

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 158 February 22, 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 <a href="mailto:info@mapbc.org">info@mapbc.org</a>.

# **MAP NEWS**

- MAP Meeting February 23, 9:30 am at MOSAIC.
  - Please see the Agenda inside
  - Saleem Spindari (former MAP Co-chair) and Mainu Ahmed, of the Muslim Food Bank will present about their work.
  - There will be ample time to discuss the issues and concerns MAP agencies face as well as news updates.
  - Come and meet colleagues in the sector to compare notes and work on finding solutions to common problems See you tomorrow at 5575 Boundary Road!

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Part of our Strategic Planning changes will be involving **Partner Agencies** in more MAP activities and decision-making. We are asking ALL our partner agencies to re-affirm their commitment, and some agencies have been contacted if they have not attended or participated for a while. If your agency needs to change its level of participation, please contact <a href="mailto:info@mapbc.org">info@mapbc.org</a>.
Unfortunately, if we do not hear back from an agency who is not actively participating their MAP membership will be terminated.

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





VANCOUVER

# LEGAL AID CONNECT 2023

**MARCH 1ST 2023** 

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY VANCOUVER

JOIN US FROM 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM SEGAL BUILDING, FOUNDERS HALL 500 GRANVILLE STREET, VANCOUVER, BC, V6C 1W6

THIS IS A (FREE) FORUM FOR VANCOUVER TARIFF LAWYERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS. LABC WANTS TO THANK YOU, LISTEN, LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, AND TALK ABOUT OUR STRATEGIC PLAN.

RSVP BY 5:00 PM FEBRUARY 21
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Join Legal Aid BC Staff, lawyers and settlement agencies to learn about LABC resources and discuss legal needs for refugee claimants.

Register asap!

Poster attached also



# Recoming Neighbours



Becoming Neighbours Workshops explore time-tested values that lead to belonging and safety in a world increasingly marked by forced displacement.

## If you are

- · interested in or actively welcoming refugee claimants
- a person who has lived the refugee journey, reflecting on your welcome story
- curious to dive deeper into conversation about what creates a world of welcome

# then join the Becoming Neighbours Workshops to

- explore what motivates your welcome of people who are forcibly displaced
- · articulate what guides your actions to walk alongside those seeking refuge
- discuss what sustains your welcoming vision amid the chaos of displacement.



Becoming Neighbours Workshops are thanks to:





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Becoming Neighbours Workshops are hosted by Kinbrace.







CCR is happy to invite you to an online meeting on the <a href="CCR Regularization Campaign">CCR Regularization Campaign</a> on Tuesday, March 7 at 11 am – 12pm PST



You may remember that in Aug 2022, the Inland Protection and Immigration and Settlement Working Groups launched a campaign calling on the Govt. of Canada to provide **permanent status to all those living and working here**.

The Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship will soon make an announcement regarding the details of its regularization program, therefore we urgently need to continue our efforts to ensure those in limbo have their rights and dignity recognized.

In this meeting, members will:

- •Get more information on the CCR campaign and on the advocacy toolkit available for members.
- Give input on campaign strategies.
- •Discuss how they can be part of our collective voice and take action.

Many allies' voices are also calling on the Government to take action. You may have seen other campaigns occurring across Canada! To help members better understand what the CCR is doing specifically, we have created an infographic:

Regularization Campaign Infographic



If you have questions in advance of the meeting, please contact María José Espejo at mjespejo@ccrweb.ca.

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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#### THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# **Centre for Migration Studies**

# CMS Update – February 2023 View the whole update in your browser

# Sharing Insights: The Lived Experience of Syrian Refugees in Canada





With **Keith Neuman**, Senior Associate at the Environics Institute for Survey Research & **Jobran Khanji**, community leader, advocate for peace and researcher with a background in international development and political science

Tuesday, February 28 2:00 to 3:30 pm Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, Peña Room Refreshments will be provided



# February 28, 2:00 - 3:30PM

Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, Peña Room

How have Syrian refugees in Canada fared since their arrival in 2015-16? In this interactive presentation, associates from the non-profit Environics Institute for Survey Research will discuss their research on the <u>lived experience of Syrians</u>. Their national study documented how these refugees have fared in their new country and lives, and asked what can be learned from their experience that might benefit future refugees. The research involved in-depth interviews with a representative sample of 305 Syrian refugees covering their journey from pre-arrival to present day, as well as their hopes and challenges for the future. The study is intended to provide valuable insight to guide government programs and policies, as well as support the ongoing work of settlement agencies, private sponsor groups, refugee communities and others involved in refugee resettlement in Canada.

Please RSVP <u>here</u>
Refreshments will be provided to those registered.







Q&A with Michelle Shephard
presented by
UBC School of Journalism,
Writing and Media

February 27, 12:30-1:30PM Sing Tao Building, Room 104

This lunch-time public event welcomes Michelle Shephard, an award-winning Canadian journalist, author, filmmaker, podcast host and producer. Michelle has received a Peabody Award, three National Newspaper Awards, the Governor-General's Mihener Award, and an Emmy nomination for her diverse and outstanding body of work.

Her most recent film, *The Perfect Story* (2022), is a gripping tale of migration, narrative, and ethics, told with the utmost sensitivity and respect. It chronicles Michelle's journey as she documents – and eventually assists with – a young Somali refugee's migration, only to find a shocking revelation. By exposing the boundaries of journalism and filmmaking, the film questions what stories are told, why, and who gets to tell them.

On February 27th, Michelle will share some of her most memorable excerpts and experiences, followed by a Q&A session. Event is open to the general public and free of charge. Pizza from Uncle Fatih's and drinks will be provided.





# - RRN Research Digest - February 16, 2023

**Read Digest on RRN Website** 

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 <a href="mailto:emailt



# **REPEATS**

# 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** 







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

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Director, Research & Evaluation.











# Metro Vancouver's Black Communities Affordable Rental Housing Needs Survey

Survey goals: The survey is targeted toward Black people living in Metro Vancouver to understand their rental housing experiences. The survey explores topics such as subsidized housing, forced moves, housing discrimination, dwelling characteristics, concerns, satisfaction, and barriers Black communities encounter when renting a unit/house.



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

1 - 888 - 846 - 4267 EXT: 2





# Flyer with QR code attached

# BC Settlement and Integration Services

# PRE-EMPLOYMENT SERIES REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

#### 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 24, 2023 10AM - 12PM

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

Online etiquettes

#### 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 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 MARCH 3, 2023 10AM - 1PM

#### Mock Interview

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

#### 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

Lesly Cruz lesly.cruz@options.bc.ca 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



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 preemployment 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 **Employment Specialist**

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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 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 <u>www.inasmuch.ca</u> – *Upcoming Classes* 

(Poster attached)



# Contact us at office@impactnorthshore.ca or 604-988-2931 for FREE



# **Workshops & Appointments (3 pages)**

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.

# **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)



# Free workshops and events (continued)





**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.

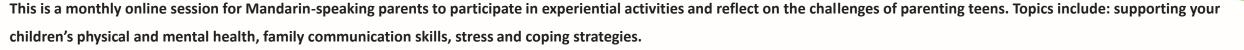
Contact us at office@impactnorthshore.ca or 604-988-2931

Free workshops and events (continued)



**Parenting Teens Support Group (Mandarin)** 

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



**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 <u>lucas.reid@surrev.ca</u> 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
- . For all English language learners.
- Email <u>libraryprograms@surrey.ca</u> 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)

 4th Wednesday of the month: 1PM - 2PM Register online.

## LIBRARY INFORMATION



ONLINE

Access online resources at 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 <u>surrevibraries.ca/events</u> or scan the QR code to register for online programs.

# February 2023

What's Happening



**Surrey Libraries** 

English
Language
Learning

www.surreylibraries.ca







# **QUICK LINKS:**



- Surrey-North Delta Now Has a <u>Centralized Registry</u> 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 <u>Supports in Fraser Health</u>

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 <a href="https://linearchy.com/l

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

Direct: 647-714-2511 / Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-833-900-1010

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

As preparation, before we host our virtual meeting on <u>Addressing barriers: CCR Anti-Racism Project</u> (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.

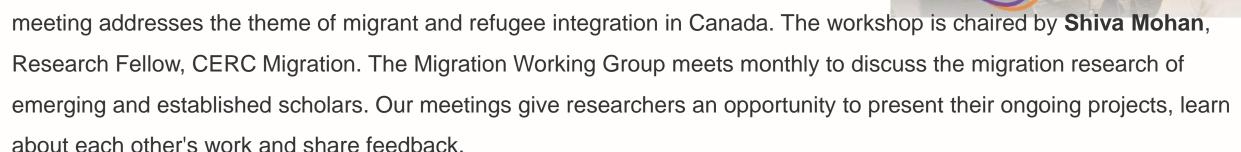
Interested? Members can download the resource by <u>clicking here</u>
If you have any questions on this Toolkit or the upcoming meeting, please email: Shilik Hamad, at <u>shamad@ccrweb.ca</u>.





# 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



# Presenters include:

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

Visit the **event webpage** for abstracts and program details.





Migration Working

Group

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YOUR UPDATES FROM STATISTICS CANADA

# 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 <u>Census of Population web module</u>. 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 ©, dissolved census subdivisions
- Data quality tables
- Thematic maps—Poverty
- Reference guides—PDF versions
  - o Place of Birth, Generation Status, Citizenship and Immigration Reference Guide
  - o Visible Minority and Population Group Reference Guide
  - o Mobility and Migration Reference Guide
  - o Ethnic or Cultural Origin Reference Guide
  - o Religion Reference Guide
  - o 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 <u>release plans</u> 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

