



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 16

May 17, 2023

Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? Surviving the pandemic and the many upheavals in the refugee claimant sector this is a question we will keep on asking, while providing support through 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!

You are invited to attend the **MAP Meeting on Thursday May 25th** at 9:30 am hosted by ISSofBC

Address: ISSofBC Welcome Centre, 2610 Victoria Drive, Vancouver

Thank you to our friends at ISSofBC for hosting MAP!

The highlights are:

- Our regular IRB Report
- A Presentation by Jennifer Reddy from City of Vancouver - "City of Vancouver Access Without Fear"
- Report from the MAP Advisory Council
- World Refugee Day planning update
- Chances for everyone to share updates/questions/issues and friendship in the service of refugee claimants.

Light refreshments will be provided - please come early to meet your colleagues and enjoy a warm coffee!

Transport and Parking:

Parking is available at the Church next door (big thanks to Dena Nicolai for making it available!)

ISSofBC Welcome Centre is located just a block from the Commercial Drive skytrain station.

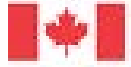
MAP Bulletins in May

Because of the handover of responsibilities at MAP going on bulletins will be restricted to the following dates: **May 17, 31**

Please send your items for inclusion with this date in mind!

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

Thank Lam, Sireen El Nashar and Katya Avalos, MAP Executive



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

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et Citoyenneté Canada

Canada

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) continues to innovate how we do business. We are using technology to develop new tools and practices to make our immigration system more agile, efficient and client-focused.

On April 25, 2023, IRCC and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) launched a functionality where the biometric photo taken of an asylum claimant, 14 years of age and older, will be **printed directly on the Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD)**, if possible. As a result, asylum claimants age 14 and older will no longer need to submit photographs with their claim. As children under the age of 14 do not submit biometric information, **two passport-size photos will continue to be required.**

Thank you,
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

Information from CCR on the crisis in Sudan:

Immigration measures to support immediate family members of Canadian citizens and Canadian permanent residents who have departed Sudan

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/service-delivery/immigration-measures-sudan.html>

See also the release:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/05/canada-waives-fees-for-family-members-of-canadians-who-fled-sudan.html>

A CIRCLE OF CARE FOR Newcomers



Te invitamos a participar de esta serie de sesiones que te ayudarán a aprender todo lo necesario para establecerte en Canadá

 APRIL 19 Introducción a los Servicios Taller Intercultural Visita a la Biblioteca	 APRIL 26 Establecerse Aprendiendo sobre Canadá Etapas de adaptación a la vida en Canadá	 MAY 3 ¿Qué es el choque cultural en Canadá?
 MAY 10 TRAC Centro de Asesoramiento y Recursos para Inquilinos	 MAY 17 Introducción a los Servicios: WorkSafe de BC Seguro de empleo	 MAY 24 Introducción a los Servicios: Beneficio fiscal por hijos Plan de Pensiones Canadiense
 MAY 31 Introducción a los Servicios: Servicios médicos Fraser Health	 JUNE 7 Introducción a otros programas: Empleo Mentor	

A Circle of Care for Newcomers workshop series for Spanish speakers by Options Community Services

To register please contact:
Ana Yansie Parada
ana.parada@options.bc.ca
604.803.4169

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LUGAR
City Center Library
10350 University Drive, Room 405
Surrey, BC - V3T 4B8

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Homework Club
For newcomer high school students

Saturdays (On Zoom)
Grade 7 & 8 (1:00-2:00pm)
Grade 9 & 10 (2:00-3:00pm)

Do you need help with your homework?

Volunteer tutors will help you with Math, English, Social Studies and other subjects.

May 13 - June 24, 2023

To register, please contact Xinrui:
xinrui@burnabynh.ca

www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (salikwəw), Kwikwetlem (kwikwəlam), Squamish (Sjwəw)ʔmesh Uxwumixw and Musqueam (mʷəəbʷəjəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



Burnaby Neighborhood House
Homework Club for newcomer high school students

May 13th to June 24th on Zoom.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS



Surrey Libraries



FRAUDS AND SCAMS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

1-2:30pm on Teams

Email libraryprograms@surrey.ca to register.

WILL PREPARATION BASICS

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

1-2:30pm at Fleetwood branch

Register at Fleetwood branch or by phone 604-598-7346.



Learn how you can protect yourself from banking scams, phishing scams, and identity theft, as well as what to do if you have been scammed. Understand the pieces and benefits of having a will, and options to consider when making yours.

Registration required.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: FAMILY SERVICES of Greater Vancouver

Fleetwood branch
15996 84 Ave
604-598-7346

Digital branch
604-598-7901

surreylibraries.ca



2 Financial Literacy Workshops (1 poster):

- Frauds and Scams
When: Wednesday June 7th
Where: on Teams
- Will Preparation Basics
When: June 8th
Where: Fleetwood Branch

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Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op

Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op is hiring for the following positions:

- CCHB with Umbrella Mobile Clinic Program (Part-time)
- CCHB for the Dari, Pashto, Farsi Speaking Community (Part-time)
- CCHB for the Latin American Spanish-Speaking Community (Part-time)
- CCHB for the Middle-Eastern Arabic Speaking Community (Part-time)
- Nurse Practitioner (28-30 hrs per week)

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- Job Description and application details attached



Upcoming Workshops from Impact North Shore:



- **Building Your Zoom Skills Intermediate Level (English) 10:30 am -12:00 pm May 17th**
- **Job Interview Skills for Youth (English) 3:00-4:30 May 17th**
- **BC Family Benefits (Farsi) 10:00-12:30 May 18th**
- **Women's English Skills and Support 10:00-12:00 May 18th**
- **Senior Focus Group (English, support in Farsi and Mandarin) 9:30-11:00 am May 19th**
- **Canadian Resume Writing (Farsi) 12:30-2:30 May 25th**
- **Parenting Teens Support Group (Mandarin) 9:30-11:30 May 25th**
- **Garden Smart: Workshop and Tour (English) 1:30-2:30 May 25th**
- **Newcomer Information Session (Farsi) 1:30-3:30 May 26th**
- **Caring for your Family and Friends (English) 1:00-2:30 pm May 26th**
- **Mental Health and Immigration (Farsi) 6:00-7:30 pm May 26th**
- **North Shore Volunteer Fair 10:00 am-2:00 pm May 27th**
- **Information Session for Migrant Worker (English) 6:00-7:30 pm May 30th**
- **Employment Mentoring: Careers in Child Care (Farsi) 4:00-6:00 pm May 30th**

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WORLD REFUGEE DAY: CONNECTING REFUGEES WITH EMPLOYERS

**Looking for work?
Come to our virtual job fair!
Meet with employers who are actively hiring.**

June 20, 2023 | 9:30am to Noon

Register today at: <https://tinyurl.com/jobfair062023>



World Refugee Day Event:

Connecting Refugees with Employers

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Different language Interpreters Opportunity for Virtual Ready Tours

Ready Tour administration has recently struggled to find interpreters for Ready Tour sessions, we need all languages, especially Spanish, Farsi, and Arabic interpreters.

Virtual Ready Tour sessions are on every other Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 am (PST)

Below there is a link to a Google form that explains all the requirements and payment details.

Different Language Interpreter-Virtual Ready Tour:

<https://forms.gle/CAcGFwMuriAyhiWf9>

Please circulate the message among your colleagues, volunteers, and refugee claimants who are fluent in English and one other language and would like to join the Ready Tour program as an interpreter!

Please send your inquires to Masi: masi@kinbrace.ca



Run the Vancouver Half Marathon for PIRS!



Why is PIRS running?

You may have already heard that Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) is participating in the Vancouver Half Marathon (VHM) again this year! **The VHM is taking place on June 25th.**

[Between 2016-2021 over 1.3 million new immigrants had arrived in Canada. This is "the highest amount of new immigrant arrivals ever recorded in a Canadian census."](#) There is a need to provide resources for the new immigrants as they arrive, and due to this PIRS is running this year to raise funds for our trauma-informed programs. These programs are vital to the success of immigrant and refugee women and their children who are settling down in BC. **For more information on race details, location, time, and more, click [here](#).**

To register, click [here](#).

Unable to participate? Donate to support immigrant and refugee women and their children!



ÉCHATE UN TACO

3-6 PM

CENAS PARA TRABAJADORES MIGRANTES CADA PRIMER DOMINGO DE MES

MAYO 7, JUNIO 4, JULIO 2, AGOSTO 6, SEPTIEMBRE 3 OCTUBRE 1 | 2023

INFORMACIÓN, RIFAS, REGALOS, TRÁMITES DE IMPUESTOS, TARJETA MÉDICA, PATERNIDAD, PERMISO TRABAJO ABIERTO, ETC.

LUGAR:
13455-76 AVENUE, SURREY, BC.



MÁS INFORMACIÓN:
604-754-3419 || 778-683-3419 || 778-791-3419
INFO@dignidadmigrantesociety.org






FB: DIGNIDADMIGRANTESOCIETY || INSTAGRAM: @DIGNIDADMIGRANTE

Echate un taco!

Dinner for Migrant Workers in 3 locations:

- Surrey
- Chilliwack
- Oliver

3 PDFs ATTACHED



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CENAS PARA
TRABAJADORES MIGRANTES
CADA ÚLTIMO DOMINGO DE MES

ABRIL 30, MAYO 28, JUNIO 25 (DIA DEL PADRE) | 2023
JULIO 30, AGOSTO 27, SEPTIEMBRE 24

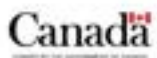
RIFAS, REGALOS, TRÁMITES DE IMPUESTOS, TARJETA MÉDICA, PATERNIDAD,
PERMISO DE TRABAJO ABIERTO, ETC.

LUGAR:
SKWAH HALL, 619 WELLINGTON AVE. CHILLIWACK



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ÉCHATE UN TAGO

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CENAS PARA
TRABAJADORES MIGRANTES
CADA 2º DOMINGO DE MES

MAYO 14, JUNIO 24, JULIO 16, AGOSTO 6, SEPTIEMBRE 17
(FERIA DE SALUD Y FIESTA DE INDEPENDENCIA), OCTUBRE 8 | 2023

INFORMACIÓN, RIFAS, REGALOS, TRÁMITES DE IMPUESTOS, TARJETA
MÉDICA, PATERNIDAD, PERMISO TRABAJO ABIERTO, ETC.

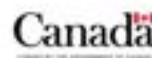
LUGAR:
5876 AIRPORT STREET, OLIVER, BC.



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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS - STUDY: HOW DOES TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AFFECT THE WELLBEING AND INTEGRATION OF REFUGEE CLAIMANTS?

MAP Member Michelle Murray-Schlitt is seeking participants in a research study. She is a Former Settlement Worker at Inasmuch Community Society and past member of the Map Information Working Group. She is currently a settlement worker in Montreal, and MA student in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration at the University of London. This study is in fulfillment of her thesis work within the program. She can be reached at mm983@student.london.ac.uk or 604-845-9826.

The key aim of this project is to examine the effects of communal transitional housing on the integration and emotional wellbeing of refugee claimants in Canada. It seeks to investigate in particular the links between communal transitional housing and feelings of home, as told and experienced by refugee claimants who lived in these settings. Research will be conducted through semi-structured qualitative interviews of refugee claimants who have lived in short to medium term (3 month to 2 year) transitional communal housing upon their arrival in Canada, and who have lived in Canada for less than 5 years. Overall, this research will fit into larger discussions of housing security and the integration of newcomer communities in Canadian cities. Results will be shared with community organizations and service providers to better inform our approach and practice. s





From the Collaborative Network to End Exploitation

Decolonizing Anti-Human Trafficking

a Do No Harm discussion

How does the colonial history of this land known as Canada shape the way Indigenous peoples and communities encounter and experience human trafficking?

How does anti-human trafficking work replicate and reinforce colonial systems of oppression?

Join us for a Do No Harm: a gathering for anti-human trafficking advocates to learn from experts and critically reflect on our work.

Tuesdays, 1pm Eastern, starting June 6.

Visit <https://cnee.eventbrite.ca> to register



June 6th: *Settler Colonialism and Human Trafficking*

Speaker: Shelagh Roxburgh, Ph.D. Political Studies (Comparative Politics and Political Theory)

June 13

Speaker: Kayla Spagnoli

June 20

Speaker: Sasha Sky

June 27

Speaker: Jennisha Wilson

July 4

OTHER SPEAKER DETAILS TO COME

REGISTER AT:

<https://cnee.eventbrite.ca>



REPEATS



New Hope
COMMUNITY SERVICES

New Hope has suffered a huge loss as the carport they use as a communal space was set on fire on April 25th. This is another devastating blow to the housing crisis refugees are facing in BC. To learn more about how you can donate and support New Hope, please follow this link: <https://newhopecs.org/donate-fire/>



Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op is working in partnership with the Community Health Workers Network of Canada in the National Cultural Brokers Project (NCBP). The NCBP is an IRCC-funded project with the mission to advance recognition and promote the practice of cultural brokering. Please kindly see the attached project's info sheet for more information.

Umbrella Co-op's main activity in the project is to organize Regional and National Gatherings of Cultural Brokers to promote peer learning, connection and professional development.

PDFs Attached

1.Registration

If you self-identify as a Cultural Broker working in Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Alberta, The Yukon, or British Columbia we would like to invite you to apply to attend our western regional gathering. The gathering is taking place September 26 – 28, west of Edmonton Alberta at Isle Lake.

A fillable application form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/eP71a8qPFyQYJKnJ9>

Please feel free to share this application with those who are living and working in the previously stated provinces.

2.Speakers Call out

We are seeking applications from folks who self-identify as cultural brokers to present at our western regional gathering taking place September 25-28, 2023, at Isle Lake, one hour west of Edmonton Alberta.

If you have an idea for a workshop, poster presentation, panel discussion or social session please click the link and fill out this Google form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lgrN_j5_NTaxBmihzaYhX6Mnv9O_OCjSrnHO1ORJxu4/edit

For guidance around our hopes for these presentations please see the attached document.

If you have any additional inquiries about the National Cultural Brokers Project, please don't hesitate to contact Raquel Velasquez (rvelasquez@umbrellacoop.ca) or Amy Ferris, Gathering and Events Coordinator.

The CCR Youth Network is thrilled to announce that applications for our Youth Action Gathering (YAG) are now open! The YAG returns for a 9th annual event and will be taking place in person in Montréal, QC. This year's YAG will focus on the theme of: ***Embracing Youth Inclusion and Diversity!*** The YAG is one-of-a-kind event for young newcomers and allies to meet in-person, the Youth Action Gathering offers workshops, activities, and training in a friendly, supportive and accessible space on a variety of topics that concern youth. Most importantly, the Youth Action Gathering is guided by the principle of being led by youth, made by youth, only for youth. **Please share this information with youth and encourage them to apply!**

Important information!

Places are limited and we ask youth participants to submit an online application. The YAG planning committee will review and select applications through an equity-based criteria process.

Eligibility criteria

Please note that the YAG is a free event for newcomer and refugee youth **regardless of immigration status.**

- Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 25
- Applicants must identify as a refugee or newcomer (has been in Canada for less than 10 years)
- Applicants must reside in Canada
- Applicants must be available to travel to Montreal for the YAG from Sept 28 to Oct 1, 2023

Indigenous youth ages 16-25 are also invited to register for the YAG.

Save the date - Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1 in Montréal

Registration - Online registration is opened until Wednesday, May 31 midnight E

[**APPLY HERE**](#)

**Call for papers:
2023-24 Migration Working Group
Applications due: Jun. 1, 2023**

CERC Migration invites paper abstract submissions for the fifth season of its Migration Working Group. The series provides researchers with the opportunity to present new and ongoing projects, learn about each other's work and share feedback. We invite submissions of work in progress from authors who can benefit from the opportunity to present and discuss work with an interdisciplinary group of scholars and graduate students.

Our Migration Working Group sessions will be held every last Tuesday of the month, starting September 2023 and running until May 2024.

Submissions must be received no later than June 1, 2023.

[Application Details](#)



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

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

6 MONDAYS, 10:00 AM - 12:00PM
APRIL 24, MAY 1, 8, 15, 29
& JUNE 5, 2023

IN-PERSON @2131 RENFREW ST. VANCOUVER

FREE child-minding & refreshments are available.



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

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WeAce

English Support Program

Work, Engagement, Awareness and Career Enrichment

FREE Childminding is available!!



Topics:

- Canadian Workplace Environment
- Personal and Career Management
- Workplace Communications
- Clients and Customers

You'll learn:

- Common workplace interactions
- Implied meanings in conversations and understanding body language
- Important personal management habits
- Dealing with complaints
- Giving presentations, creating oral summaries and writing workplace email

6 Fridays
Drop-in, 10 am - 12 pm
April 28,
May 12, 19 & 26
June 9 & 16
In-person. Suite 304,
2800 East 1st Avenue,
Vancouver

Registration:



Scan QR code to fill out the form

or contact **LUCELLE** at
lucelle@froghollow.bc.ca / 604-255-6025

Eligibility:

CLB 3 and above
Permanent residence holders, convention refugees, protected persons, naturalized citizens, refugee claimants or work permit holders

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