



**MAP** Multi-Agency  
Partnership BC  
*Working Together for Refugee Claimants*

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 157

February 15, 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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

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### MAP NEWS

- THANK YOU for your contributions to our network-wide discussion on **Strategic Planning!** We highlighted some of the steps at our last MAP meeting, and we will revisit those issues that we received many comments about, as well as introduce new recommendations from MAP's Advisory Council at the Feb 23 MAP Meeting. **Your vote will count!**
  - Part of our proposed change will be involving **Partner Agencies** in more MAP activities and decision-making. We are asking ALL our partner agencies to re-affirm their commitment. If your agency needs to change its level of participation, contact [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org)
  - MAP Meeting February 23, 9:30 am at MOSAIC. We are thrilled to invite Saleem Spindari (former MAP Co-chair) and Mainu Ahmed, of the Muslim Food Bank to talk about their work. The Agenda is coming out TOMORROW! Everyone welcome.
  - **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
This bulletin focuses on some events and learning opportunities available to our members and their clients during Black History Month. Please be sure to take note of the efforts that community members are taking to both educate and celebrate black culture and history in its many forms here in BC. See events and an important survey in this bulletin.
  - **AND: As news heats up about Roxham Road and possible changes to the STCA, some important articles:**  
[More and More migrants entering province being sent elsewhere](#) - CBC  
[Rising above Roxham Road rhetoric – Maureen Silcoff in Law 360 Canada](#)
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**Thank you** for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants  
Thanh Lam, Sireen El Nashar and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive

We are honoured to invite you to a webinar hosted by **Hogan's Alley Society** (HAS) to commemorate Black History Month. The webinar will be held virtually on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 pm PST** and is themed '**Mitigating Vaccine Hesitancy in Black Communities in BC.**'

Hogan's Alley Society is a non-profit organization that aims to advance the social, political, economic, and cultural well-being of Black people/people of African descent through the delivery of inclusive housing, built spaces, and culturally informed programs.

Vaccine hesitancy, a delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccination despite the availability of services, is associated with observed decreases in vaccine uptake within the Black community. Vaccine hesitancy is attributed to the long history of systemic societal and healthcare-specific racism, discrimination, and marginalization and contributes to the existing health disparities experienced in our community.

Speakers at the event: Dr. Bukola Salami and Dr. Aisha Giwa from the Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta, who will share their vaccination experiences within the Black community, elaborating on how policies and engagement could help address vaccine hesitancy, and Dr. Upton Allen, Professor at University of Toronto, who will share his experience as a pediatric healthcare provider and proffer suggestions that would encourage vaccination in the pediatric age group. Additionally, Gina Ogilvie and I will share the COVID-19 Vaccine Intentions survey findings.

In attendance will be community leaders, community members, and families of the Black Community. We aim to stir conversation about ways to mitigate Vaccine Hesitancy within Black Communities.

**Kindly register for the event using this [link](#).**

For more inquiries, visit the [website](#) or contact the [Research Director](#).

HAS wishes you a happy Black History Month!!! A time of year to reflect on and remember important people, events, and the legacy of Black leaders.

The poster features a torn paper effect background with the title 'Mitigating Vaccine Hesitancy in Black Communities in BC' in bold black text. Below the title, the date 'FEB 21, 2023' and time '5:00 - 6:30PM PST' are listed, followed by 'ONLINE'. A yellow 'REGISTER' button is prominent. At the bottom, it says 'BROUGHT TOGETHER BY HOGAN'S ALLEY SOCIETY' with a logo. Four speaker portraits are shown in white-bordered frames: Dr. Bukola Salami (top left), Dr. Gina Ogilvie (top right), Dr. Upton D. Allen (bottom left), and Dr. Giwa Aisha (bottom right).

[Link to the poster](#)

### Join us for our inaugural Black in BC event!

It's Black History Month, and we invite you to join us for the inaugural Black in BC event, presented by DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society, with support from the Surrey Local Immigration Partnership. The event celebrates Black excellence in Surrey and Metro Vancouver.

Sponsored by University Canada West, Global University Systems Canada and TD Bank, the event will connect Black professionals, entrepreneurs, leaders and youth, along with individual and organizational allies to:

- Celebrate the achievements, cultures and contributions of Black Canadians
- Inspire dialogue, learning and support for Black achievement
- Advance equity and excellence for Black British Columbians including new immigrants and refugees

### When and where

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

4-8 pm

Surrey City Hall

13450 104 Avenue, Surrey, BC (near Surrey Central Skytrain Station)

Register Today! The event is free but registration is required.

[Register via Eventbrite here](#)

**FREE**

**WEDNESDAY**  
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

**4-8 PM**

**SURREY CITY HALL**  
13450 104 AVENUE, SURREY, BC

**DIVERSEcity**  
**BLACK in BC**  
CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE

DIVERSETALKS PANEL  
"SUPPORTING BLACK EXCELLENCE FOR AN EQUITABLE FUTURE"

LIVE MUSIC

INDANGAMIRWA TRADITIONAL DANCE GROUP

AFRICAN FOOD & PASTRIES

TRADESHOW & BUSINESS SHOWCASE (4-6 PM)

**REGISTER TO ATTEND**  
➔ [dcrs.ca/BlackinBC](https://dcrs.ca/BlackinBC)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**JACKY ESSOMBE**  
FOUNDER, AFRICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY



[Link to the poster](#)



*(Previously emailed)*

The [Metro Vancouver's Black Communities Affordable Rental Housing Needs](#) survey is targeted toward Black people living in Metro Vancouver. The survey is available in English and French and it explores topics such as subsidized housing, forced moves, housing discrimination, dwelling characteristics, concerns, satisfaction, and overall barriers Black communities' encounter when renting a home in Vancouver.

The goals of the survey are to identify the barriers to safe, suitable and accessible housing, prioritize housing needs, inform policies that will address systemic anti-Black racism in the housing sector, develop meaningful housing solutions that will improve the well-being of Black communities in Metro Vancouver and to inform the National Housing Strategy.

Please, complete the survey and share the link with your friends, seniors and colleagues. The deadline for survey completion is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

Thank you  
**Modupe Bankole-Longe** (she/her/hers)  
*Director, Research & Evaluation.*



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**TAKE THE SURVEY**



To complete the survey over the phone please give us a call at:

1 - 888 - 846 - 4267  
EXT: 2



**Flyer with QR code attached**



**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2023**  
10AM - 12PM

Introduction  
How to apply for?  
Employment Insurance  
Medical Services Plan  
Social Insurance Number  
Bank account & direct deposit

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2023**  
10AM - 1PM

Workplace Culture  
What to do?  
What not to do?  
Interview Prep  
Stat holidays and cultural celebrations in the workplace

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2023**  
10AM - 12PM

Basic Computer Skills  
Business e-mails  
Create/edit resume  
Job Search Strategies  
Online etiquettes

**FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023**  
10AM - 1PM

Mock Interview  
Learn tips on how to attend the interview. Build your confidence with practice!

**FRIDAY MARCH 10, 2023**  
10AM - 12PM

Short-Term Training Opportunities  
Attend trainings once you have completed the sessions (if needed).  
Food Safe  
First Aid

**FRIDAY MARCH 17, 2023**  
10AM - 12PM

Certificate of Participation  
Upon completion of the series, you will receive a certificate from Options Community Services.

**Resume Clinic will be held every Monday 10am - 12pm**

**Registration**  
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604-809-7618

**Registration**  
Savina Oommen  
savina.oommen@options.bc.ca  
604-992-6161

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



**WelcomeBC**

I am Savina Oommen, Employment Specialist for Refugee Claimants working with Lesly Cruz at Options CS.

I am pleased to announce that we have designed a pre-employment workshop for our clients. This will be held for 6 consecutive Fridays.

The purpose of this workshop is to equip our clients with the required skills before and during their employment in Canada. During this workshop, they will learn about workplace culture, job search strategies, basic computer skills, interview practice and short-term training opportunities are available.

Please find attached the flyer for this workshop and please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

[Savina Oommen](#)  
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Surrey, BC V3T 2W5  
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# Filing Income Tax in Canada -What You Need to Know

PERSONAL INCOME TAX DUE APRIL 30 EACH YEAR

## THIS CLASS IS FOR:



REFUGEE CLAIMANTS AND OTHER NEWCOMERS

## CLASS INFORMATION:

**Date:** Monday February 27, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom

**Facilitator:** Ron from Family Services of Vancouver

**Register Online at:** [www.inasmuch.ca](http://www.inasmuch.ca) under *Upcoming Classes*. The Zoom link will be emailed to you after you register

**Please note, class will be in English & Spanish**

## Topics Will Include:

- Deductions on your paycheque, what they are, and what they mean
- Who needs to file taxes in Canada?
- When to file your taxes
- How to your file taxes
- Documents needed to file your taxes
- What happens if you don't file taxes?



## Inasmuch Tax Clinic for Refugee Claimants on Zoom

Register online at [www.inasmuch.ca](http://www.inasmuch.ca) – *Upcoming Classes*

**(Poster attached)**



Contact us at [office@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:office@impactnorthshore.ca) or 604-988-2931 for FREE

## Workshops & Appointments (3 pages)

### Racial and Cultural Challenges of Newcomer Children and Teens (English)

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Join this online workshop to learn about the racial and cultural challenges that your children and teenagers may be experiencing as newcomers to Canada. In this workshop, you will learn about the impact of these challenges on the health and wellbeing of your children. You will also learn about different ways to support your children and teens as they cope with these challenges.

### Finding a Professional Job in Canada (Farsi)

Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Are you working in a general job? In this online workshop, you will learn how to transition into a professional job in Canada. This workshop helps you create your resumes and cover letters, expand your network, improve your hard and soft skills, get the right education, and obtain your professional license.

### Tenant Rights and Responsibilities (Farsi)

Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Join this online workshop to learn about your rights and responsibilities as a renter in BC.

Topics include: security deposits, legal vs illegal entry, evictions and repairs.

### Resume and Cover Letter Workshop (Farsi)

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

A resume and cover letter are the key to starting a job search and getting the attention of the hiring team or HR manager. This online workshop will provide

useful information for creating a resume and cover letter to help you get the job you want.







## Free workshops and events (continued)

### Career and Education Exploration (Farsi)

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm**

Join this online workshop to explore your career and educational opportunities, plans to achieve your goals, and more. You will learn about career opportunities and possibilities, education and career plans for achieving your goals, and how to get support to achieve your career and educational goals.

### Frosty Winter Nights: Activities for Youth

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This in person program aims to provide newcomer youth on the North Shore with a relaxed setting to make connections through indoor activities over the winter.

Please join us for a series of activities where newcomers will connect with other youth in their community throughout the winter. Activities include:

- After-school games and table tennis (February 22, 4:00pm)
- Peer-to-Peer Talk on Youth Mental Health from Jack.org (March 13, 11:00 am)

### Online Safety for Families and Children (Mandarin)

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Join this online workshop to learn about internet safety for families and children, and steps to take to protect your children online. The topics include: internet safety and how to set rules with your child, steps you can take to protect your children online, and using technology and apps to protect your children online.





## What's Cultural Guilt?

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

You are invited to join us online for a community dialogue to discuss cultural guilt. This feeling of guilt may develop for people who are navigating the differences between two cultures and feel as though they are not living up to the expectations of either one. However, this is only one example. Join this dialogue to explore other examples of cultural guilt through stories of guest speakers and group conversations.

## Employment Mentoring: Engineers (English)

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm**

Join this online mentoring session if you worked as an engineer in your country of origin, are interested in working in this field. Learn about the process of becoming a registered engineer in BC, and meet Canadian professionals in your field. Topics include: Engineers & Geoscientists of BC (EGBC), process of becoming a registered engineer in BC, alternative integration strategies and careers for Engineers as an Engineering Technologist or Technician.

## Parenting Teens Support Group (Mandarin)

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30-11:30 am**

This is a monthly online session for Mandarin-speaking parents to participate in experiential activities and reflect on the challenges of parenting teens. Topics include: supporting your children's physical and mental health, family communication skills, stress and coping strategies.

## Filing Your Income Tax Return (Mandarin)

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00-2:30 pm**

Join this online workshop to get important information about filing your 2022 income tax return. Topics include: key tax changes for your 2022 personal income tax return, how to prepare your 2022 personal income tax return, how to report your foreign assets, information about personal tax audits, case study of a real estate audit.

## NEWCOMER PROGRAMS



### ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE (Surrey Libraries)

- . Practice speaking English in a group.
- . Discuss an interesting topic.
- . For all English language learners.
- . Once a week.

#### Newton Branch

- Monday: 1PM - 2PM
- Monday: 6PM - 7PM

Drop-in. No registration required.

#### City Centre Branch

- Tuesday: 11AM - 12:30PM

Call 604-598-7426 to register.

#### Fleetwood Branch

- Wednesday: 11AM - 12:30PM

Email [lucas.reid@surrey.ca](mailto:lucas.reid@surrey.ca) to register.

#### Clayton Branch

- Thursday: 1PM - 2PM

Call 236-598-3072 to register.

#### Digital Branch (Online)

- Thursday: 11AM - 12:30PM
- Thursday: 1PM - 2:30PM

Register online.



### CELPIP (Surrey Libraries and Prometric)

- . Learn skills and strategies for the CELPIP test.
- . Ask questions and get answers.

#### Digital Branch (Online)

- Tuesday: 12PM - 2PM

Register online.

## NEWCOMER PROGRAMS



### ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAM (City of Surrey)

- . Practice speaking English in a group.
- . For beginner or intermediate English language learners.
- . Once a week. Must register for all 6 classes.
- . Call 604-502-6325 to register.

#### City Centre Branch

- Tuesday: 6PM - 7:30PM

#### Guildford Branch

- Wednesday: 6PM - 7:30PM

#### Semiahmoo Branch

- Saturday: 10:30AM - 12PM

#### Digital Branch (Online) - Women only

- Friday: 10:30AM - 12PM



### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING BOOK CLUB (Surrey Libraries)

- . Practice speaking and reading English.
- . Read the book at home.
- . Come to the meeting and discuss with the group.
- . For all English language learners.
- . Email [libraryprograms@surrey.ca](mailto:libraryprograms@surrey.ca) to borrow the book.
- . Once a month.

#### City Centre Branch

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month: 1PM - 2PM

Call 604-598-7426 to register.

#### Digital Branch (Online)

- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month: 1PM - 2PM

Register online.

## LIBRARY INFORMATION



### ONLINE LIBRARY

Access online resources at [surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library](http://surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library). Available to Surrey residents only.

#### CLEAR PRONUNCIATION

Learn to hear and pronounce the sounds of English through audio and video lessons.

#### MANGO LANGUAGES

Learn English and many other languages online.

#### ROAD TO IELTS

Prepare for the IELTS™ test with practice tests.



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Call the library to register for in-person programs.



Go to [surreylibraries.ca/events](http://surreylibraries.ca/events) or scan the QR code to register for online programs.

February  
2023

What's  
Happening

@

Surrey Libraries

English  
Language  
Learning

[www.surreylibraries.ca](http://www.surreylibraries.ca)

 SURREY LIBRARIES  
discover · connect · inspire



## QUICK LINKS:

- Surrey-North Delta Now Has a [Centralized Registry](#) for Patients Looking for a Family Doctor
- Visit Our Booth at the [2023 South Asian Health Forum](#)

### *Agency supports:*

- Free Webinar: [Tackling Workplace Mental Health in 2023](#)
- Information: Help for Adult Abuse and Neglect [Supports in Fraser Health](#)  
[Agencies and Police Contacts in Fraser Health](#)

### *Client resources:*

- [HIV PreP Information for Individuals](#)
- Fraser Health Sexual Health Clinics
  - [Sexual Health Clinics](#)
  - [Youth Clinics](#) (for youth aged 21 and under)
- Free Webinar: [A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health](#)
- [Caregivers as Critical Agents of Change](#)

[The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking](#) raises the alarm bell on labour trafficking with a national strategic campaign (February-April 2023) to increase the level of understanding about forced labour in Canada and equip persons at risk of forced labour in Canada with information about the Hotline: **1-833-900-1010**

Labour exploitation is a growing and prevalent issue in Canada. In 2021, an estimated 777,000 labourers arrived in Canada. As a nation, we depend on these workers like never before. They man our factories. They build our homes. They care for our most vulnerable. They work on our farms. In fact, Canada's food security relies on migrant workers. According to their new report [It Happens Here](#), "longstanding issues – such as migrants having a limited understanding of their rights, employer discrimination, and unsafe working conditions – continue to go unresolved." It's time to help give these workers a voice. It's time to make a difference.

The press releases for the launching of the campaign can be found here:

[Canada is Not the Land of Opportunity for Everyone: New Research Reveals a Nation Shockingly Unaware of Labour Trafficking](#)  
[En français](#)

**Report launching, Feb 15, 2023:** FCJ Refugee Centre and the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking have released a new report, [It Happens Here: Labour Exploitation Among Migrant Workers During the Pandemic](#), today! This report reveals that migrant labourers' precarious immigration status makes them vulnerable to exploitation by recruiters and employers. New research shows that employer discrimination, unsafe working conditions and gaps in government policy put migrant workers at risk of being exploited once they arrive in Canada.



Paola Carmagnani (she/her) – Partnership Advisor

**The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking**, 253-110 Cumberland Street, Toronto, ON M5R 3V5

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Canadian Council  
for Refugees  
Conseil canadien  
pour les réfugiés

CCR is happy to share our newest resource: the **Anti-Racism Focus Group Toolkit!**

As preparation, before we host our virtual meeting on [Addressing barriers: CCR Anti-Racism Project](#) (Feb. 22), we're proud to introduce this toolkit designed to help you lead focus groups within the context of the CCR's Anti-Racism Project.

***What's in this guide:***

- A brief summary of the CCR Anti-Racism project (including objectives and timelines for conducting focus groups).
- A description of the purpose of these focus groups.
- Several templates to help your organize and lead focus groups.

***Who can use this guide:***

- Members who are attending the virtual meeting next week.
- Members who want to be part of the project but can't attend the meeting.
- Members who want to run focus groups for their own programs and want some tips and tricks.

*Interested? Members can download the resource by [clicking here](#)*

If you have any questions on this Toolkit or the upcoming meeting, please email: Shilik Hamad, at [shamad@ccrweb.ca](mailto:shamad@ccrweb.ca).



## Global challenges: Migrant and refugee integration in Canada

**Tues. Feb. 28, 2023, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM EST Hybrid**

Join CERC Migration for our upcoming Migration Working Group. The February meeting addresses the theme of migrant and refugee integration in Canada. The workshop is chaired by **Shiva Mohan**, Research Fellow, CERC Migration. The Migration Working Group meets monthly to discuss the migration research of emerging and established scholars. Our meetings give researchers an opportunity to present their ongoing projects, learn about each other's work and share feedback.

Presenters include:

- **Simona Chiose**, University of Toronto
- **Kathryn Dennler**, The Conference Board of Canada
- **Tony Fang**, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- **Shervin Ghaem-Maghani**, University of Toronto
- **Abu Saleh Mohammad Sowad**, Concordia University and University of Dhaka

Visit the [event webpage](#) for abstracts and program details.

[REGISTER](#)



# DATALENS



## 2026 CENSUS OF POPULATION CONTENT CONSULTATION

Before each census, Statistics Canada initiates an extensive consultation program that allows data users and interested parties across Canada to share their views on both the content and dissemination strategy of the Census.

Consultation is now underway!

Completing the questionnaire online is quick, easy and secure. Select the "Complete the consultation questionnaire" to open the questionnaire.

[Census consultation guide](#) | [Frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#)

[Complete the Consultation questionnaire](#)

## ADDITIONAL CENSUS DATA

The 2021 Census Dissemination Project is pleased to announce the additional release of census data

These data and analyses can be accessed through:

- [The Daily](#)
- The [Census of Population web module](#). Users can select **Census** on the main navigation menu of the Statistics Canada website and then select **Census of Population**. From the Census of Population web module, users can access release-specific information through the 'Census news' section or directly from the variety of release-related and/or product-specific links.





Information within the Census Program web module on the additional results can be found in the following products:

- [Census Profile](#)—additional geographies available—forward sortation areas<sup>©</sup>, dissolved census subdivisions
- [Data quality tables](#)
- Thematic maps—[Poverty](#)
- Reference guides—PDF versions
  - [Place of Birth, Generation Status, Citizenship and Immigration Reference Guide](#)
  - [Visible Minority and Population Group Reference Guide](#)
  - [Mobility and Migration Reference Guide](#)
  - [Ethnic or Cultural Origin Reference Guide](#)
  - [Religion Reference Guide](#)
  - [Languages Reference Guide](#)
- § [Population and dwelling amendments](#)
- § [Geographic areas not released](#) (forward sortation areas<sup>©</sup>)

The release of 2021 Census of Population products will continue throughout 2023. Please continue to visit our [release plans](#) for the latest listing of upcoming product releases.

## A PORTRAIT OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND OCCUPATIONAL OUTCOMES AMONG RACIALIZED POPULATIONS IN 2021

The proportion of the Canadian population with a bachelor's degree or higher is increasing, and this is particularly significant given the current high levels of labour demand for educated workers. However, this population of degree holders is highly diverse, and the overall picture may not reflect the experience of all groups, including racialized groups. This article examines two key questions focusing on different racialized groups. First, to what degree does educational attainment differ between and within racialized groups? Second, are racialized populations finding jobs that correspond to their education? Through this analysis, the varying socioeconomic outcomes of racialized people are more clearly illuminated.... [Read more](#)

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



# REPEATS

## Settlement & Integration Program

Burnaby Neighbourhood House located on the traditional unceded territories of Coast Salish Nations.



## Homework Club For newcomer elementary students

**Grade 3-5**  
Saturdays 10:30am-12:00pm  
(On Zoom)

**Do you need help with your homework?**  
Get help in **Math, English, and other subjects** from trained volunteer tutors!

**Starting January 21, 2023**

To register, please contact us:  
Email: [giselab@burnabynh.ca](mailto:giselab@burnabynh.ca),  
Phone: 236-833-6515

[www.burnabynh.ca](http://www.burnabynh.ca)

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tselil-Vtauth (tsəlilwətaʔ), Kwikwetlen (kwikwetlən), Squamish (sqwəwəʔməsh Uxwumixw), and Musqueam (músqwəjəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

*Starting soon at  
Burnaby  
Neighbourhood House!*

**Posters attached**

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## Homework Club For newcomer high school students

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Saturdays 12:30pm-2:00pm  
(On Zoom)

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جلسه های آموزشی برای افغان های تازه وارد در بی سی

Welcome to BC - Orientations for Afghan Newcomers

آدرس:

Burnaby Neighbourhood House  
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby

تکت بس و مراقبت از کودکان تهیه میشود در صورت ثبت نام قبلی  
Snack, bus tickets and child minding provided upon registration

Sessions are offered in-person from 12:30pm-2:23pm for Afghan newcomers, and will cover the following topics:

- 1st Session, February 15th: General information on life, resources and systems in BC
- 2nd Session, February 22nd: Federal & provincial benefits
- 3rd Session, March 1st: Money, budgeting, banking and Financial systems and tools
- 4th Session, March 15th: Information on BNH programs & Cultural celebration - Nowruz & Ramadan

For more information and registration:

ArmanZ@burnabynh.ca / Arman 604-657-2163  
MaryamT@burnabynh.ca / Maryam 236-877-2531  
ParisaS@burnabynh.ca / Parisa 236-878-6295

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چهار جلسه به شکل حضوری برای افغان های تازه وارد، در روزهای چهارشنبه، ساعت ۱۲:۳۰ الی ۲:۳۰ ارائه می شود و موضوعات زیر را پوشش می دهند:

- جلسه اول، ۱۵ فبروری: اطلاعات عمومی در مورد زندگی، منابع و سیستم ها در بریتیش کلمبیا
- جلسه دوم، ۲۲ فبروری: مزایای دولت فدرال و ولایتی
- جلسه سوم، ۱ مارچ: پول، بودجه، بانکداری و سیستم ها و ابزارهای مالی
- جلسه چهارم، ۱۵ مارچ: معلومات در مورد پروگرام های بزنی فیبرهود هوز و تجلیل از نوروز و آغاز ماه مبارک رمضان

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**Welcome to Canada for Afghan newcomers**

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The [Kinbrace Educational Award](#) supports the post-secondary educational aspirations of one foreign-born young person who made a refugee claim in Canada (or whose parents made a refugee claim) and is now a protected person, permanent resident, or Canadian citizen.

This award may be renewed yearly for the applicant, for a total award of \$20,000 over four consecutive years. The recipient will engage in a renewal process each year.

Amount: \$5,000 per year.

Applications are open until 30 April 2023.

Thank you.

Loren (he/him)

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*For more information about this and other awards see: <https://mosaicbc.org/awards-and-scholarships/>*

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY at Burnaby Neighbourhood House**

**Position Title:** Settlement Program & Community Connection Coordinator

**Reports to:** Director of Settlement & Integration

**Position Location:** 4460 Beresford St. #100, Burnaby, British Columbia

**Hours of Work:** 30-32 hours per week, flexible schedule Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends

**Starting Wage:** \$25.89 per hour plus benefits package

**Please see position description details in PDF attached**

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit your Resume and cover letter to [simoneg@burnabynh.ca](mailto:simoneg@burnabynh.ca) by February 15, 2023.



Hello BCSIS Service Providers,

We would like to remind you about the new **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>

In this course, learners will be invited to consider their own worldview and the forces that have contributed to its development. This 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 are also invited to participate in a Reflection Circle on February 27, 2023, from 1:30 – 3:30pm.** 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. Attendees are asked to complete the e-learning course prior to the Circle.

You can register for the Reflection Circle here: <https://amssa.org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZloceurrDwjGtfR0D2yYBw4gPxcgZ8fuki0E>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Marta Stefanska, Provincial Integration Program Coordinator  
E-mail: [mstefanska@amssa.org](mailto:mstefanska@amssa.org)





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We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **Pre Working Group Meetings session** on Tuesday, April 18.

These sessions (one in English, one in French) are designed for members who wish to engage online, to hear/give input on issues on the Working Groups' agendas.

In these meetings, members will be able to:

- Review and discuss the updates on specific points of the Handouts;
- Talk about emerging issues and possible actions that can be taken in line with the Strategic Plan;
- Suggest possible workshops for the Fall 2023 Consultation which will be voted on during the in-person Working Group meetings April 21/22

The updated points to review and discuss will be shared closer to the meeting date.

**When:** Tuesday, April 18 starting at 10:00am Pacific

Virtual

The meeting will last 90 mins and be conducted **in English**.

[\*\*REGISTER\*\*](#)



CMS SPRING SPEAKER SERIES  
**DECOLONIZING MIGRATION**



**Pasang Yangjee Sherpa | February 16**

*UBC Asian Studies & Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies*



**Glen Coulthard | March 9**

*UBC Political Science & First Nations and Indigenous Studies*



**Jules Arita Koostachin | March 23**

*PhD, UBC Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice; poet & filmmaker  
Film screening + Q&A*



**Alice Te Punga Somerville  
& Candace Galla | March 27**

*English Language and Literatures & Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies | Language and Literacy Education & Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies*



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Centre for Migration Studies

**February 16: Pasang Yangjee Sherpa:**

This talk explores the case of Sherpa people as a transnational Indigenous community. It focuses on the Sherpas from the place also known as Nepal and their migration to what is also known as the United States. It begins with Sherpa migration history to examine transnational living and Indigeneity as every day realities of the people. To do so, it draws upon literature from Critical Indigenous Studies, Migration Studies, Anthropology, Geography, and History. The talk presents Indigeneity as an important concept to center realities of many who have been forced to migrate as a result of the current hegemonic, capitalist, and colonial systems including the nation-state framings in Asian and global contexts.

**Please RSVP [here](#).**

**Warm lunch served at 11:45am with RSVP.**



# Narratives of Migration: Between Politics and Policies

CERC Migration Annual Conference 2023

[Registration is now open](#)

Join us for **Narratives of Migration: Between Politics and Policies**, a two-day conference in Toronto/online to consider the narratives of migration that shape understanding, policy and even lives. The conference features an exciting lineup of top speakers who will help deconstruct narratives from around the world to show their origins, politics and influence.

Early-bird pricing is available until Mar. 6, 2023. **Conference dates: May 10-11, 2023**

MAP (Multi-Agency Partnership) Bulletin February 15, 2023



## Refugee Research Network

- **RRN Research Digest -**  
**February 2, 2023**

The RRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference



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