



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 30

October 4, 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!**

**Thank you to everyone that joined us at the September 28<sup>th</sup> MAP meeting.**

**We had more than 40 members join us and we welcomed 8 first time attendees who are new to our MAP network.**

**Our next meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> at MOSAIC.**

**Keep an eye out for the invite in the coming weeks! We hope to see you then!**

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

# 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](mailto:matias.hacker@vastbc.ca)  
[elena@vastbc.ca](mailto:elena@vastbc.ca)



[www.vastbc.ca](http://www.vastbc.ca)

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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](mailto:referrals@vastbc.ca)



[www.vastbc.ca](http://www.vastbc.ca)

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## Settlement & Integration Program

Burnaby Neighbourhood House  
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## 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@burnaby nh.ca](mailto:sihamaa@burnaby nh.ca) ; Tel: 236 8772517

[WWW.BURNABYNH.CA](http://WWW.BURNABYNH.CA)

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4460 Burnside Street  
Burnaby, BC V5H 0E8  
(In front of Metrolink Skytrain)  
(604)431-0400



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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:

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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@burnaby nh.ca

[www.burnaby nh.ca](http://www.burnaby nh.ca)

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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 تستخدمي الكمبيوتر والتابلت 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 الكمبيوتر والانترنت بسهولة
- child care available for your kids while you are learning تتوفر رعاية الأطفال لأطفالك بينما أنت تتعلمين أسس استخدام الكمبيوتر

For registration, please email /call Siham at: [sihamaa@burnaby nh.ca](mailto:sihamaa@burnaby nh.ca)  
PHONE: 236-877-2517

starting date: September, 18 2023

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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**

Drop-in

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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](https://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](http://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](http://vpl.ca/events)

Join the conversation:

 /skilledimmigrantinfocentre

 @VPLSIC  /skilled-immigrant-infocentre



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WelcomeBC

# Free Painting Class for Refugee Claimants and Newcomers!



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



Central Heights Church  
1661 McCallum Rd  
Abbotsford

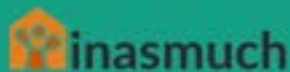


Register today at  
[www.inasmuch.ca](http://www.inasmuch.ca) under  
"Classes"

**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](http://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: 843184708R0001



## 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](mailto:adehgh02@student.ubc.ca), Phone: 778-682-2900, or the principal investigator, Professor Jemima Baada: Email: [jbaada@mail.ubc.ca](mailto: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.



***Are you an immigrant or refugee woman interested in writing?***

## **Join the Shoe Project in Vancouver this Fall**

October 12 – November 28, 2023, 8 Meetings 5:30 - 8pm at the BMD Theatre Centre  
Private performance coaching follows      Final performances in January 2024

### **What will we do?**

Twelve women will work with Vancouver writer Caroline Adderson to create a 600-word personal memoir about their journey to Canada, told through a pair of shoes. The writing component is followed by voice coaching and a public performance of the stories at the Arts Club Theatre.

### **Who are we looking for?**

- Women (age 18 to 80) who have immigrated or come as refugees to Canada as adults (and did not go through the Canadian school system) and who have learned English as an additional language.
- Women who want to tell their story, are interested in others' stories, and want to be able to write expressively in English.
- Recent participants have come from Syria, China, Kurdistan, Iran, Brazil, Philippines, Tibet, Nepal, Russia, Columbia, Eritria, Somalia and more.

Participants must commit to the entire program; we pay for the right to publish the completed stories.

To apply contact [theshoeprojectvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:theshoeprojectvancouver@gmail.com) to register for an interview or for more information.  
OR [Shangga Karim](mailto:Shangga.Karim@vancouver.ca), Vancouver Coordinator [shangarahim1@gmail.com](mailto:shangarahim1@gmail.com)

**[www.theshoeproject.online](http://www.theshoeproject.online)**

The Shoe Project is looking for participants!

Please share this poster with your contacts.

For more information please contact [shangarahim1@gmail.com](mailto:shangarahim1@gmail.com)

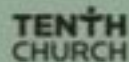
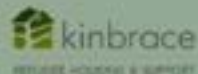
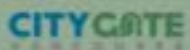
# Church Network for Refugee Welcome

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



**REPEATS**

