



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 24

August 9, 2023

**Dear MAP members,**

*How are you doing? 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!**

**1) Change of contact information for MAP Community Engagement Director** – Please update Katya Avalos' phone number to 604-761-2465 in your contacts!

**2) The MAP bulletin** will be going out every other week for the month of August, on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> . Any member notices and promotional material will go out on those dates, so make sure to send in any items you want to appear in the bulletins before those dates. The bulletins will resume on a weekly basis in September.

We hope you're all having an amazing summer! We'll see you back in the fall when MAP meetings resume in September!

*Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants  
Sara Lopez, Sireen El Nashar and Katya Avalos, MAP Executive*



**RIDE FOR REFUGE**

**what moves you?**  
 The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly fundraising bike + walk in support of Journey Home Community. Join us Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023!

**For more info or to register:**  
[rideforrefuge.org/location/richmond](http://rideforrefuge.org/location/richmond)



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**What *moves* you?** The Ride for Refuge, a family-friendly fundraising bike + walk in support of local charities serving people seeking hope, safety, and freedom. Join us Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023!



On September 23, 2023, join us as a **DONOR, PARTICIPANT, or VOLUNTEER** for a cause you believe in.

Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling & walking fundraising event in support of Journey Home Community and other local charities serving people seeking hope, safety, and freedom.

**The Ride is Journey Home Community's largest fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$160,000.**

Money raised in this year's Ride for Refuge is going to support a range of vital supports for newly arriving refugee claimants.



You will be helping us:

- provide transitional housing & emergency food security
  - case-managed support including direct settlement services
  - referrals to existing community resources
- a caring community that shares welcome, love, and belonging



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**VAST is hiring for 2 positions! Check out the job descriptions for each below. The full postings are attached.**

**Classification & Job Title:** Development Manager

**Rate of Pay:** Commensurate with experience and performance

**Job Summary:** The purpose of this role is to support VAST in providing clear, succinct, and compelling communications, relationship building, and outreach to public and private funders, including local, provincial, and federal governments, intergovernmental agencies, family and community foundations, corporations, and individuals. The VAST Development Manager is responsible for identifying projects developed by team members, matching them with grant funding opportunities, and developing grant

**Classification & Job Title:** Community Engagement Team Coordinator

**Position Summary:** The Community Engagement Coordinator works in close liaison with the Clinical and Community Engagement (formerly Intake) teams to facilitate the referred individuals' access to the required services and resources appropriate to their situation. This position reports to the VAST Management team. This is a FT, one-year temporary position, replacing our team member who is doing a one-year secondment with VAST's global 'parent' organization, the International Rehabilitation Council for Victims of Torture, starting late August 2023. The successful candidate will retain the possibility to remain with the organization in a different position after September 2024, pending availability of funds and successful performance of duties. This position is unionized under CUPE-1936.





This is a notification that the BCSIS virtual information session on Substance Misuse and Addictions, from July 26th, 2023, is now available to view on the AMSSA website.

Please follow this link for a recording of the session as well as the presentation slides and additional resources: <https://institute.amssa.org/courses/bcsis-virtual-information-session-on-substance-misuse>.



The UBC [Center for Migration Studies](#) (CMS) and [AMSSA](#) are pleased to invite you to the first annual ***CMS-Sector Research Collaborations Day***, which will take place in Vancouver on **Thursday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 9am to 4pm**. Registration will open in September.

As the first meeting of what is expected to become an annual event, this year's focus will be on creating mutual understanding between CMS and the settlement sector as a foundation for building research-related collaborations.

In order to achieve this, we will combine speakers, discussion panels, and roundtables, so that the day will offer opportunities to listen, learn, and reflect about each other's realities, as well as to do practical work in groups to shape potential collaborations.

This is a free event but spaces are limited to 75 participants as it will be an *in-person only* gathering. If you want to express your interest before registration opens, please feel free to contact us at [admin.migration@ubc.ca](mailto:admin.migration@ubc.ca).



# COME, CHAT AND MEET NEW FRIENDS

(ENGLISH CONVERSATION & COFFEE CIRCLES)



BC Settlement and Integration Services (BCSIS)



Are you a Refugee Claimant, International Student or do you have an Open Work Permit?

## COME AND:



Learn day-to-day English conversation



Learn more about services and Canadian culture



Learn about the library programs



Meet new friends and make social connections



**ANA YANSIE PARADA**  
604-803-4169  
ana.parada@options.bc.ca



**10:30AM - 12:30PM**  
Recurring Event



**EVERY MONDAY**  
July 10 - August 28, 2023



**CITY CENTRE LIBRARY**  
10350 University Drive  
Surrey, BC, V3T 4B8

Practice your English and make new friends!

Register Here:



[bit.ly/EngConvCoffee0710](https://bit.ly/EngConvCoffee0710)



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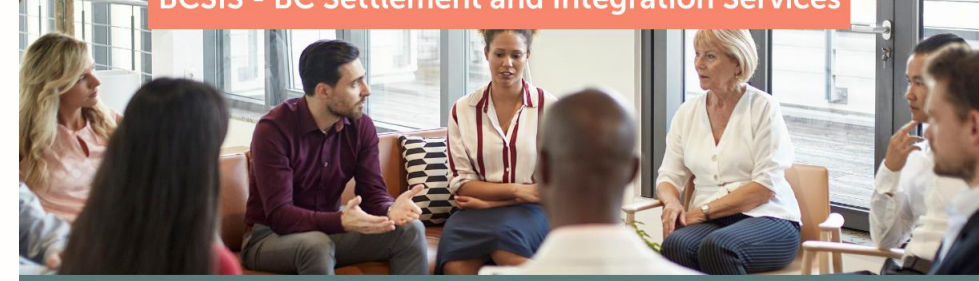
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# Conversation Circle

Intermediate Level



BCSIS - BC Settlement and Integration Services



Are you a newcomer in Canada looking to practice your English?

Join us for the conversation circle as we discuss interesting topic each week in a fun and friendly group setting.

**For Enquires  
Please Contact**

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[savina.oommen@options.bc.ca](mailto:savina.oommen@options.bc.ca)



Every Tuesday  
(July 4 – August 22)  
10:30AM – 12:00PM



Focus College  
#105 - 13655 104 Ave  
Surrey, BC V3T 1W3

Register Here:



[bit.ly/ConvCircleL0704](https://bit.ly/ConvCircleL0704)

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



**Settlement & Integration Program**

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



**Sesiones Presenciales En Español**

**Computación para principiantes**

**Los Jueves, de Agosto 10 a Agosto 31**  
12:30pm - 2:30pm  
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby (BNH South House)



**Te gustaria aprender o incrementar tu conocimiento en el uso de la computadora?**

- Uso básico de la computadora
- Uso básico de Internet
- Creación de documentos en Microsoft Office
- Búsqueda de información en línea

**Pregunta por nuestros Servicios Adicionales \***

- Laptops
- Niñeras
- Apoyo para transporte

Para mas información y registro, favor de contactar a Ireri Rojo: Irerir@burnabynh.ca o llama al 604-431-0400. [www.burnabynh.ca](http://www.burnabynh.ca)

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**In-Person Sessions In Spanish**

**Computers for Beginners**

**Thursdays from August 10 to August 31**  
12:30pm - 2:30pm  
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby (BNH South House)



**Would you like to improve your knowledge in computing?**

- Basic use of computers
- Basic use of Internet
- Basic Microsoft Office document creation
- On-line information searching

**Upon Request:**

- Laptops
- Childminding & Bus-Tickets

For more information and register, please contact Ireri Rojo: Irerir@burnabynh.ca or call 604-431-0400. [www.burnabynh.ca](http://www.burnabynh.ca)

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# HARM REDUCTION

## Community Overdose Response Training



Join us for a lifesaving, interactive training session where you'll learn more about the toxic drug crisis, ways to identify an opioid overdose, and how to administer naloxone.

All training supplies are included and eligible participants will receive a naloxone kit of their own. Training provided by Fraser Health Toxic Drug Response & Priority Populations Team.

**WED, AUG 23**  
**5:30 – 7:30pm**

FREE

Registration encouraged  
but not required.

Call 604.598.7426



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Surrey Libraries is hosting a harm reduction program on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's not specifically for refugees but the toxic supply crisis is impacting all of us!

It's an interactive training session where attendees learn more about the toxic drug crisis, how to identify an opioid overdose, and how to administer naloxone. Eligible participants will also receive a naloxone kit to take home.

Registration is encouraged, but not required.



# Employment Workshop

**2 Mondays, August 14 & 21, 2023**  
**10 am - 12 pm**

@Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House  
2131 Renfrew St. Vancouver

## In this workshop, you will learn about:

- Employment resources in Canada
- Canadian Workplace Culture, Resume, Cover Letter and interviews
- How to answer the questions in an interview

- ✓ *A follow-up 1-1 session is available upon request for a customized resume, cover letter and mock interview.*
- ✓ *Child-minding service is provided.*
- ✓ *The session will be delivered in Spanish*
- ✓ *Eligibility: Permanent Residents, Work Permit Holders, Refugees, Refugee Claimants & Naturalized Citizens.*

## Registration:

**Maria Helena**

778-238-6484, or  
[marias@froghollow.bc.ca](mailto:marias@froghollow.bc.ca)

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Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House is hosting an  
**Employment Workshop in Spanish**

Dates: August 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Where: Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House  
2131 Renfrew St, Vancouver

*\*child minding service is provided\**

To register please contact Maria Helena:  
778-238-6484 / [marias@froghollow.bc.ca](mailto:marias@froghollow.bc.ca)