



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 28

September 20, 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!**

You are invited to attend the **MAP Meeting on Thursday September 28th** at 9:30 am hosted by **Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House** at 800 E Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5T 1Y1

### **The highlights are:**

- Our regular IRB Report
- BC CHARMS update
- A Presentation by **Genny Krikorian (United Way British Columbia) - “211 British Columbia Resource Listings”** (formerly BC211)
- Report back from the MAP Advisory Council

Light refreshments will be provided - please come early to meet your colleagues and enjoy a warm coffee!

### **Transport and Parking**

The 99 B-line and 9 buses stop a block away on Broadway street.

There is free parking on the south side of Broadway in the morning as well as on the side streets.

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

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



## **A two-day, interactive workshop exploring the changing nature of human mobility.**

**Sept. 28-29, 2023**  
**Hybrid**

Join CERC Migration for a two-day workshop which brings together senior scholars and early career researchers for the interactive workshop to discuss fundamental questions on the future of mobility and its effects on the wellbeing of people and the planet.

The workshop is coordinated by **Anna Triandafyllidou**, Toronto Metropolitan University, and **Robert McLeman**, Wilfrid Laurier University.

**REGISTER**

Toronto  
Metropolitan  
University

Canada Excellence  
Research Chair in  
Migration & Integration

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Participants include:

- **Isthiaque Ahmed**, University of Toronto
- **Rupa Banerjee**, Toronto Metropolitan University
- **Joanne Chung**, University of Toronto Mississauga
- **Elisabeth Gilmore**, Carleton University
- **Christopher Gore**, Toronto Metropolitan University
- **Shion Guha**, University of Toronto, The iSchool Institute
- **Achilles Kallergis**, The New School
- **Audrey Macklin**, University of Toronto
- **Jérémie Molho**, Toronto Metropolitan University
- **Lucia Nalbandian**, University of Toronto
- **Joanna Redden**, University of Western Ontario
- **Maksim Rudnev**, University of Waterloo
- **Andrew G. Ryder**, Concordia University
- **Richa Shivakoti**, Toronto Metropolitan University





## Join Our Study!

We are a group of UBC students looking to study immigrant and refugee women's experience accessing sexual and reproductive health service providers in British Columbia. Participants will be compensated for their time and contributions to our research.

If you are interested in sharing your experience, click the link below or scan the QR Code!

<https://eliaddemers.wixsite.com/call-for-participant>



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.





## 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.

**Interview participants will be compensated for their time and contributions to the research.**

**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.**

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



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 at the University of British Columbia. Email: [jbaada@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:jbaada@mail.ubc.ca), Phone: 226-376-3050.

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Looking for British Columbia immigration service providers to share their experiences of working with immigrant and refugee women in the area of sexual and reproductive healthcare.



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<https://www.unaoc.org/what-we-do/projects-and-initiatives/promoting-the-role-of-women-as-peacemakers/>

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



If you are interested in sharing your professional experiences in providing services, please reach out to the student coordinator, Aysan Dehghani ([adehgh02@student.ubc.ca](mailto:adehgh02@student.ubc.ca)) or the principal investigator, Professor Jemima Baada at the University of British Columbia. Email: [jbaada@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:jbaada@mail.ubc.ca), Phone: 226-376-3050.

# We're Hiring!



**Join our team. Share your Experience.  
Impact the Community.**

As a team member at Journey Home Community, you participate in a mutually transformative community that will change your life as you make a difference in the lives of refugee claimants, volunteers and partners who support our dynamic mission and vision. We offer a supportive, engaging, and fulfilling workplace where you encounter a dedicated team of diverse and talented staff. Together, inspired by God's love, we are creating caring communities.

Can you think of anyone you believe would thrive in one of these roles? If so, please share this email with 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.

## REPEATS



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**Senior Manager:  
Donor Engagement  
& Resource  
Development**  
40 HRS/WEEK

If you are interested, please review the **SENIOR MANAGER: DONOR ENGAGEMENT & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** job description.

**Senior Manager: Donor Engagement & Resource Development**

As a member of our senior leadership team, provide leadership and help us develop our team of committed staff who share welcome and offer dignity to newly arriving refugee claimants.

Your primary mandate is to direct and oversee Journey Home's fundraising and resource development department. Use your relational skills to establish and steward relationships with philanthropists and donors. Develop innovative approaches to realize new fundraising and resource development opportunities. Establish a vision for vibrant fundraising events that share the organization's ethos and impact. Oversee external communications to ensure that our donor community feels connected and engaged with the good work we are doing together.

Salary Range: \$70,000-\$78,000

## Senior Manager: Housing Resources & Partnerships

40 HRS/WEEK

If you are interested, please review the **SENIOR MANAGER: HOUSING RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS** job description.



### Senior Manager: Housing Resources & Partnerships

As a member of our senior leadership team, provide leadership and help us develop our team of committed staff who share welcome and offer dignity to newly arriving refugee claimants.

Your primary mandate is to implement our immediate and long-range housing strategy to create nurturing and welcoming spaces for newly arriving refugee claimant program participants. Build a housing team, develop new housing resources, and manage and oversee the care of Journey Home's existing housing assets. Accomplish this by establishing new partnerships and stewarding existing relationships with housing providers, landlords, municipal and provincial governments, and other key housing resources and stakeholders.

Salary Range: \$70,000 - \$78,000



Established in 2005, Journey Home Community, a Christian, faith-based, non-profit organization has offered housing, settlement support, and a welcoming community to more than 1,100 newly arrived refugee claimants from 65 nations. Journey Home enthusiastically builds partnerships with other faith communities and organizations that seek to welcome those in need of protection. We have expertise in creating supportive, short-term, emergency transitional housing with wrap-around care that facilitates community and belonging for vulnerable refugee claimants.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of the posted positions, submit an application through the **email** and please reference the position in the subject line.

**[employment@journeyhomecommunity.ca](mailto:employment@journeyhomecommunity.ca)**



# CLASES DE INGLÉS

Para Clamantes de Refugio, Permiso de trabajo y Ciud. Naturalizados

## Eres nuevo en Canada?

Aprende Inglés, construya su confianza y prepárese para la fuerza laboral Canadiense!

Regístrese para 11 semanas de clases que se llevarán a cabo en persona a partir el **15 de Septiembre de 2023** y que finalizarán el **16 de Diciembre de 2023**.

### PRINCIPIANTES: NIVEL 0

#### VIERNES

Empezando el 15 de Septiembre

- Grupo 1: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Grupo 2: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

#### SABADOS

Empezando el 23 de Septiembre

- Grupo 1: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Grupo 2: 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

## Registros y Consultas

Izamar Afu  
nesp@options.bc.ca  
604.866.0571

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



# ENGLISH CLASSES

For Refugee Claimants, Work Permit Holders & Nat. Citizens

## Are you new to Canada?

Learn English, build your confidence and prepare for the workforce in Canada!

Register for the 11-week classes that will be held in-person starting on **September 15, 2023** and ending on **December 16, 2023**.

### BEGINNERS: LEVEL 0

#### FRIDAYS

Starting September 15

- Group 1: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Group 2: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

#### SATURDAYS

Starting September 23

- Group 1: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Group 2: 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

## Registration & Enquiries

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# English Classes

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## Are you new to Canada?

Learn English, build your confidence and prepare for the workforce in Canada!

Register for the 10-week classes that will be held online starting on **September 11, 2023** and ending on **November 16, 2023**.

## ONLINE CLASSES

### BEGINNER

Tuesday & Thursday  
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm

### INTERMEDIATE

Monday & Wednesday  
7:15 pm - 9:00 pm



**Registration & Enquiries**  
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Para Clamantes de Refugio, Permiso de trabajo y Ciudad. Naturalizados



Aprende Inglés, construya su confianza y prepárese para la fuerza laboral en Canadá!

Regístrese para las 10 semanas de clases que se llevarán a cabo en línea a partir el **11 de Septiembre de 2023** y que finalizarán el **16 de Noviembre de 2023**.

## MODALIDAD: ONLINE

### PRINCIPIANTE

Martes y Jueves  
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm

### INTERMEDIO

Lunes y Miércoles  
7:15 pm - 9:00 pm



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COMING SEPT. 2023

# A New Pilot Professional Development Program and Ideas Incubator

Spark Systemic Change | Reimagine Employment

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



Kinbrace's Transforming Employment Narratives (TEN) is still accepting applications until **September 30th**. This 5-day program seeks to deepen mutual understanding between settlement service providers, employers, and refugee claimants, to facilitate the transformation we seek in our communities. We continue to encourage Settlement Workers, Settlement Managers, Employers, Refugee Claimants, People & EDI Managers, and HR Professionals to learn more and apply here.

Refugee claimants can also get in touch directly to learn more about the program.

The event will be happening on Nov 17, 18, 24, 25, and Dec 1, 2023 in Vancouver in-person.

For more information:

<https://transformingemploymentnarratives.ca/>  
mohammed@kinbrace.ca



# YES CHEF!

FREE 8-WEEK COOKING AND BAKING EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR NEWCOMER YOUTH (AGED 15-30)



## 4 WEEKS OF FOOD SKILLS TRAINING

- In-person sessions at Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House in East Vancouver
- Basic to intermediate cooking and baking skills
- Sessions include: basic knife skills, working with flavours, sweet and savoury baking, and more!

## ONGOING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

- Transportation support
- Virtual and in-person workshops on topics such as: financial literacy, mental health, worker's rights, Canadian workplace culture, food security, and more!
- 1:1 employment and settlement support

## 4 WEEKS OF FOOD PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

- In-person sessions in a commercial kitchen
- Opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community through food!
- Employment experience and employer connections

## ELIGIBILITY

- Newcomer youth aged 15 - 30
- Permanent resident or Convention Refugee

To learn more contact Phuong, 'YES CHEF!' Coordinator at [phuong@froghollow.bc.ca](mailto:phuong@froghollow.bc.ca) or call/text (604) 561-9118



APPLY NOW!



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**FREE & PAID Cooking Program for Newcomer Youth - YES CHEF! - Limited Spots!**

**Eligibility is for Protected Persons and Convention Refugee youths (15-30)**

The 'YES CHEF!' program is Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House's cooking and baking training program for newcomer youth aged 15-30 who are Permanent Residents or Convention Refugees. This program helps youth learn more about food production and gain skills to acquire sustainable employment, via an 8-week in-person and virtual program. We can help youth find employment in diverse positions within food production, or in other areas according to their interests! Up to \$500 is available for program attendance.





# ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

For all newcomers, permanent residents, refugee claimants and naturalized citizens.

**7 MONDAYS, 10:00 AM - 12:00PM**  
**SEPT 25, OCT 2, 16, 23 & 30**  
**& NOV 6 & 20, 2023**

**IN-PERSON @2131 RENFREW ST. VANCOUVER**

Join us to make friends,  
have fun & practise English

**FREE child-minding & refreshments are available.**



Contact **Maysa** to register:  
236-688-6297  
maysa@froghollow.bc.ca

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For families/caregivers with children 0-6

# FAMILY DROP-IN PROGRAM

**EVERY MON, TUE & FRI**  
**09:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**STARTING SEPT 18, 2023**

@2131 Renfrew St. Vancouver  
Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House



**FREE DROP-IN STYLE LIMITED SPACE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE HOT LUNCH PROVIDED NO REGISTRATION IN-PERSON ONLY**

## INQUIRIES?

Contact Diane at  
604-506-2131, or  
dianec@froghollow.bc.ca

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# INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR THE 2023 BC/YUKON SUMMIT - ONLINE PARTICIPATION

September 26 & 27, 2023



Dear Settlement and Integration Service Providers,  
AMSSA would like to invite you to register for our online portion of the Hybrid **BC/Yukon Summit: Collectively Envisioning the Future of Settlement and Integration** that will be held on **September 26th and 27th 2023**.

Registration is open to all levels of staff from IRCC BC/Yukon funded settlement organizations, IRCC NHQ funded organizations, and other programs and organizations with interest in or related to settlement and integration.

- Where:** Online via Pheedloop  
**When:** September 26 and 27, 2023
- Tuesday, September 26, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
  - Wednesday, September 27, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Please click on the link below to register for the event. You will receive a confirmation email with instructions shortly after registration.

[Click Here to Register for the Summit](#)

