



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

- **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. With our work there, we know how vulnerable detainees at the IHC are, especially with regard to settlement and mental health needs. Our MAP BC IHC Support Team, along with our Advisors and a Legal Aid Clinic representative have debriefed and we will be creating a report with recommendations for the IHC especially for these challenging times.
- **MAP Meeting: January 26 at 9:30 am** at South Vancouver Neighbourhood House!
Mark it in your calendar! An Agenda will be circulated shortly including a participatory reporting and dialogue on the MAP Strategic Planning Day this Friday.
- **No bulletin January 18!**
Apologies, but your Coordinator will not be in town – please look for a bumper bulletin on January 25 and send in all your items for inclusion.

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

Job Descriptions

Position: Violence Prevention Coordinator 28 hours a week until June 30th 2023 with potential for renewal

The Violence Prevention Coordinator will coordinate our “Gender Based Violence Prevention” project intended to increase support for people who have been victims of gender-based violence. The VPC understands the dynamics of violence, importance of community partnerships and has the skills to support people who have been victims and the skills to coordinate projects. The project will address gender-based violence through a diversity of methods: support groups, educational, talking circles and one to one support. Key areas will be prevention, support, resources and education. This role reports to the MFC Manager. This is a new role, so the VPC should be able to adapt and be flexible in taking on new tasks and giving input into how their role can best serve REACH’s clients and the community. **SEE FULL DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE ATTACHED**

Position: Vietnamese Cross Cultural Health Promoter *31 hours per week.*

General Responsibilities:

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 FULL DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE ATTACHED



Call for papers:
Datafication of borders and migration
DEADLINE EXTENDED: Jan. 17, 2023

Datafication is often framed as a phenomenon that concerns everyone: in a highly networked digital world, datafication cannot be escaped. However, datafication does not treat everyone in the same way. The goal of this **one-day conference** is to bring together scholars to introduce their research on digital technologies and datafication in migration and discuss the ambivalent and contradictory role of datafication and digital technologies for migrants and refugees, as well as the unsettling consequences of datafication in bordering and policymaking.

We invite papers that explore these issues from different global contexts and disciplines, from media and communication, migration studies, critical data studies, cultural studies, gender studies, postcolonial studies, science and technology studies, law, social anthropology, criminology, data science and geography. The event fosters cross-disciplinary dialogues of qualitative research, ethnography, digital methods and critical data studies. Please send to cerc.migration@torontomu.ca by **January 17, 2023**.

Conference date: May 25, 2023

Location: CERC Migration, Toronto Metropolitan University

Format: In-person presentations, hybrid audience

The conference is organized in collaboration with the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration, Toronto Metropolitan University; Intimacy in Data Driven Culture (IDA) project, Tampere University; the Co-Designing a Fair Digital Asylum Research Project and the Digital Migration Special Interest Group, Utrecht University.

[APPLICATION DETAILS](#)

REPEATS

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)
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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



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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.

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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](#)