



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 31

October 11, 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!

Help us make the MAP bulletin better!

The MAP bulletin is a great way to share information with all our members, promote programs and events and communicate relevant updates with the rest of the sector. We have over 300 individuals in our mailing list! If you're getting this bulletin and you're wondering how you can get your notices on it, it's very simple!

- Send us an email with the information you want shared. Be specific about program or event dates, eligibility, registration, contact information, and any other relevant details.
- Make it visually impactful! Adding posters and images is a great way to make your notice pop. If your notice does not have an image, make sure to let us know the exact text you'd like us to communicate.
- Posters and other attachments are sent together with the bulletin in PDF format. Because we often have a lot of attachments to send, the size of the files cannot be too big. Please make sure your posters and attachments in PDF are no bigger than 900 KB.
- Send us your attachments in both PDF and Image format. This makes it easier for us to put the bulletin slides together.
- The first section of the bulletin is for new notices, with repeated notices at the end. Items are repeated twice in the bulletin before they are taken off.

Thank you to all and keep that information coming!

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

Sara Lopez, Sireen El Nashar and Katya Avalos, MAP Executive

SHIFTING THE STORY:

CHALLENGING STIGMA

Mental health, substance use, disabilities,
Indigenous experience, 2SLGBTIA+
Immigrant experience & living unhoused.



Brave community members will talk to you on-on-one about their experiences with stigma. Join us in shifting the story.

SATURDAY
Oct 14 | 1-4pm
City Centre branch

Registration required.
Call 604-598-7426
or in person at
City Centre branch

Scan the QR code or
visit: surreylibraries.ca



Explore your own beliefs. Learn about social and cultural stigmas that people experience. Let's work together to create a strong, inclusive, healthy community.

Sign up for your 15-minute chat now!

City Centre branch
10350 University Drive, Surrey



Surrey Public Library updates
for the next 4 pages

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FROM CHAOS TO SERENITY - AMAN (Punjabi & Hindi)



I am an immigrant from India, a father and a husband. My road to recovery was a long and hard one however in it I became the person that I am today.

My past trucking days led me to a path of destruction with substances that almost

destroyed my life and that of my family's. As a result I have experienced homelessness, isolation and almost lost hope of keeping my life together. Today I have recovered, have my family back, working in construction and grateful for the life I have now.

RELAPSE IS NOT FAILURE! - DANIEL

Daniel is a passionate recovery and harm reduction advocate. Married with two kids, he likes to play poker and chess, spending time in nature and at the gym. Daniel spent many years addicted to opioids. His path to recovery was marked by many ups and downs and benefited from both a strong recovery approach and harm reduction principles in tandem. Today Daniel's message is to offer hope to those who are still struggling with substance use and their loved ones.



TURN A SETBACK INTO A COMEBACK - SHIVANI

(Sheffer, English, Hindi, Punjabi)



I am an immigrant from India, Certified Life Coach, Ph.D. in Gerontology, Cognitive Behavioural Therapist and a Registered Clinical Counselor candidate. My education, language, knowledge and experience as a Professor in

India are my strengths, however all of these gems were broken into pieces early in my transition to Canada, by my community. It took me almost two years to come out of it. My journey of coming back more resilient and compassionate for myself, family and community. Today, empowering others to challenge their stigma and introducing them to their strengths has become my purpose.

KUU-US CRISIS LINE SOCIETY

250-723-4050 (Adults/Elders)
250-723-2040 (Child/Youth)
1-800-588-8717 (Toll-free)

Provides 24/7 culturally-aware crisis support to Indigenous people in BC.

FRASER HEALTH CRISIS LINE

604-951-8855 Toll Free: 1-877-820-7444

Offers 24-hour support, crisis intervention and resource information.

310 - MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT LINE

Tel: 310-6789

Provides emotional support, information and resources specific to mental health. Can call 24 hours a day.

MENTAL WELLNESS ONLINE:

Wellbeing.gov.bc.ca
HereToHelp.bc.ca

APPS: Mindshift, Anxiety Canada

-  @surreylibraries
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-  surreylibrariesbc

surreylibraries.ca

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Talk to brave community members one-to-one. Explore your own beliefs. Learn about social and cultural stigmas that people experience.

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1-4pm

City Centre branch
10350 University Drive, Surrey

Register now: Call 604-598-7426
or at City Centre branch



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SHIFTING THE STORY: CHALLENGING STIGMA BIOS

ONE WHEEL AT A TIME - MANINDER (she/her, English, Punjabi)



I am a person with a disability needing a wheelchair to get around. Although I have adjusted well to my situation, I continue to face barriers daily due to accessibility issues and the stigmas attached. I have learned to deal with these situations but

I must admit, at times they have really upset me. The world and employers have come a long way in being more inclusive but still we are not all the way there yet.

HOW HUNGER FED ME - LAMA (English/French/Swahili/Kinyarwanda)

I grew up in Bujumbura, Capital City of Burundi. My family moved to Bujumbura as political refugees, fleeing persecution because we were born Tutsi. In my family, children received an abundance of love, but the outside world was less accommodating. Rwandans were the last to be hired and first to be fired. Hunger followed us like the shadow. I still remember hunger pains as they messed up my concentration when I tried to do my homework in the evening. Our diet lacked essential nutrients. Animal protein was expensive. People relied on carbs for fuel. I persevered.



At a very young age, I developed the love for reading. I read everything I could lay my hands on. Reading helped me escape to faraway places. I found myself devouring biographies of great men and women, who fascinated me, and allowed me to dream big. "Someday", I said to myself, "I will rise from hardship and be in a position to help my people".

UNHOUSED & FREE FROM HEROIN - TARA (she/her)



Up until my 40s, I lived a relatively normal life, until a series of choices led me down a path of destruction. I have faced lots of stigma as a result of experiencing homelessness, addicted to fentanyl, losing my children, and mixed up with drug dealers and violence towards myself. Since then I have dug myself out of a hole with help and support and have never looked back. Ask me what I do now to give back.

SINGLE MOM & SCHOLAR - GHEZAL (she/her, English, Dari, Urdu)

I am a single mother of two and consider myself a scholar who graduated from SFU in 2021 with a degree in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies. My journey has not been easy being a young bride from Pakistan, a racial woman with little education, no work experience, limited English, and no community or family support. Some call me a feminist, but I consider myself as someone able to raise a voice against cultural oppression and toxicity and I continue to fight this battle.



FROM ADDICTION TO CONNECTION - PHIL



For 23 years I was a daily opiate user. I was simply living waiting to die. Today I live for every moment and take every breath as a blessing. Today I choose connection over addiction. A poet wrote "You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean in a drop". Today I am the ocean. I am a peer coordinator in recovery.

INSIGHT TO JUSTICE AS A CRIMINAL LAWYER- LISA



Dr Lisa Monchalin teaches criminology at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She is also a practicing criminal defense lawyer and an international speaker on justice issues, including at the University of Oxford.

She is the author of a book *The Colonial Problem: An Indigenous Perspective on Crime and Injustice in Canada*, which she has toured nationally and internationally.

Lisa is a citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario and a powwow jingle dress dancer.

When she is not teaching, dancing, or in the courtroom, you can find Lisa swimming in mermaid tails, eating raw vegan food, and cold plunging and practicing the latest bio hack with her life partner.

EDUCATOR, READER, WRITER, KNITTER, TEA DRINKER-SARA

Dr Sara Davidson is a Haida/settler Assistant Professor at Simon Fraser University where she teaches educators (and people who want to become educators) Indigenous education and literacy education. She has written several books for people of all ages about Indigenous education with her father and stepmother.

Sara used to be a high school teacher on Haida Gwaii and in Whitehorse. When she is not teaching, Sara is passionate about reading, writing, and listening to stories. Sara resides on unceded Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo Territories with her partner and their two dogs.



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PROGRAMS



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE (Surrey Libraries)

- Practice speaking English in a group.
- For all English language learners.

Newton Branch

•Monday: 1PM - 2PM

•Monday: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Drop-in. No registration required.

Fleetwood Branch

•Wednesday: 11AM - 12:30PM

Drop-in. No registration required.

Clayton Branch

•Thursday: 1PM - 2PM

Call 236-598-3072 to register.

Online

•Thursday: 1PM - 2:30PM

Register online.

Strawberry Hill Branch

•Thursday: 1PM - 2PM

Drop-in. No registration required.

City Centre Branch

•Friday: 1PM - 3PM

Drop-in. No registration required.

Cloverdale Branch

•Saturday: 12PM - 2PM

Call 604-598-7327 to register.



CELP (Surrey Libraries and Prometric)

- Learn skills and strategies for the CELPIP test.
- Ask questions and get answers.

Online

•Wednesday: 1- 3PM

Register online.

PROGRAMS



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING BOOK CLUB (Surrey Libraries)

- Practice speaking and reading English.
- Read the book at home, come to the meeting, and discuss with the group.
- For all English language learners.
- Once a month.

City Centre Branch

•Wednesday: 1PM - 2PM

Register in-person at City Centre Library.

Online

•Wednesday: 1PM - 2PM

Register online.

Semiahmoo Branch

•Thursday: 1PM - 2PM

Register in-person at Semiahmoo Library.

Cloverdale Branch

•Saturday: 3PM - 4PM

Register in-person at Cloverdale Library.



TEEN ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE (Surrey Libraries)

- Practice speaking English in a group.
- Once a week.
- For ages 12-18.

Clayton Branch

•Tuesday: 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Call 236-598-3072 to register.

Newton Branch

•Thursday: 4:30PM - 6PM

Drop-in. No registration required.

LIBRARY INFORMATION



ONLINE LIBRARY

Access online resources at surreylibraries.ca/services/online-library. Available to Surrey residents only.

CLEAR PRONUNCIATION

Learn to hear and pronounce the sounds of English through audio and video lessons.

LEARNING EXPRESS

Practice for the Canadian Citizenship Exam, the TOEIC Exam, the TOEFL iBT test, and the IELTS (Academic and General) tests.

MANGO LANGUAGES

Learn English and many other languages online.

ROAD TO IELTS

Prepare for the IELTS™ test with practice tests.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Call the library to register for in-person programs.



Go to surreylibraries.ca/events or scan the QR code to register for online programs.

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What's
Happening



SURREY LIBRARIES

English
Language
Learning
Adults and
Teens



SURREY LIBRARIES
discover.connect.inspire

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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ANTI-RACISM DATA ACT: B.C. DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY



Hogan's Alley Society invites you to complete the ongoing B.C. Demographic Survey.

Taking the survey will help make B.C. more equitable and inclusive. The information collected will help identify inequities in government services to ensure programs meet the needs of more people in British Columbia.

How to complete the survey:

You can do the survey online or by telephone: toll-free at 1 833 376-2452. Take the online survey now!

Survey Link - <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/survey>

It only takes 10-15 minutes, and the feedback is anonymous.

**Please complete the survey before the deadline:
Sunday, October 15, 2023.**



Why take the survey:

Everyone deserves to live in a province with equitable opportunities to thrive. However, many programs and services do not consider the unique needs of Black and Indigenous Peoples and other racialized groups.

The first step in addressing discriminatory gaps is acknowledging and identifying areas for improvement, which is why the B.C. government is asking for your input. Survey results will be combined with existing information to identify service gaps and provide a better understanding of what is working and the opportunity to change what is not.

Other reasons to take the survey:

- To support the identification of the systemic barriers within government programs and services that may disproportionately impact Indigenous People, the Black community, and other racialized groups.
- To support the identification of complexities and gaps when accessing government services and identify areas of improvement.
- The results will help inform future changes to make B.C. a more equitable province.

The BC Demographic Survey was created through engagement with Indigenous, Black, and other racialized communities during the Anti-Racism Data Act. It includes questions about race, ethnicity, ancestry, and other areas of identity.

The survey is voluntary and open to all British Columbians, regardless of their racial or ethnic background.

A message from Journey Home Community:



we are thrilled to share a significant milestone in the incredible journey of Journey Home Community – a transformation that reflects the heart of who we are. Just as iconic visuals define eras and movements, it can also embody the essence of an organization.

An 18-Year Legacy: The Strength of Our Identity

Back in 2008, Journey Home Community adopted a logo that became synonymous with our mission – to welcome, support, and care for refugee claimants by inviting them into community. For nearly two decades, this symbol has represented our unwavering commitment to providing short-term emergency transitional housing, compassionate case management, vital support to those in need, and a caring community of friends.

While we recognize our organization carries a rich history, we believe that now is the right time for Journey Home Community to embrace a new path. It's time for us to take a step forward towards a promising future. Our mission, “Inspired by God’s love, we are creating caring communities that offer refugee claimants housing, settlement support, and opportunities for connection,” remains steadfast. And, we're eager to explore fresh possibilities that will allow us to serve our community even better.

A Fresh Beginning - Over the past few months, we've poured our hearts into redefining our visual identity to better align with our vision for the future, and today, we are excited to share the results with you.



New Logo and Visual Identity



Our new logo embodies our commitment to positive change. The arrows symbolize progress, unity, and the diverse community that is Journey Home Community. The circle represents strength and reliability, reflecting our unwavering dedication to our mission. Each color holds a special meaning, breathing life into our message

Enhanced Communication - As part of this transformation, we're not just changing our look – we're also strengthening how we connect with you. Our website and communications materials will see “a fresh coat of paint.” We believe this will create clarity, and we hope it will enhance your personal connection to Journey Home Community. These changes will roll out gradually, marking a visual shift toward a promising future while keeping our core values intact.

The Unchanged Heart of Journey Home Community - While our logo is changing, one thing remains constant: We remain inspired by God’s love for us, for our world, and for refugee claimants. This motivates our unwavering commitment to refugee claimants. We continue to provide vital support, including emergency housing, compassionate case management, and a community that symbolizes hope, belonging, friendship, and mutual transformation, as we join refugee claimants who are rebuilding their lives in Canada. Our transformation signifies our adaptability and dedication to making a difference.

We are excited to embark on this new chapter with you, our valued supporters. Thank you for being a part of our journey, and we can't wait to continue making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

Warmest regards,

Brad Kinnie Executive Director, Journey Home Community

o 604.568.4892 604.928.6030 | brad@journeyhomecommunity.ca



Échate un taco

El último de la temporada

PASA LA VOZ. CON O SIN PERMISO DE TRABAJO TODXS SON BIENVENIDXS.

¿Donde? 9400 College St, Chilliwack, BC (Senior centre)

¿Cuando? 22 de Octubre, 2023

¿A qué hora? 1-3 pm



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778-791-3419 || 778-683-3419 || 604-754-3419 || 778-536-3419 INFO@dignidadmigrantesociety.org

FB: DIGNIDADMIGRANTESOCIETY || INSTAGRAM: @DIGNIDADMIGRANTE

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ART-MAKING IN COMMUNITY GROUP



The earth without "art" is just "eh"



Make art in person with us!

Art materials provided to participants
No artistic skills required
Interpretation available

When:
October 5, 12, 19, 26

Where:
2610 Victoria Drive, Vancouver

10 am-12 pm
Registration required

For more information please contact :
matias.hacker@vastbc.ca
elena@vastbc.ca



www.vastbc.ca

REPEATS

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GETTING THROUGH IT

A group to support refugee claimants during
the entire refugee claim process

To have information about the refugee claim process

To learn tips to cope with stress

To share a space with people that understand

To be prepared for your hearing

When:

Wednesday 10:00-12:00

Where:

Online via Zoom

In-person 2610 Victoria Drive Vancouver

For more information please contact :
referrals@vastbc.ca



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Settlement & Integration Program

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



CONVERSATION CIRCLE FOR ARAB WOMEN NEWCOMERS

SEP 15-DEC 29
ONLINE
12:30 - 1:30 PM.

- Find new friends
- Connect with newcomers
- Improve your English.

For registration, please contact us:

sihamaa@burnabynh.ca ; Tel: 236 8772517

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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community-funded agency with a unique focus on Neighbours supporting Neighbours.

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جلسات المحادثة الانجليزية للسيدات القادمات الجدد

اونلاين
الجمعة

10:30-12:30

15 سبتمبر - 29 ديسمبر
1:30 - 12:30 ظهرا.

العثور على أصدقاء جدد
تواصل مع القادمين الجدد
حسن لغتك الانجليزية

للراغبات في التسجيل نرجو التواصل مع:

sihamaa@burnabynh.ca ; 236 8772517

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In-person Conversation Circle

Mondays 2:30 - 4:30 pm
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby
(BNH South House - 3rd floor)

Do you want to improve your English conversational skills?
Come and join us!

- Friendly and welcoming environment
- Small group setting to encourage participation
- Connect with other newcomers and make friends
- Diverse settlement topics and about life in Canada

October 16th to November 27, 2023

For more information and/or 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 (sal̓k̓wətaʷ), Kwikwetlen (kw̓ikwətlən) and Squamish (Sḵwəw̓əʔmesh ɫúwəml̓w) and Musqueam (m̓sqəw̓əjəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



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DIGITAL LITERACY FOR ARAB WOMEN NEWCOMERS

Every Monday
12-02 PM

- learn how to use your computer/tablet in a safe and friendly environment. تعلمي كيف تستخدم الكومبيوتر واللابت في بيئة آمنة وودية
- Explore the key topics that help you use the computer and the internet easily استكشفي المواضيع الرئيسية التي تساعدك على استخدام الكومبيوتر والانترنت بسهولة
- child care available for your kids while you are learning تتوفر رعاية الأطفال لأطفالنا بينما انت تتعلمين أسس استخدام الكمبيوتر

For registration, please email /call Siham at: sihamaa@burnabynh.ca
PHONE: 236-877-2517

starting date: September, 18 2023


WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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ESL Conversation Practice

Wednesdays, Oct. 11 – Nov. 29
3 – 4 p.m.

Britannia Community Centre
1661 Napier Street
55+ Centre



Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners.

This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers.

FREE

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Supercharge Your Learning: Become a Library Power User

Tuesday, October 17
11 am – 12 pm

Online Program



Looking to supercharge your learning? We'll teach you to become a library power user.

Join us as we take a virtual tour of VPL's website, and showcase some of the public library's best learning resources.

Q&A session included.

FREE

Register online at vpl.ca/events

Networking and the Hidden Job Market

Tue., Oct. 17

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Takes place on Zoom

Register at www.vpl.ca/events

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Learn how you can use networking to your advantage when searching for a job or advancing in your career. Discover practical networking strategies, both virtual and in person, that can help you find meaningful employment.

Free.
Everyone is welcome.



For more information: 604.331.3003 | vpl.ca/events

Join the conversation:

 [/skilledimmigrantinfocentre](https://www.facebook.com/skilledimmigrantinfocentre)

 [@VPL_SIC](https://twitter.com/VPL_SIC)  [/skilled-immigrant-infocentre](https://www.linkedin.com/company/skilled-immigrant-infocentre)



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WelcomeBC

Free Painting Class for Refugee Claimants and Newcomers!



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Saturday, October 21
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Central Heights Church
1661 McCallum Rd
Abbotsford



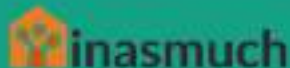
Register today at
www.inasmuch.ca under
"Classes"

Class in English
**All supplies and refreshments
provided.**

No previous painting experience
required. You will make a design
we've chosen that we think you
will love.



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Stories of Hope



You are invited to a free dessert evening hosted by
Inasmuch Community Society



Friday Oct. 27, 2023
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Garden Park Towers - 2825
Clearbrook Rd., Abbotsford,
In the Magnolia Room



Reserve your FREE ticket today at
www.inasmuch.ca under events
or at Garden Park Tower Office

Join us to hear incredible
stories of resilience and
courage from asylum seekers,
who by God's grace, found
safety, housing, and support in
Canada through Inasmuch
Community Society



or
scan for tickets



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Charity number: 983184706R0001

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS WANTED



Looking for research study participants to share their experiences of accessing sexual and reproductive healthcare in British Columbia as immigrant and refugee women.

Our research team at the University of British Columbia hopes to learn about the barriers and facilitators that immigrant and refugee women encounter as they seek sexual and reproductive healthcare. This research aims to:

- Increase awareness regarding the experiences of immigrant and refugee women
- Suggest improvements that can promote their access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services.

Eligibility: if you identify as an immigrant woman (permanent residents, naturalized citizens, temporary migrant workers, international students) or refugee woman (refugee claimant, asylum seeker) you are eligible to participate in the study.

Interview: participants will be interviewed once, for a maximum of 2 hours. Mainly focus groups will be conducted with multiple women in the study, but participants can request to have their interviews 1-on-1.

If interested, please contact us a minimum two weeks prior to your desired interview date.

CONTACT

If you are interested in sharing your stories, please reach out to the student coordinator, Aysan Dehghani: Email: adehgh02@student.ubc.ca, Phone: 778-682-2900, or the principal investigator, Professor Jemima Baada: Email: jbaada@mail.ubc.ca, Phone: 226-376-3050.

To learn more about your role as a participant, please scan the QR code below:



All participants will be **compensated** for their time.

This message is on behalf of one of our MAP network members:

Call for research participants!

We are 4 female-student researchers and a UBC professor are conducting interviews with immigrant and refugee women who have received care from service providers, including health-service providers, regarding their sexual and reproductive health. Our research team is interested in interviewing participants and staff alike, to discuss their respective experiences receiving care, or working with immigrant and refugee women to assist them in accessing these relevant services. Our research team will compensate all participants for their time.

As such, I would like to kindly ask you if you could possibly distribute the attached fliers (call for participants and service provider staff) within your organization, and to any participants that you think would be eligible to participate. I have also attached an information sheet for service providers about our study, (that you can read through if more clarification is needed), as well as a certificate of approval, which shows that under UBC RISE (ethics board) we are able to conduct research with participants and staff in BC.

We would like to raise more awareness in this field for health equity and women's health research, and would greatly appreciate your help.

Church Network for Refugee Welcome

A Morning of Conversation
with Others Welcoming Refugees

Everyone is welcome to a gathering of people working with and interested in assisting refugees. No matter the arrival pathway into Canada, refugees are facing multiple pressures in areas of housing, mental health, employment, support and more.

Bring a friend or two and come prepared to learn, listen, share stories, ask questions and collaborate with those currently working alongside refugees or interested in getting involved.

Saturday, November 4 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Tenth Church
11 W 10th Ave, Vancouver

