



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 23

July 26, 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.

MAP NEWS!

1) Prime Minister announces changes to the Ministry:

Marc Miller becomes Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Sean Fraser becomes Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2023/07/26/prime-minister-announces-changes-ministry>

2) The MAP bulletin will be going out every other week for the month of August, on Wednesday the 9th and 23rd. 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



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**
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City Centre branch
10350 University Drive

surreylibraries.ca



Surrey Libraries is hosting a harm reduction program on August 23rd. 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.



Some Refugee Claimant news from the month of July:

- Asylum seekers left sleeping on Toronto streets amid funding stalemate between city, feds – July 12
https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-asylum-seekers-shelter-stalemate-1.6903827?fbclid=IwAR1X_JjyvrRENa1FybofmWEswpHEIGiDSy1tgTbm7lwsxENp8uhnSHobkCE
- Province, Toronto add funding for asylum seekers, but say feds still need to do more – July 19
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/asylum-seekers-refugees-shelter-toronto-1.6910887>
- Afghan family seeking refuge in Metro Vancouver facing homelessness – July 21
https://bc.ctvnews.ca/afghan-family-seeking-refuge-in-metro-vancouver-facing-homelessness1.6488900?fbclid=IwAR1u90SpV_6faPx9_xpyh3R3KrhIvKLo0hxILWrnetkaB7OEMIG0O5qpliA
- Asylum seekers and refugees — what's the difference? - July 21
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/asylumseeker-refugee-canada-1.6910123>

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

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REPEATS

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Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House is hosting an
Employment Workshop in Spanish

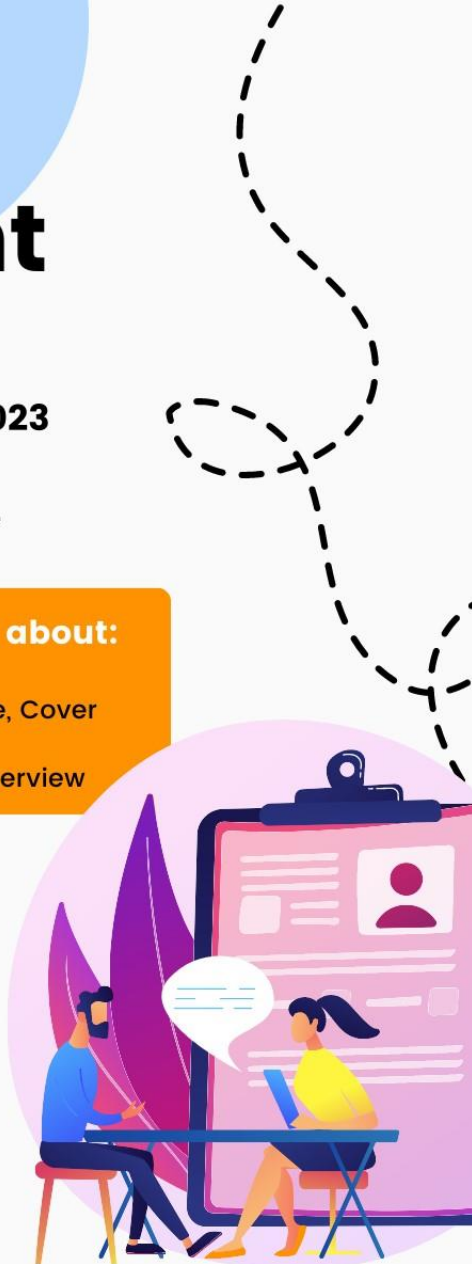
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Le Relais Francophone is hosting a series of financial literacy workshops in French and Spanish!

The purpose of these workshops is to provide a general understanding about financial concepts and information. It's not intended to give advice on tax, insurance, investment, or any product and service. Since each of us has our own unique situations, you should have all the appropriate information to understand and make the right decision to fit with your needs and your financial goals.

1. Building savings and wealth – Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
2. Increasing cash flow and debt management – Wednesday, August 16th, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
3. Preparing for proper protection – Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
4. Understanding asset accumulation strategies – Wednesday, August 30th, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
5. Fulfilling long term goals – Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
6. Preserving your wealth and Estate – Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Register at : <https://www.vivreencb.ca/activites/cours-de-litteracie-financiere>



Please see PDF attachment for more details about each session

PRE-EMPLOYMENT SERIES

For Refugee Claimants



<p>THURSDAY JULY 27, 2023 10AM - 12PM</p> <p>INTRODUCTION Employment Insurance (EI) Medical Services Plan (MSP) Social Insurance Number (SIN) Bank Account & Direct Deposit</p>	<p>FRIDAY JULY 28, 2023 10AM - 12PM</p> <p>EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AND ONLINE DIGITAL SAFETY Learn different mechanisms to cope with the stress and learn about online safety in the digital world.</p>	<p>THURSDAY AUGUST 3, 2023 10AM - 12PM</p> <p>JOB SEARCH & WORKPLACE CULTURE Interview Preparation Job Search/Networking Canadian Workplace Culture</p>
<p>FRIDAY AUGUST 4, 2023 10AM - 12PM</p> <p>RESUME BUILDING Learn to create a customized resume as per the Canadian format.</p>	<p>THURSDAY AUGUST 10, 2023 9AM - 5PM*</p> <p>SHORT-TERM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES Attend certified trainings. *This will be a full day training in Surrey.</p>	<p>FRIDAY AUGUST 11, 2023 10AM - 2PM</p> <p>MOCK INTERVIEW & CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION Practice your interview skills and build confidence. Receive Certificate of Participation.</p>
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For Youth (Refugee Claimants)



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INFORMATION SESSION

Self Employment for Newcomers

Are you a newcomer with a business idea?

WHEN :

TIME : 2:30pm to 3:30pm

- Wednesday July 12
- Wednesday July 26
- Wednesday August 9
- Wednesday August 23
- Wednesday September 6

Do you want to start your own business ?
Join this workshop to learn about the
Self-Employment for Newcomers free program!

In this session you will learn about:

- Eligibility criteria
- Registration process
- Program structure
- Program curriculum

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WHERE :

JOIN US ONLINE ON ZOOM

OR CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE!

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE!



SIGN UP
TODAY



FREE FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- ✓ Ages 19+
- ✓ Permanent Resident, Confirmed Refugee, or CUAET

gv.ymca.ca/self-employment-newcomers

YGV-SEForNewcomers@gv.ymca.ca

***Protected
Persons are
eligible***

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Want to work with children? Get your Responsible Adult Certificate today!

Childcare Career Exploration Program

**Thursdays 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
July 13 - August 31, 2023**

- ✓ 8-week online program
- ✓ 5:00 - 6:30 PM online class (1.5hrs)
6:30 - 8:00 PM self-study (1.5hrs)
- ✓ Who needs a certificate? Anyone who
wants to work or volunteer with
school-aged children

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APPLY BY JULY 10, 2023

gv.ymca.ca/newcomer-services

connections@bc.ymca.ca

A Call to Action from Migrant Rights Network:

**MIGRANT
RIGHTS
NETWORK**

Working class people are in an overwhelming crisis. Soaring bills, unaffordable rent, devastating forest fires, privatization of healthcare and more plague us. Among those who bear the heaviest burden are **migrants**—the very people who **grow food, care for the sick, build our homes, and keep society functioning.**

Without permanent resident status, migrants are excluded from the most basic rights and protections. **Speaking out against inequality** can mean being fired, unenrolled from services, evicted, detained and deported. To change everything, **we need everyone in the fight.** For that, we need to end the systems that disempower migrants.

Combating climate change and ending the affordability crisis requires regularizing all undocumented people. Achieving **justice for all** means ensuring equality for those most excluded - which includes migrants. It requires **permanent resident status for all.**

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We can win this. We have already compelled Prime Minister Trudeau to make this promise. But he keeps stalling and we cannot keep waiting. **The time for change is now. Let's get it done.**

MIGRANT RIGHTS NETWORK

Confirmed actions are taking place in Toronto and Vancouver, and more will be announced soon. [Please confirm your attendance and spread the word.](#)

If you are able to host an event, respond to this email. We need to be out on the streets, linking struggles, from coast to coast to coast. We will only win if you take action.

We are taking to the streets to **connect our struggles and our movements.** The laws and systems that force people to migrate and deny them permanent residency, are the same that impoverish and disenfranchise all of us.

Many of the 1.7 million people in Canada without permanent resident status are **racialized, women, poor, or low-income.** Every aspect of the affordability crisis affects them the most. Ensuring permanent resident status for them will give them **the power to build a more dignified life.**

And when we lift the floor, everyone is better off. On September 17, let us be a united tide, rising up, to raisup everyone one. Visit:

www.MigrantRights.ca/Sep17