



MAP Multi-Agency
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MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 166

May 3, 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!



Dear MAP members,

It is an honor to be able to take on for Jenny Moss as the new Community Engagement Director for MAP BC. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Katya Avalos and I have been supporting refugee claimants as a frontline worker for 5 years. MAP has always been a wonderful resource for information sharing and support for me. I look forward to continue supporting the refugee claimant service sector in this new capacity. Please feel free to reach out to the info@mapbc.org email to connect with me!

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 Jenny Moss, MAP Executive



Writing Workshop with Shanga Karim

1-day Writing Workshop

This workshop is for refugees, refugee claimants or immigrants looking to gain skills and confidence to write their story and experience. The stories will not be shared at the event, rather, participants will receive coaching on how to write their stories. Instructions will be given in English.

Date: Saturday May 6

Time: 9:30 am to noon

Location: Sevenoaks Alliance Church - 2575 Gladwin Rd, Abbotsford
Materials and refreshments provided

About Shanga - Workshop Facilitator

Shanga Karim was a journalist and women's activist in Kurdistan, who focused on violence against women. Now she is a sought after speaker and Vancouver local coordinator for the Shoe Project a nationwide initiative to encourage immigrant and refugee women in Canada to connect and share their stories about migration and resettlement in Canada.

Shanga holds a BA in Media and was recently awarded the Renate Shearer Award for human rights work by the United Nations Association of Canada.

Shanga has a passion to help newcomers find healing and connection through writing their story.

15 spots available

Register today as spaces will fill up fast.
Email director@inasmuch.ca to register



Contact Us

www.inasmuch.ca
director@inasmuch.ca

Writing Workshop offered by
Inasmuch. **PDF attached.**

Kelly Rader - Executive Director

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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.



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/>





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CCR is providing the written responses to questions asked during the webinar March 29 on front-end processes. CCR has reworked the responses and prepared a Frequently Asked Question document **attached.**

A reminder that the infographic – which CCR will update from time to time – is available at

<https://ccrweb.ca/en/front-end-processes-infographic>

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](#)

REPEATS



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Notice from Canadian Council for Refugees concerning claimant backlog (April 26)

IRCC is currently helping the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) with the backlog of deferred eligibility interviews. Some people who have already rescheduled their appointment with a CBSA office outside of Quebec have also been contacted by IRCC with an appointment in Montreal.

If you are working with anyone in this situation (i.e. two appointments), please let me know if you need assistance. In some cases, CCR has been able to arrange for the IRCC appointment to be cancelled, and we have asked for contact information so that it is easier for others to do so.

Jenny Jeanes (jeanes@actionr.org)

STCA NEWS AND UPDATES – NEXT 3 PAGES

Extension to the Safe Third Country Agreement - Here is the regulatory amendment + accompanying text recently published in the Canada Gazette:

<https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2023/2023-04-12/html/sor-dors58-eng.html>

Voici le règlement modifié ainsi que le texte qui l'accompagne tel que publié dans la Gazette du Canada :

<https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2023/2023-04-12/html/sor-dors58-fra.html>

Exemptions to the Safe Third Country Agreement (extension)

Here's the link to the Exemptions Guide FCJ Refugee Centre shared:
<https://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org/stca-refugee-claimant-documents/>

Please share with your colleagues.

The resource is available in 3 languages: English, French and Spanish; There is a multilingual version, which includes the three languages,

The content is divided as follows:

1. Exceptions
2. Family member exceptions
3. sample of refugee protection claimant document "ELIGIBLE"
4. sample of refugee protection claimant document "INELEGIBLE"

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us any time.

Thank you

Carolina Teves
FCJ Refugee Centre

cteves@FCJREFUGEECENTRE.ORG



The **CCR** is organizing a meeting to **brainstorm actions to protest the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA)** on Thursday, May 4.

At the recent meeting of the Inland Protection Working Group participants were of course deeply concerned about the expansion of the STCA but energized to hear about plans for a 3 day walk from Montreal to Roxham Road scheduled for June 17-19.

People at the meeting were already starting to think about actions that they could take locally over the same period, whether some kind of walk or another activity to voice opposition to the STCA.

In this meeting, participants will be able to:

- Hear about plans for the Montreal to Roxham Road walk
- Brainstorm and network on actions that could be organized across Canada

Feel free to share this information in your networks and with everyone who may be interested in participating.

REGISTER

Thursday May 4
11 am PST
Online

Burnaby Neighborhood House is offering an 8-week work experience in the vocation of their choosing. They will be supported by both the Program Coordinator and a Case Worker in finding the right fit for each individual.

Other benefits for the participants to help set them up on a successful track will be:

- Transportation support, counselling support
- First Aid, FoodSafe, High Five Certifications + additional Certification and Training: \$1000/youth (Serving-it-Right, SuperHost, Forklift, Security Guard as needed)
- Breakfast/snacks
- \$500 completion bonus

If you find your friends or clients interested in this program, you can send the above information to them, or ask them to contact me directly at 236-858-4979 or by email caseworker@burnabynh.ca . Many thanks for your attention.

Debby Wong
Youth Employment Caseworker

Posters attached also



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Looking for a full-time job?
Get paid as you gain new employability skills and find a job that you like.
Transportation supports provided.

ELIGIBILITY

- Youth aged 16 - 30
- Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee
- Permanent SIN legally entitled to work in Canada
- Not participating in another government-funded program
- Not a full-time student
- Unemployed or working under less than 20 hours per week
- Resident of Metro Vancouver
- Adequate English Level

KEY SKILLS

- Pre-employment skill ●●●●●
- Job searching strategies & support ●●●●●
- Short-term certificate & training ●●●●●

CONTACT

- burnabynh.ca
- caseworker@burnabynh.ca
- 236-858-4979 (Debby)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Starting on May 15th 2023

- 3 weeks of PAID online & in-person workshops (from 9:30am-3:00pm) | (Mon-Fri): resume writing, interview & job search skills, workers' rights, communication skills, financial literacy and more!
- 8 weeks of PAID full-time work placement
- 1-1 support and employment coaching

APPLY ONLINE



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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

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have fun & practise English

Contact Maysa to register:
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maysa@froghollow.bc.ca

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English Support Program

Work, Engagement, Awareness and Career Enrichment

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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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SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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Welcome Bienvenue Chào mừng Quý Vị Bienvenidos 환영합니다

South Asian PT Settlement Counsellor Internal/External Job Posting Full-Time

South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH) is located on the unceded, occupied, ancestral and traditional homelands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Salilw̓ atəɫ/Səlilwətuɫ (Tsleilʷaututh) Nations. We recognize the vast cultural diversity of indigenous people and acknowledge the heterogeneity of their opinions, representation, needs and desires. We dedicate ourselves to walking in solidarity beside our Coast Salish neighbors and South Vancouver community members as we work collectively towards community building.

South Vancouver Neighbourhood House is looking for an experienced and trauma-informed South Asian speaking Settlement Counsellor. This part-time position will focus on supporting newcomers to Canada. This includes social group programs, volunteer programs, employment and/or academic support services, drop-in community connection programs, special events and workshops, as well as one-on-one support. This position is part of SVNH's settlement team, which will liaise with IRCC eligible clients with the intention of providing a full range of settlement, adaptation, service support, resources, and referrals to promote self-advocacy and full participation for newcomers in Canadian Society.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Identify clients' settlement needs and goals to create settlement plans, case manage, one-to-one para-counselling or crisis counselling, and ongoingly assess newcomer clients.
- Provide group social programming for displaced and newcomer to ensure they have a safe space to be connect to the community, build friendships, and seek resources/referrals for mental health, employment, physical health and/or recreation as needed.
- Plan, organize, facilitate group volunteer and social-emotional engagement opportunities.
- Outreach and recruit for programs via presentations, community events, and meetings with service providers.
- Prepare and create events and program flyers, posters, and brochures.
- Connect newcomer to community organizations and service agencies.
- Collaborate and network with groups, employment supports, language training services, agencies, schools and government departments and other stakeholders currently working with immigrant communities to discuss issues and trends, co-facilitate programs, and develop new initiatives to meet clients needs.
- Evaluate and keep records of client profiles and key statistics including input into government required iCare database system, including intake forms, narrative, and statistical reports.
- Apply for grants to enhance settlement programs.
- Support the development of newcomer in the Canadian multi-cultural context.
- Maintain information and support resources.
- Adheres to confidentiality and privacy policies.
- Promote SVNH programs and services.

JOB POSTINGS FROM SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

1. South Asian PT Settlement Counselor
2. Ukrainian Settlement Counselor

Posters also attached



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South Vancouver Neighbourhood House is looking for an experienced and trauma-informed Ukrainian speaking Settlement Counsellor. This full-time position will focus on supporting Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable newcomers to Canada. This includes social group programs, volunteer programs, employment and/or academic support services, drop-in community connection programs, special events and workshops, as well as one-on-one support. This position is part of SVNH's settlement team, which will liaise with IRCC eligible clients with the intention of providing a full range of settlement, adaptation, service support, resources, and referrals to promote self-advocacy and full participation for newcomers in Canadian Society.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Identify clients' settlement needs and goals to create settlement plans, case manage, one-to-one para-counsel or crisis counsel, and ongoingly assess newcomer clients.
- Provide group social programming for displaced and newcomer Ukrainians to ensure they have a safe space to be connect to the community, build friendships, and seek resources/referrals for mental health, employment, physical health and/or recreation as needed.
- Plan, organize, facilitate group volunteer and social-emotional engagement opportunities.
- Outreach and recruit for programs via presentations, community events, and meetings with service providers.
- Prepare and create events and program flyers, posters, and brochures.
- Connect newcomer & displaced Ukrainians to community organizations and service agencies.
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- Evaluate and keep records of client profiles and key statistics including input into government required iCare database system, including intake forms, narrative, and statistical reports.
- Apply for grants to enhance settlement programs.
- Support the development of newcomer & displaced Ukrainians in the Canadian multi-cultural context.
- Maintain information and support resources.

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Cross-Cultural Mental Health: Research and Practice

Date: May 5

Time: 8:45am to 1:00pm

Location: New SFU Surrey Campus

Learn, share and network with researchers, practitioners and students interested in improving the cultural safety and relevance of evidence-informed mental health practices.

The keynote presentation will be given by Dr. Farooq Naeem on Culturally Adapted Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Canadians of South Asian origin.

--> [Learn More and Register](#)

White Rock Drug Alert

Light purple crystals sold in capsules as MDA and/or MDMA have tested positive for fentanyl and benzodiazepines in White Rock.

For more information, including messages for your patients who may use drugs, click the link below.

--> [Print drug alert poster](#)

--> [View Memo](#)

Job Opportunities!



Would you like to use your gifts and skills to help create a caring community for newly arriving refugee claimants?

Join us in our vision to create a society where all refugees experience hope and belonging as they engage in meaningful participation in their community and flourish in all aspects of life.

or Who do you know that would flourish in one of these positions? Please pass on this email to them.

HOW TO APPLY: Review the available positions below. If interested, send a resume along with a cover letter that describes why you are the ideal candidate for the job. [Email us](#) your application and please reference the position in the subject line.

[FULL TIME PROPERTY SUPERVISOR](#)

[PART TIME HOUSE HOST](#)

[SETTLEMENT CASEWORKER – MEANWHILE SPACES](#)

[SEND US YOUR JOB APPLICATION](#)



AMSSA has released three infographics pertaining to the census, diversity, and migration within B.C. and the rest of Canada.

This release includes the following infographics:

2022 Annual Report to Parliament on Immigration – A snapshot of immigration to Canada in 2021

Every year, Immigration, Refugee, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) releases a report to parliament detailing key information and highlights of immigration to Canada. Here is a brief snapshot of the highlights of this year's report.



Statistics Canada and Business Vancouver present Mobility and Migration across B.C. and Canada in 2021

2021 proved to be a record-breaking year for migration both in B.C. and across Canada. Here is a glimpse of the key mobility and migration trends that emerged in 2021 as well as the expected immigration levels for the next few years.

2021 Canadian Census – A look at religious and ethnic diversity in Canada

The 2021 Census was unlike its predecessors in many ways. The most prominent change was the way in which ethnic and cultural origin data was collected. Although these changes make it unsuitable for comparison against previous census, the 2021 Census nevertheless provides an opportunity for people to represent their unique identity far more than ever before. This infographic offers a at the religious and ethnic diversity present in Canada.

The three infographics can be viewed and accessed [here](#).

Datafication of borders and migration

May 25, 2023, 9:30 AM - 4:15 PM EDT

Hybrid (in person at CERC Migration office/online via Zoom)

Join co-conveners CERC Migration, Tampere University and Utrecht University for a workshop on digital technologies and datafied systems which are increasingly used to surveil, control and manage migration, shifting the balance in the humanitarianism-securitization nexus.



DATAFICATION
OF BORDERS
AND MIGRATION

Presenters include:

- **Philippe M. Frowd**, University Ottawa, **Myria Georgiou**, London School of Economics/Political Science, **Rob Heynen**, York Univ
- **Sergio F. Juárez**, Loyola Marymount University, **Michael Lechuga**, University of New Mexico, **Nicholas Lee-Scott**, Independent
- **Daniel Leix Palumbo**, University of Groningen, **Alphoncina Lyamuya**, University of Southern California, **Benjamin J. Muller**, King's University College at Western University, **Philipp Seufferling**, London School of Economics and Political Science
- **Saguna Shankar**, University of British Columbia, **Rine Vieth**, Independent, **Saskia Witteborn**, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Co-convenors:
 - Younes Ahouga**, CERC Migration
 - **Koen Leurs**, Utrecht University
 - **Lucia Nalbandian**, CERC Migration and University of Toronto
 - **Kaarina Nikunen**, Tampere University
 - **Anna Triandafyllidou**, CERC Migration

[REGISTER](#)



Refugee Research Network

- RRN Research Digest - April 20, 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