and environmental displacement (Intersectional analyses)
- The Growing role of artificial intelligence in migration management
- Mixed migration flows and irregular migration

Race, Power and Representation (Panel Discussions)

- Refugee Led Organizations
- Racial equity in international migration policy and resettlement
- Representation in research: Research from the Global South
- Displacement crisis, in-Canada response: Musing on race and colonialism

Conclusion: Rethinking “refugee-ness”: Definitions, policies and discourses



a place of mind

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre for Community Engaged Learning

Community Partner Opportunities CSDI Policy Communications Clinic and Workshop Series

Registration is now open for the [policy communication workshop series and clinic](#). In collaboration with the Kx Unit, the Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions (CSDI) will provide students, faculty, and staff with guidance and training to communicate their research to policy makers. There will be two workshop streams, one directed to those in the humanities and social sciences, and one directed to the sciences.

Research teams can sign up for policy communication clinics for tailored advice.

Interested in learning more about Implementation Science? In a special edition of [KT Connects](#), IS researchers give a primer and discuss how they use Implementation Science in their work. Lucky attendees will get a preview of the inaugural IS institute coming this summer.

Save the date! On June 15th, the UBC [Partnering in Research](#) Conference will take place at Robson Square. Registration details coming soon. Please follow us on [Twitter](#) for updates.

REPEATS

Information also attached



Upcoming READY Tour Dates

Vancouver

February-March 2023

Virtual Ready Tours on Microsoft Teams will be offered on the following dates:

- February 3rd, (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am (PST)
- February 17th, (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am (PST)

- March 3rd, (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am (PST)
- March 17th, (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am (PST)
- March 31st, (Friday) - 9:30-11:30am (PST)

Registration:

To register a client/service provider for the Ready Tour please check the website: <https://myrefugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/>

For more information please contact:

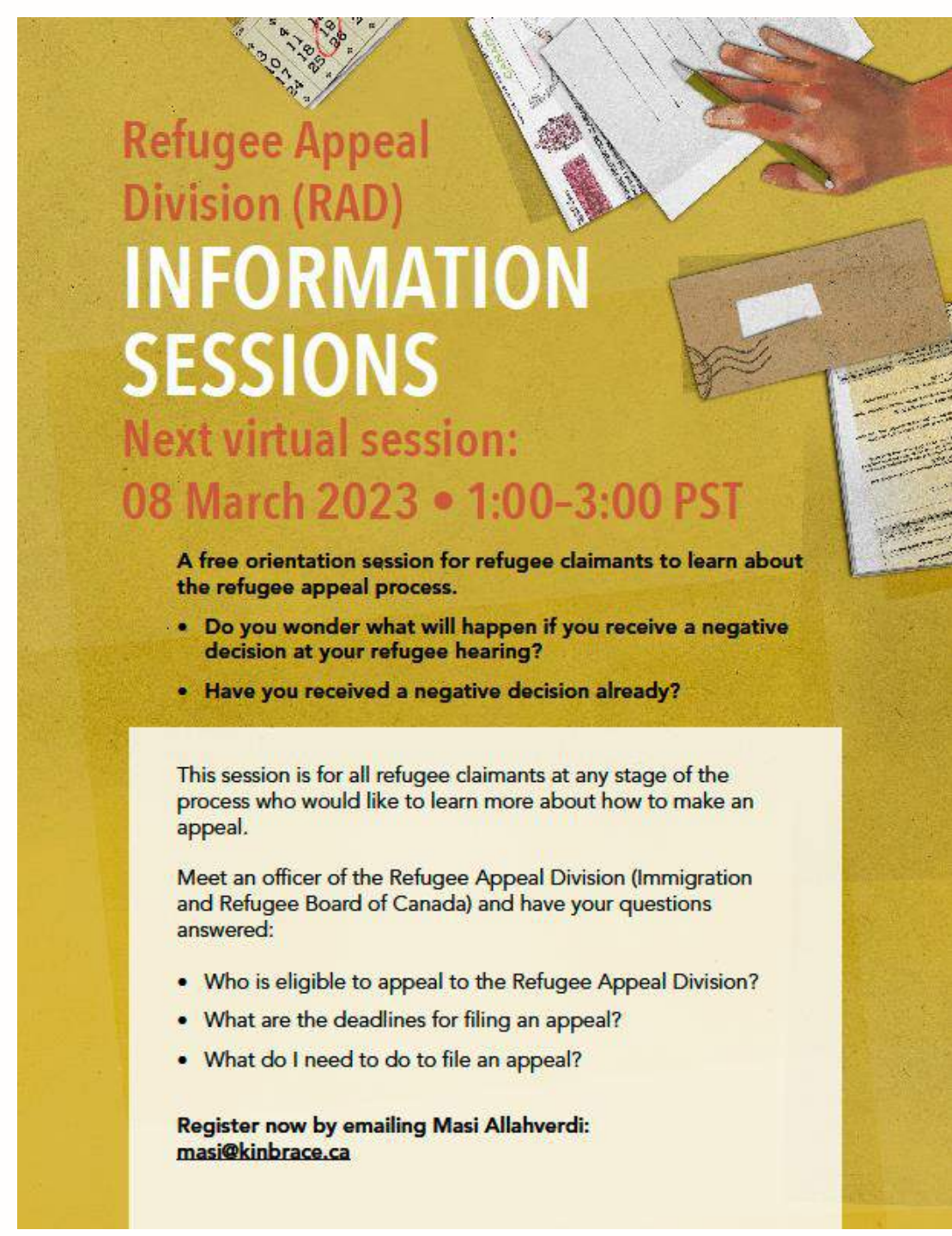
Masi Allahverdi

Ready Tour Organizer

readytours@myrefugeeclaim.ca

masi@kinbrace.ca

604-362-1070



Refugee Appeal
Division (RAD)
**INFORMATION
SESSIONS**

Next virtual session:
08 March 2023 • 1:00–3:00 PST

A free orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process.

- Do you wonder what will happen if you receive a negative decision at your refugee hearing?
- Have you received a negative decision already?

This session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have your questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register now by emailing Masi Allahverdi:
masi@kinbrace.ca

Poster attached

The next **RAD Info Session** is on Wednesday, March 8th, 01:00-03:00 pm, details are in the poster (also attached), you can refer refugee claimants/service providers by sending their information to Masi:

Masi Allahverdi
Ready Tour Organizer
readytours@myrefugeeclaim.ca
masi@kinbrace.ca
604-362-1070



Umbrella Workshops for Health

Let's Talk about COVID-19 Vaccines!

for the Arabic-speaking community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

Learn about the COVID-19 pandemic Vaccines and Boosters

Meet new people

Practice English

Have fun and relax!

When Wednesday February 15 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

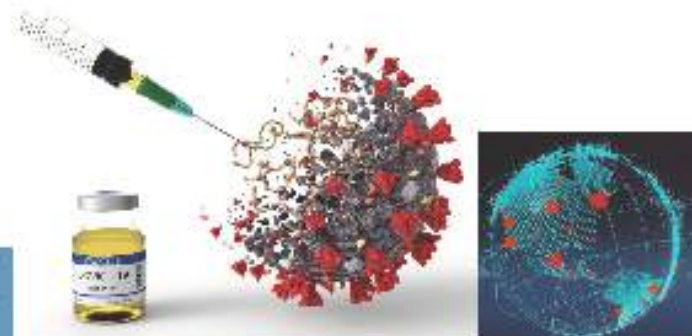
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanIxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938

Passcode: 612872

Poster attached

It's free! Join us!



ACCSC
ARABIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF BC
1100 W. 4TH AVENUE, SUITE 100
VANCOUVER, BC V6H 1T1



CACHC
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF
IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY CENTERS

AMERICAN ARABIC COMMUNITY
1100 W. 4TH AVENUE, SUITE 100
VANCOUVER, BC V6H 1T1

No registration needed. If you have questions please call Hana 778-788-7340
Event with interpretation to Arabic



ART-MAKING IN COMMUNITY GROUP

The earth without “art” is just “eh”



Make art **in person** with us!

Explore different art modalities (Drawing, Painting, Collage, Modelling with clay, Movement, Poetry, Voice, Drama)

Art materials provided to participants

No artistic skills required

Interpretation available

Four consecutive Thursdays (February 16, 23, March 2, 9)

10 am-12 pm

2610 Victoria Drive, Vancouver Room 101

Registration required

Contact: matias.hacker@vast-vancouver.ca

elena@vast-vancouver.ca

Posters attached

VAST’s next Art-making in Community group will start next February 16. This will be our first in-person group of the year. Four sessions on Thursdays from 10-12 pm at the VAST office in Vancouver. For forced migrants. Interpretation and art materials available.

GRUPO DE ARTE EN COMUNIDAD

“El mundo sin arte seria aburrido”



Haz arte con nosotros **en persona!**

Expresate explorando diferentes modalidades artisticas (Dibujo, Pintura, Collage, Modelado con arcilla, Movimiento, Poesia, Voz y Drama)

Te proveemos de los materiales artisticos para el grupo

No se necesitan aptitudes artisticas para participar

Interpretes disponibles

Cuatro jueves consecutivos (16, 23 de febrero y 2, 9 de marzo)

10 am-12pm

2610 Victoria Drive, Vancouver Room 101

Registration required

Con registracion. Contactanos: matias.hacker@vast-vancouver.ca

elena@vast-vancouver.ca

Hello,

As a local charity working with refugee claimants, we recognize that having a BC Driver's License can be an important step in the process to finding employment and settling in Canada.

In B.C. many people of all ages find it difficult to pass the driving test the first, or even the second time. We recognize that for Newcomers, the challenge to pass may be even more difficult due to unfamiliarity with our cities, Canadian driving rules, and what the driving adjudicators are looking for that can cause an individual to pass or fail the driving test.

To help with this issue we are hosting a FREE workshop "How to Pass Your Driving Test" on Monday Feb. 6 at 6:30 pm at Archway Community Services. Please see poster attached for the details.

Register today at this link [How to Pass Driving Test Registration](#)

Kelly Rader - Executive Director, Inasmuch
Cell: 778-201-6729

Poster attached

How to Pass Your Driving Test

ALL NEWCOMERS ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE CLASS

- ✓ REFUGEE CLAIMANTS
- ✓ DISPLACED UKRAINIANS
- ✓ AFGHAN REFUGEES

CLASS INFORMATION:

Date: Monday February 6, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Archway Community Services 2420 Montrose Ave

2 Ways to Register

1. Online at: www.inasmuch.ca under Classes
2. By phone to Inder Singh (Archway) 604-217-4584
3. By email: Inder.Singh@archway.ca

Please note, class is in English

Topics Will Include:

- Bad Driving Habits to Avoid
- Traffic Signs and Meanings
- Roundabout Navigation
- What you need to know to pass the driving test
- Proper Shoulder Checking



Refugee Claimants & Your Church :

Discovering Transformative Ways to Welcome

Sat
11
Feb

St. Andrews Hall
6040 Iona Dr,
Vancouver
&
Online

From its earliest days, the Church has provided care and safety for people seeking refuge. This year, over 70,000 asylum seekers will arrive in Canada asking for refugee protection. Your church could be a vital lifeline of welcome with and for refugee claimants.

We are privileged in Vancouver to have a number of organizations that have been faithfully supporting asylum seekers for many years. These organizations have learned a considerable amount about healthy engagement with people seeking refuge and have developed a host of best practices.

At this gathering, engage and learn from people with lived refugee claimant experience, welcoming churches, and frontline communities.

Build your church's knowledge and capacity to bear witness to the love of God among one of the world's most vulnerable displaced groups.



For registration and more information
visit www.citygatevancouver.org/events/rcyc/

Poster attached

[Your Church and Refugee Claimants: Discovering Transformative Ways to Welcome](#)

This event is hosted by CityGate Vancouver with the goal to support and inspire church communities in their welcome of refugee claimants.

Loren Balisky
Director of Engagement
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T 604.255.9691
loren@kinbrace.ca



Pathways to **EMPLOYMENT & SELF-EMPLOYMENT** For Newcomers

Inspiring newcomer professionals and entrepreneurs share their stories about their successes and challenges with navigating their unique employment journeys.

Engage 1:1 with newcomer service experts and learn about available game-changing resources!

Participate in Panel Discussions:

- Successful Entrepreneurs and Newcomer Professionals
- HR Experts for Jobseekers
- Resources and Funding for Self-Employment/Entrepreneurs

Learn more at www.bipt.ca



**Newcomers
Welcome!**

FEB. 15, 2023

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ismaili Centre
4010 Canada Way, Burnaby

FREE EVENT

Scan to
Register!



SCAN ME

*Registration Required: <https://tinyurl.com/yc62swm4>

A light breakfast and lunch will be served!



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada



Hello BCSIS Service Providers,



We are pleased to announce the launch of the **BCSIS E-Learning course on the Indigenous Worldview vs the Colonized Worldview**.

You can access the course here:

<https://institute.amssa.org/courses/indigenous-worldview-vs-colonized-worldview>

This course is part of AMSSA's work to engage BCSIS Service Providers about topics related to Truth, Reconciliation and Decolonization. The content for this module was created in collaboration with Indigenous leader, Norm Leech.

Learners will be invited to consider their own worldview and the forces that have contributed to its development. Learners will have the opportunity to participate in reflection exercises that are designed to support them in their personal exploration of this topic, as well as to provide them with ideas for ways of sharing information with newcomer clients and colleagues. Out of respect for the Indigenous oral tradition, numerous video and audio clips are included throughout the e-learning module.

This course is designed to be fluid and you can listen and do the activities if you'd like to, but in order to receive a certificate you must click "complete and continue" at the end of each section.

After completing the course, learners will be invited to participate in a Reflection Circle. It will be a live virtual discussion with Norm Leech, in which attendees can reflect about what they have learned from the e-learning module, as well as share questions and experiences implementing the knowledge they have gained. **The Circle is scheduled to take place on February 27, 2023, from 1:30 – 3:30pm.** The registration link can be found at the end of the e-learning module.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Marta



Event Notification
AMSSATalk Virtual Event
The Changing World of Work
Thursday, February 2, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PST

[Click here to Register](#)

Many settlement service provider organizations are experiencing challenges in human resources capacity building. Key issues involve staff recruitment, retention, career progression, leadership development, sector compensation levels and well-being at work.

The changing world of work is a factor in the complexities. The workplace and employee expectations shifted dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent trends impacting turnover rates and recruitment challenges can be associated with resignations, reassessment of priorities with preference for fulfilling work with flexibility, better work-life balance, higher pay, and improved benefits. It's valuable for settlement service providers to be informed about current trends in the world of work, and what the future of work might mean for their organization and human resources management. This includes looking at the impact of the pandemic and beyond.

In this AMSSATalk virtual event, Katie Crocker, AMSSA CEO, will moderate an armchair-style panel discussion with employment experts from the sector. They will discuss current issues, challenges, and approaches that can contribute to building HR capacity as organizations strive to deliver settlement and employment services that help newcomers achieve the best possible settlement outcomes.

Speakers: Carolyn Neilson, MSc., Vice President Employment Services, YWCA Metro Vancouver
Garrison Duke, MBA, Chief Operating Officer, DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society
Patrick MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Immigrant Employment Council of BC

Questions? Email Lori at lcameron@amssa.org

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Kindred Spirit – Free Singing Program for Immigrant and Refugee Youth

Welcome new Members!

VYC Kindred’s leaders Deanna and Russell create an environment that welcomes newcomers and introduces them to Indigenous ways of music and life while also allowing the participants to share their own cultural music and dance.

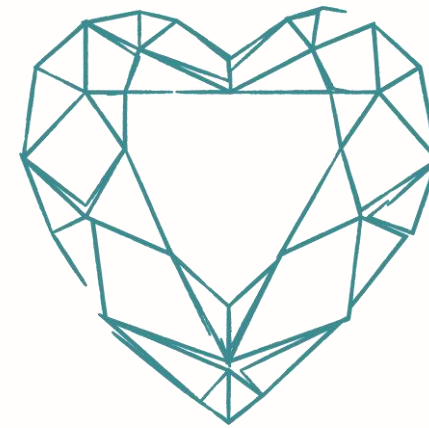
For more information visit our [website](#) to see some previous performances. You can also take a look at our [digital brochure](#).

Interested? Contact Teddy Ngkaion (he/him)

VYC Kindred Program Manager

Vancouver Youth Choir

teddy@vancouveryouthchoir.com





Get ready to apply for a Participatory Action Research Grant in 2023. Applications for Convene and Investigate grants are open from January 16 to February 13, 2023, through our online grant management system.

Exciting News for 2023

We've made funding more accessible! In the past, we required Investigate research projects to match funds, but in 2023, both Convene and Investigate grants will not require applicants to match their funding request. As part of our commitment to trust-based philanthropy and equitable grant-making, we hope to address and remove barriers to accessing grants.

Considering Applying?

We offer two different grant types to reflect the different stages of a participatory action research process:

[Participatory Action Research Grants at a Glance](#)

	Convene	Investigate
Purpose of Grant:	To develop a participatory action research project plan.	To investigate the root cause(s) of a pressing issue, impacting the health of communities.
Maximum funding available:	Up to \$20,000	Up to \$100,000
Length of grant:	Up to 1 year	Up to 3 years
Requires matching funds:	No	No
Application process:	one-stage	two-stage

Please note: To be eligible for a PAR grant, the research project **must be a collaboration** between community organizations and institutions with access to an ethics board, such as universities and research institutions.

Hi All,

I'm sharing this grant opportunity with organizations we've worked with in the past who might be eligible for this grant or know another organization that is (Please do share!). For more information please reference the website directly.

Website: [Community Services Recovery Fund](#) accepting applications Jan 6th-Feb 21st. The grant is eligible to support charities and non-profits as they focus on how to adapt their organizations for COVID pandemic recovery.

Link to the Info Session recording: <https://uwbc.ca/csrf/>

Best,

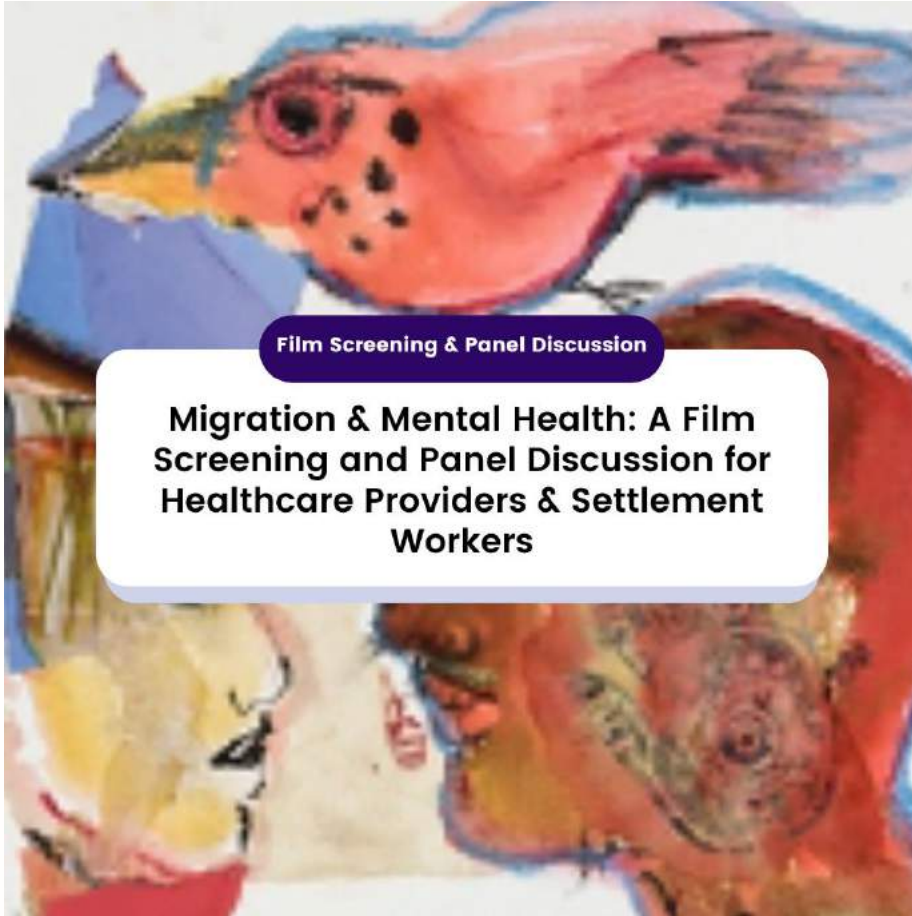
George Berking
Community Engagement Specialist,
Community Engagement - United Way British Columbia | Lower Mainland
4543 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 4T4

NOTE: This grant is not the same as the [Recovery & Resiliency Fund](#) and has a different application process, created by the fund partners. Before you apply, take this [short eligibility questionnaire](#) to confirm the focus area for your application. Visit communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca to find out more about how to apply and to explore the application resources.



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre for Migration Studies



Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Migration & Mental Health: A Film Screening and Panel Discussion for Healthcare Providers & Settlement Workers

Migration & Mental Health: A Film Screening and Panel Discussion

Co-hosted by the CMS Community University Partnerships Group and MOSAIC

Screening: virtual (on demand)

Panel discussion: Feb 1, 2023 (in person)

Are you a frontline mental health worker supporting immigrants and refugees in your community? Are you familiar with, or do you wish to learn more about issues related to mental health and the settlement process? If so, you are cordially invited to a *virtual* screening of the documentary, [The World is Bright](#) (Ying Wang, 2019), followed by an *in-person* public panel discussion about the film one week after the screening. This event is co-hosted by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) Community University Partnerships working group, and [MOSAIC](#), the BC organization providing inclusive settlement and employment services for newcomers.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served to those attending the panel discussion in person.

Registration is required. Please find event details and registration info [here](#).



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

alumniUBC

Poster attached

UBC SPRING CAREER FAIR 2023



Tuesday, March 7



11am - 4pm PST



Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre



Register on CareersOnline

[REGISTER](#)



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **quarterly virtual meeting on issues for refugee claimants** on Tuesday, February 21.

Refugee claimants *Virtual meeting*

When: Tuesday, February 21 starting at
11:00am Pacific

The meeting will last 60 mins.

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We are pleased to invite you to participate in our virtual meeting on **Options for supporting, monitoring and demonstrating quality services to support refugee, immigration and citizenship processes**, on Tuesday, February 7.

As part of the Quality of Service Project, this meeting is a continuation of the conversation we had during the Townhall meeting in May 2021, to explore alternatives to IRCC's interpretation of [section 91 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act](#).

The Quality of Service Project is committed to exploring systems – voluntary, incentive-based, or mandatory – for tracking, monitoring, and supporting the work of CCR members in the future. This exploration will result in a short paper that outlines options.

In this meeting, members will:

- Be presented with a short draft paper prepared by Julie Mathews, Executive Director of CLEO, who has been active in the project for several years and who has done extensive work on non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as "trusted intermediaries" in legal areas (see [Community Justice Help: Advancing Community-Based Access to Justice](#)). The draft will be sent to you prior to the meeting.
- Provide feedback on the document and discuss other options that would work best for the diverse NGOs across Canada working to support refugees and migrants with immigration law-related matters.

If you have any questions or comments prior to the meeting, you can write to Basel at bdakak@ccrweb.ca.



Understanding the lasting impact of policy changes on highly skilled migrants' decision-making: Comparative perspectives in post-pandemic times

Thurs. Feb. 2, 2023, 3-4 PM EST

As countries compete to attract highly skilled immigrants to fill the labour shortages, they have little information about how high-skilled migrants make migration decisions. There is now an urgent need to understand how policy initiatives and pandemic-related risks, uncertainty and ambiguities have affected the future of decision-making among highly skilled migrants and their families.

Join **CERC Migration** for a webinar to investigate the lasting impacts that changes in immigration policies made during the pandemic have had on migration-related decision-making in Canada, Australia and the UK.

Presenters include:

- **Margaret Walton-Roberts**, Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University
- **Chris F Wright**, Associate Professor, University of Sidney
- **Mucahit Aydemir**, PhD candidate, University of Sheffield

The discussion will be chaired by **Luisa Veronis**, Associate Professor, University of Ottawa and co-chaired by **Ashika Niraula**, Research Fellow, CERC Migration, Toronto Metropolitan University.

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