



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 35
November 22, 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!

We did not send out a MAP bulletin last week, but we are resuming the weekly schedule now!

If you would like to share any updates or workshops on the MAP bulletin, simply email Katya the information, posters or images and the exact text you want communicated.

Please send to info@mapbc.org by Tuesday afternoon at the latest so it can go out the following day.

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



IRCC ANNOUNCEMENT:

The government has opened its new pathway for people in the Western Hemisphere, promised as part of the STCA expansion.

To be eligible to apply, you must

- be a Colombian, Haitian or Venezuelan national
- be located in Mexico, Central or South America, or the Caribbean
- be a spouse, common-law partner, child (regardless of age), grandchild, parent, grandparent or sibling of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who is willing and eligible to support your application (an “anchor”)
- plan to live outside Quebec
- have a valid passport or eligible travel or identity document

Complete announcement:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/11/immigration-pathway-for-colombian-haitian-and-venezuelan-nationals-with-family-in-canada.html>

Media release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/11/canada-continues-humanitarian-effort-for-people-in-the-americas.html>

Refugee Appeal Division (RAD)

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next virtual session:
29 November 2023 • 1:00-3:00 PST

A free orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process.

- Do you wonder what will happen if you receive a negative decision at your refugee hearing?
- Have you received a negative decision already?

This session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have your questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register now by emailing Sophia Underhill:
sophia@kinbrace.ca

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My Refugee Claim

Now available in French!

www.MyRefugeeClaim.ca

Ma demande d'asile
Ressources pour vous informer, vous connecter et vous préparer tout au long de votre parcours de demande d'asile.

My Refugee Claim
Resources to get informed, connected, & prepared throughout your refugee claim journey.

3 Resources

- Orientation Booklet
- www.MyRefugeeClaim.ca
- Ready Tours

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- Guide d'orientation
- www.MyRefugeeClaim.ca
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✓ MY REFUGEE CLAIM

✓ MA DEMANDE D'ASILE

Settlement & Integration Program



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



Empowerment and Social Gathering Program for Newcomer Youth

4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby
(BNH South House - Jubilee Room)

Saturdays 10:30am - 12pm
October 28th - December 16th, 2023

Do you want to explore & reach your full potential?
Drop in or register to join :

- Field Trips: Explore the community and its attractions.
- Cooking Session: Learn new recipes and culinary skills.
- Movie Day: Enjoy films and cultural movies together.
- Financial Literacy: Gain knowledge and skills for managing finances.
- Networking: Connect with newcomers and make friends.
- Work Opportunities: Explore potentials of working in different sectors; Receive skills training and job search support.
- Education Support: Assistance with school admission and scholarship applications.

For more information or registration, please email Xinrui:
xinrui@burnabynh.ca

www.burnabynh.ca

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4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8
(In front of Metrotown Skytrain)
(604)431-0400



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Conversation Circle КЛУБ РОЗМОВНОЇ АНГЛІЙСЬКОЇ МОВИ безкоштовно

Saturdays 10:30am - 12:30pm
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby
(BNH South House-3rd floor)

Join us and develop your
conversational English skills!

- Friendly atmosphere
- Different topics each week
- Learn more about Canada
- Connect with other fellow newcomers

Приєднуйтеся та покращуйте
навички розмовної англійської!

- Дружня атмосфера
- Кожного разу - різні теми
- Взнаєте більше про Канаду
- Спілкування з іншими новоприбулими

October 28th to December 16th, 2023

For more information or to
register, please e-mail Xinrui:
xinrui@burnabynh.ca

Більше інформації та реєстрація
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WELCOME TO VAST

A psychosocial support orientation session



Orientation session about Mental health

What is counselling

Services available at VAST

Answering questions

When:

monthly - every first Monday of the month

Where:

10334-152A St. #301 Surrey V3R 4G8

For more information please contact :
jhevoi@vastbc.ca



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Seniors Learning Circle

Are you new in Canada? Do you want to improve your English? You are invited to join our in-person conversation group!

Topics include:

- Practicing English speaking & listening skills
- Explore topics of interest to seniors, such as social participation, inclusion and contribution.
- Small group discussions led by an instructor and community volunteers
- Guest speakers and social activities
- New topics introduced in each session!

Spaces are limited – Register Early!

For more information and to register contact:
Front Desk, office@impactnorthshore.ca or

Program Highlights

Mondays & Thursdays
(10 sessions)
November 6 - December 11
9:30 am – 11:00 am

This Instructor-led conversation circle is an opportunity to meet with other newcomers, and volunteers from the community, and to practice your English in a casual and welcoming environment.

Details:

This program is presented in English.

This program is open to newcomer and Immigrant seniors 55+ with Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC) levels 2-5.

In-person: Impact North Shore
207-123 East 15th St, North Vancouver

To participate in this program, you must register as a client with Impact North Shore.

This program is government funded and free of charge.



Frosty Winter Nights

Please join us in this exciting journey of discovery, creativity, and cultural enrichment. Together we will make a colourful canvas of new friendships and creativity for newcomer elementary school students on the North Shore.

Activities include:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Collage-making
- Group collaboration
- Crafts

For more information, contact:

Annabelle Lam, annabelle@impactnorthshore.ca
Denys Koval, denysk@impactnorthshore.ca

Program Highlights

Mondays (2 sessions)
November 20 and 27
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

This free program aims to provide newcomer elementary school students on the North Shore with essential resources, support, and a welcoming community. This program includes engaging art activities to ease their transition into a new educational and cultural environment.

Details:

This program will be presented in English.

This program is open to newcomer and Immigrant elementary school students (grades 1-7).

In-person

Details will be provided after registration.

To participate in this workshop, you must register as a client with Impact North Shore.

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BC Family Benefits

اطلاعات مربوط به مزایای خانواده در بی سی

این جلسه برای آشنایی مهاجران با جزئیات مزایای موجود در کانادا برای خانواده هایی که فرزند زیر 18 سال دارند برگزار میشود و حاوی مطالب زیر میباشد:
- مزایای حق ولاد و مالیات

(Canada Child Tax Benefit, GST/ HST)

- شرایط استفاده از پارانه ثبت نام فرزند در مهد کودک

نحوه ثبت نام / فرمهای مربوطه / مدارک مورد نیاز

(Child care Subsidy)

- شرایط استفاده از کمک اجاره

نحوه ثبت نام / فرمهای مربوطه / مدارک مورد نیاز

(Rental Assistance Program)

- آدرسها و شماره های مورد نیاز

- پرسش و پاسخ

برای ثبت نام و در صورت نیاز به کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با شماره تلفن 604-988-2931 تماس حاصل فرمائید.

For more information and to register contact:

Front Desk, office@impactnorthshore.ca or
604-988-2931

Workshop Highlights

Thursday, November 30
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This program is for Farsi-speaking residents on the North Shore with children under 18 years of age.

Topics will include:

- CCTB and GST/HST
- Child Care Subsidy
- Rental Assistance
- Question & Answer Time

Details:

This workshop is presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to newcomers and immigrants.

Online via Zoom

Details provided after registration.

To participate in this workshop, you must register as a client with Impact North Shore.

This program is government funded and free of charge.



Navigating Canadian Culture

ایمپکت نورث شور، از شما دعوت میکند در این جلسه که برای تازه واردین برگزار می شود، شرکت فرمایید. این جلسه به زبان فارسی برگزار میشود و شما با فرهنگ جامعه کانادایی آشنا خواهید شد.

- راهنمای تازه واردین برای سازگاری و انطباق با فرهنگ کانادایی
- بایدها و نبایدها در فرهنگ کانادا چیست؟
- چگونه می توانید یک شغل داوطلبانه پیدا کنید؟
- چطور میتوانید به منابع خبری در مورد جشنواره ها و فستیوالها دست پیدا کنید.
- چطور میتوانید با جامعه ارتباط بگیرید و خودتان گروه کاری مورد علاقه تان را ایجاد کنید.

For more information and to register contact:
Front Desk, office@impactnorthshore.ca or
604-988-2931

Workshop Highlights

Friday, November 24
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In this workshop, you will learn about Canadian culture and be introduced to some local resources that will help you make Canada your home.

Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to newcomers and immigrants.

Online via Zoom
Details to provided after registration.

To participate in this workshop, you must register as a client with Impact North Shore.

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Digital Literacy Walk-In Clinic

This in-person digital literacy walk-in clinic is designed for clients with a low level of digital literacy.

Join us to learn about:

- Basic computer skills like filling out online forms, registering for online accounts, and downloading apps
- Using Zoom and Moodle
- Simple trouble shooting for digital devices
- Online safety skills like avoiding online scams and setting strong passwords

For more information please contact:
Yvonne Xian, yvonnex@impactnorthshore.ca

Workshop Highlights

Wednesdays (6 sessions)
October 4, 18
November 1, 15, 29
December 13
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join this in-person clinic to learn about using digital technology and improve your digital literacy skills.

Details:

This walk-in clinic welcomes clients in English, Farsi, Mandarin, Cantonese and other languages if requested.

This clinic is open to newcomers and immigrants.

In-person, Impact North Shore
207-123 15th St. North Vancouver

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