



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 159

March 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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

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## MAP NEWS

### **NEW!!! Community Engagement Director**

MAP BC is searching for a new leader! The posting is inside and attached and is already attracting attention! Please [take a look](#), share with your friends/colleagues and help us find the best person for the position!

Deadline to apply: March 10

### **Building Connections:** an Interactive Resource Fair for Refugee Claimants

MAP's Information Working Group is happy to announce an event for refugee claimants at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 4pm – 6:30pm.

Tables of information spanning legal, housing, health, financial, employment, food security, LGBTQ+ services and many others will be available for browsing. Plus snacks and a cozy corner to make new friends and chat.

Some interpretation available, agencies interested in a table please contact

[info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org) Posters attached to this bulletin!

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A great opportunity for refugee claimants to connect with the community!

Join us for free refreshments and learn about resources available to you!

**Learn more about**

- Housing
- Health & Wellness
- Legal Advice
- Financial Advice
- Employment
- Food Security

**April 1st**  
4pm - 6:30 pm

Free to attend!

Hosted by MAP BC

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House  
800 E Broadway, Vancouver

Near the skytrain and on the #99 bus route

MAP Multi-Agency Partnership BC  
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

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

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

MAP BC (Multi-Agency Partnership)

Vancouver, BC – 2 year Contract For Services      Start date: April 3, 2023

**MAP BC** is a unique grassroots network of over 45 agencies (government and non-government) supporting refugee claimants working together since 2007. The unincorporated network supports the exchange of information, collaboration between agency members to find solutions to pressing refugee claimant issues and community engagement. MAP BC has been recognized for its role in championing the need for refugee claimant housing, effective referral mechanisms and for recognition of the rights of refugee claimants through the unified voice of its members. MAP prides itself on providing a safe, respectful space where all voices are heard, and those of refugee claimants above all.

**LEAD OUR TEAM!**

We are looking for a dedicated leader for our network to be the face of MAP – someone who is committed to the well-being of refugee claimants as well as having the capacity to promote collaboration through dialogue and teamwork.

Reporting to the MAP Advisory Council and Contract Manager, the Community Engagement Director is responsible for the ongoing work of MAP BC.

**KEY DELIVERABLES: The work will fall under the following categories:**

1. Convening Sector Partners: meetings and working groups
2. Information Sharing and Advocacy
3. Public Education
4. MAP Project Support
5. MAP Administration

**The time expected to complete these responsibilities is somewhat less than full-time equivalent work.**

*The contract work provides:*

- a) The opportunity to get to know and collaborate with a wide spectrum of agencies and people engaged with supporting refugee claimants.
- b) A leading role in championing change and equity.
- c) The opportunity to work from home much of the time and flexibility as such.

Pay is negotiable but within a \$50,000 - \$54,000 range per annum and will be discussed with candidates interviewed for this role.

Apply by sending resume/cover letter to:  
[employment@journeyhomecommunity.ca](mailto:employment@journeyhomecommunity.ca)

Deadline to apply: Friday, March 10

**CBSA has confirmed that they will soon transition to the IRCC Portal for port of entry claims and will stop using the Canadian Refugee Protection Portal (CRPP). The transition is expected for April 4th, 2023 - details to be confirmed.**

Some claimants have already been directed to use the IRCC Portal. As of the transition date, all **new** applications must be made on the IRCC Portal, regardless of whether the claim is initiated with CBSA or IRCC. All applications that were initiated on the CRPP prior to the transition date must be completed within 90 days or the information will be purged.

CBSA is already distributing instructions to claimants directing them to the IRCC Portal. POE claimants can use the IRCC portal now.

In the instructions, CBSA indicates that port of entry (POE) claimants can upload their Acknowledgement of Claim or Confirmation of Referral document in place of the Basis of Claim form.

**\*\*Note** - there is a backend end glitch that will be addressed April 4th with the update. When a POE claimant uses the IRCC portal right now, it creates a duplicate application number (L number) but IRCC is cancelling the duplicate. Claimants may get a notification of a cancellation, but it is just the duplicate that is being cancelled. Again, this will be corrected after April 4th.

**Instructions are attached as separate documents:**

- Entry for examination
- Bilingual instruction sheet
- IRCC Portal Letter

## Canada announces support for Iranian temporary residents

From: [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/02/canada-announces-support-for-iranian-temporary-residents.html>

### News release

**February 23, 2023—Vancouver** — Canada is committed to protecting Iranians already in Canada, and to helping Iranian families stay together. In light of the gross and systematic human rights violations being committed by the Iranian regime during its brutal crackdown on protestors, some may wish to prolong their stay in Canada rather than return home at this time.

Today, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced new measures to support Iranian temporary residents in Canada.

Effective March 1, 2023, these measures will make it easier for Iranians who wish to extend their temporary status in Canada and to move between temporary streams, allowing Iranians to continue studying, working or visiting family by applying for a new permit from inside Canada. An open work permit pathway will be made available for Iranians already in Canada as well.

Applications from Iranians in Canada will also be processed on a priority basis.

In addition, the Government of Canada is waiving certain processing fees for Iranians who wish to extend their stay in Canada, and will also waive passport and permanent resident travel document fees for citizens and permanent residents of Canada in Iran who wish to leave.

Canada continues to explore changes to other programs, like the Human Rights Defenders stream, 1 of the few programs in the world with a dedicated, permanent immigration program for those who protect and promote human rights.

These measures build on [our previous actions](#) against the Iranian regime's flagrant suppression of Iranian people's freedoms and human rights.

We are closely monitoring the ongoing needs of Iranians and will adapt our response as needed.

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Posters attached also!  
AND available from  
[info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org)



نمایش گاه رهنمودی  
برای متقاضیان  
پناهنده گی تازه وارد!

# تامین ارتباطات

فرصت عالی برای پناهنده گان تازه وارد، به منظور برقراری روابط با جامعه میزبان و آگاهی یافتن از منابع و خدمات جاری برای پناهنده گان

این مراسم تنها به آن عده از پناهنده گانی برگزار می شود که به تازه گی وارد شهرهای ایالت بریتیش کلمبیا شده اند.

برای صرف تنقلات (خوراکی های مختصر) و کسب آگاهی درباره امکانات موجود برای پناهنده گان تازه وارد، با ما همراه شوید.

در باره موارد زیر آگاه شوید:  
تهیه مسکن

- سلامت و بهداشت
- مشورت های حقوقی
- مشورت های مالی
- کاریابی و استخدام
- تامین امنیت غذایی

زمان : اول اپریل  
۲۰۲۳ - ساعت ۴ تا  
۶:۳۰ بعد از ظهر

محل برگزاری نمایش گاه :

Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House  
800 E Broadway, Vancouver



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April 1<sup>st</sup>, 4pm – 6:30 pm

Just drop in!

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House  
800 East Broadway, Vancouver

# Construyendo Comunidades

Una feria de recursos interactivos para solicitantes de refugio.

Una gran oportunidad para que solicitantes de refugio se conecten con la comunidad

Acompáñenos para disfrutar de refrigerios gratuitos y conocer los recursos disponibles para usted.

## Aprenda mas sobre:

- Alojamiento
- Salud y bienestar
- Consejo legal
- Consejo financiera
- Empleo
- Banco de Alimentos

1o de abril  
4p-6:30p

Entrada gratis!

Sirve como anfitrión:

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House  
800 E Broadway, Vancouver

Cerca del Skytrain y en la ruta del autobus #99





# MOSAIC

Engaging Newcomers, Enriching Communities

MOSAIC's Legal Advocacy Program has a new more convenient email: [LAP@mosaicbc.org](mailto:LAP@mosaicbc.org)  
(Our other email [legaladvocacy@mosaicbc.org](mailto:legaladvocacy@mosaicbc.org) is still in use, the two emails are now combined.)

For more information about our Program please consult our webpage: <https://mosaicbc.org/our-programs/legal-help-for-immigrants-and-refugees/>  
(you will have to scroll down for the program support information)

Thank you.

**Miriam Jurigová, J.D.** (she/her/hers)

*Manager and Legal Advocate*

**Legal Advocacy Program**

**Monday -Thursday**

**Family & Settlement Services**

5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver, BC, V5R 2P9 Canada

T 604 254 9626 ext. 1004

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AFGHAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION  
REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SERVICES

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A Way Forward:  
Strategies for Supporting Women in Afghanistan



**DR. SIMA SAMAR**

Former Minister of Women's  
Affairs in Afghanistan and  
Chairperson of the Afghan  
Independent Human Rights  
Commission



**NUZHAT JAFRI**

Executive Director Canadian  
Council for Muslim Women



**MARIAM SAFI**

Executive Director of the  
Organization of Policy  
Research and Development  
Studies



**DR. HOMA HOODFAR**

Professor at Concordia  
University



**COREY LEVINE**

Human Rights and Peace  
Building Policy Expert



**PARWEEN PAZHWAK**

Poet and Writer  
**POETRY READING**



RSVP FOR ZOOM LINK:  
[ffatah@afghanwomen.org](mailto:ffatah@afghanwomen.org)



1:00-2:00 PM EST - MARCH 8, 2023 - ZOOM WEBINAR

The Afghan Women's Organization has organized an event on International Women's Day.

The event is scheduled for March 8, from 1-2PM (EST) on Zoom. The title of the event is:

**"A Way Forward: Strategies for Supporting Women in Afghanistan".**

The purpose of the event is to highlight the critical issues faced by Afghan women, raise awareness, and spark action. We hope that together we can alleviate the suffering of Afghan women.

RSVP for the zoom link and sign up at:  
[ffatah@afghanwomen.org](mailto:ffatah@afghanwomen.org)



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INTERNATIONAL  
*Women's Day*

Imagine a gender equal world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive and where difference is valued and celebrated. Join us as we celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness and take action to drive gender equity.

**March 8th, 2023**  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**

Registration required:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mpwup83x>



**BIPT** | SUNSHINE  
INTERCULTURAL  
PLANNING TABLE

**BURNABY TOGETHER**  
COALITION AGAINST RACISM AND HATE

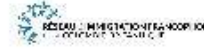
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# ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION



**March 20th, 2023**  
**9am-3pm**  
**Ismaili Centre, Vancouver**

**Registration required:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/227bhfc>



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# INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION FOR SENIORS

FREE  
EVENT



REGISTER  
TODAY!

Learn how to communicate effectively, gain a deeper understanding of your own ethnocentrism, discuss different cultural norms in BC communities and reflect on perceptions regarding diversity.

**April 25, 2023**

**9am-2pm**

**Art Room- Bonsor Community Centre**

**Light breakfast and lunch served.**

**Registration required:**

**Register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BIPT42523>,**

**email [bfl\\_info@burnabyfamilylife.org](mailto:bfl_info@burnabyfamilylife.org) or call 604-419-6919**





**Registration is now open for the spring program of [Creative Teens Theatre!](#)  
Register by March 24.**

Aimed at students in grades 7–12, the Creative Teens Theatre program invites students to collaboratively create an original show based on ideas and stories that they are passionate about.

Students will learn a variety of drama techniques and styles, such as acting, character creation, comedy, physical theatre, scriptwriting, movement, and more. The class will work as an ensemble to create and shape the program's final showcase—an original show written and performed by the cohort on an Arts Club stage!

**SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES**

Join us for the [Spring Workshop Series](#)—**FREE theatre workshops offered for youth!**

**[CLIMATE THEATRE: EMBODYING THE WORLD AROUND US](#)**

Mon, March 13, 2–3:30pm  
BMO Theatre Centre / Ages: 16-25

**[SPEAKING AND SINGING IN A CHARACTER VOICE](#)**

Tue, March 14, 3–4:30 PM  
BMO Theatre Centre / Ages: 14–19

**[THREE-RING THEATRE](#)**

Thu, March 23, 3–4:30 PM  
Granville Island Stage / Ages: 12-17

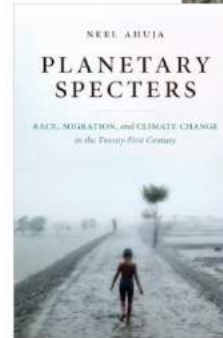
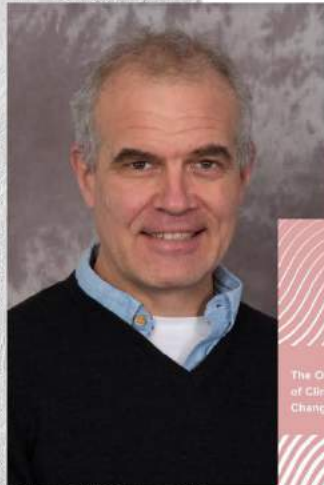
**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

For more information contact Hila Graf, Education & Community Engagement at [hgraf@artsclub.com](mailto:hgraf@artsclub.com)

**Program dates:**  
Apr 2–June 4  
Sundays, 10 AM–1 PM (BMO Theatre Centre), Wednesdays, 5 – 6:30 PM (Zoom)  
**Tuition:**  
\$450 + GST (limited subsidy spots available on a case-by-case basis)



# RACIAL CAPITAL AND CLIMATE MIGRATION WITH ANDREW BALDWIN AND NEEL AHUJA



March 2, 2023 - 10am- 12pm  
Room 229 - Geography Building  
refreshments will be provided



CMS SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

## DECOLONIZING MIGRATION

### Third World Influences on Fourth World Anti-Colonialism: Land and/as Solidarity



#### **Glen Coulthard | March 9**

*Associate Professor, Political Science and First Nations and Indigenous Studies*

Thursday, March 9  
12:15- 1:45 pm  
Choi Building, Room 120



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Centre for Migration Studies

We're thrilled to announce the second event in our Spring Speaker Series, *Decolonizing Migration*, with Associate Professor [Glen Coulthard](#).

In 2017 a symposium was published in *Historical Materialism* devoted to constructively interrogating many of the claims I develop in *Red Skin, White Masks*. In her contribution to the volume, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz suggests that, while the re-interpretation and use of Marxist categories by Indigenous theorists has been undeniably limited compared to other theoretical perspectives, they nonetheless do exist. Indeed, she suggests that the prevalence and visibility of Marxist-informed analyses tends to increase exponentially as we broaden our historical and geographical frames of reference to include the global decolonization efforts that gained traction in the post-War period and continue to this day. Motivated in part by Dunbar-Ortiz's provocation, my talk will provide a glimpse into the historical and global context that informed the place-based theoretical framework I developed in *RSWM*, focusing on the political work being done by a dedicated cadre of Native militants organizing (largely, but not exclusively) in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia (the two places I call home, and which have shaped my politics indelibly) from the late 1960s to the early 1980s. In doing so, I will show that Red Power advocates during this period indeed drew profound inspiration from the decolonization struggles of the "Third World" abroad and "internal colonies" at home, and like many radicalized communities of colour during this time, molded and adapted the insights they gleaned from these struggles into their own unique politics of solidarity and critiques of racial capitalism, patriarchy, and internal colonialism.

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

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

What do we mean when we talk about 'refugee welcome'? Traditions of welcome are cultural and diverse.

Practically, how do we create a mutual welcome?

You're invited to join the **Becoming Neighbours: Welcome workshop**, an interactive community dialogue, to explore practices and postures of welcome in a world increasingly marked by forced displacement.

At the Welcome workshop, you will

- hear from panels with refugee and Indigenous perspectives
- participate in roundtable conversations
- get a sneak preview of Worn Words' new film *Welcomestory*.



**Where:** In-person (Vancouver) or Virtual (from anywhere)

**When:** March 25, 0900-1200, lunch provided

**Who:** Everyone who participates - or who wants to participate - in communities of welcome: sponsorship groups, hosts, refugee claimants, resettled refugees, churches, researchers, lawyers, transitional housing communities, settlement/community agencies

**Register to reserve your spot:** <https://kinbrace.ca/becoming-neighbours-welcome/>

This interactive workshop is the first of five in the Becoming Neighbours 2023 series, exploring values that undergird communities of refugees and citizens in Canada. Each dialogue focuses on the complexities of one "value" and includes refugee panels and roundtable conversations. The workshops are hybrid so you can attend from anywhere.

Becoming Neighbours Workshops are in partnership with [Worn Words Media](#) and co-sponsored by Vancity, Vancouver Foundation, UBC Office of Community Engagement, and UBC Centre for Migration Studies.

Workshops  
**Becoming 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.



Scan to learn more and register

Becoming Neighbours Workshops are thanks to:

vancouver foundation



Vancity

Becoming Neighbours Workshops are hosted by Kinbrace.



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<p><b>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2023</b> 10AM - 12PM</p> <p><u>Introduction</u> How to apply for? Employment Insurance Medical Services Plan Social Insurance Number Bank account &amp; direct deposit</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2023</b> 10AM - 1PM</p> <p><u>Workplace Culture</u> What to do? What not to do? Interview Prep Stat holidays and cultural celebrations in the workplace</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2023</b> 10AM - 12PM</p> <p><u>Basic Computer Skills</u> Business e-mails Create/edit resume Job Search Strategies Online etiquettes</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023</b> 10AM - 1PM</p> <p><u>Mock Interview</u> Learn tips on how to attend the interview. Build your confidence with practice!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY MARCH 10, 2023</b> 10AM - 12PM</p> <p><u>Short-Term Training Opportunities</u> Attend trainings once you have completed the sessions (if needed). Food Safe First Aid</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY MARCH 17, 2023</b> 10AM - 12PM</p> <p><u>Certificate of Participation</u> Upon completion of the series, you will receive a certificate from Options Community Services.</p>

**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 Affairs.

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](#)  
**Employment Specialist**  
150-10362 King George Blvd.  
Surrey, BC V3T 2W5  
Cell: 604.999.0625





Canadian Council  
for Refugees  
Conseil canadien  
pour les réfugiés

CCR is happy to invite you to an online meeting on the [CCR Regularization Campaign](#) 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](#)

[Meeting  
Registration](#)

If you have questions in advance of the meeting, please contact María José Espejo at [mjespejo@ccrweb.ca](mailto:mjespejo@ccrweb.ca). We look forward to seeing you there!

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# Refugee Research Network

## - 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 [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