



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 4

January 24, 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!

You are invited to attend the **MAP Meeting on Thursday January 25th** at 9:30 am hosted by **MOSAIC**
Address: 5575 Boundary Rd, Vancouver

We will be meeting in person without a hybrid option.

The chair will be Sireen El Nashar

There is no need to RSVP your attendance (although it would be a nice touch!) - your presence will be noted on arrival

The highlights are:

- Our regular IRB Report
- BC CHARMS update
- **A Presentation by Sophia Underhill - Ready Tours: Supporting Refugee Claimants with Hearing Preparedness**
- Report back from the MAP Advisory Council
- Chances for everyone to share updates/questions/issues and friendship in the service of refugee claimants.

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

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

Help identify language needs of refugee claimants: My Refugee Claim

My Refugee Claim resources - www.MyRefugeeClaim.ca and [Orientation Booklet](#) - are being translated into 11 languages (beyond English and French), with the aim of making information accessible to 90%+ refugee claimants in Canada.

Please complete this brief survey regarding the language needs of refugee claimants that you support. If you support refugee claimants, your input is important to identify their language needs.

Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/8g9eMRw374m17cnW9>

Thank you!

Settlement & Integration Program

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

MY SMALL BUSINESS

a pilot project for Arabic-Speaking newcomer women with business ideas

- Are you an immigrant or refugee woman?
- Are you interested in:
 - gaining more confidence?
 - obtaining financial-independency?
 - strengthening your network?
 - connecting with available resources?
- Do you have an artisan skill that you want to advance?
- Do you plan to start a small business?

🌐 **Setting the foundation of your plans (Weeks 1-2)**

🌱 **self-discovery and Ideas (Weeks 3-4)**

👤 **Crafting Your business Persona (Weeks 7-8)**

🗨️ **Relationships and Communication (Weeks 9-10)**

🚀 **self-Confidence and starting your project (Weeks 11-12)**

[Registration]:

✉️ Rasha Youssef: rashay@burnabyhh.ca
✉️ Siham Ali: sihamaa@burnabyhh.ca

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 19TH, 2024

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Conversation Circle КЛУБ РОЗМОВНОЇ АНГЛІСЬКОЇ 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

February 3rd - March 23rd, 2024

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

Більше інформації та реєстрація за ел. поштою до Xinrui: xinrui@burnabyhh.ca

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Help Improve Policing in B.C. by Sharing Your Experience

If you have had personal experience with the police or work directly with clients impacted by policing, **we want to hear from you.**

As part of the provincial government's Policing and Public Safety Modernization initiative, we invite you to our sessions to give your feedback.

All feedback and participation is anonymous. Police and government authorities will not be present at the sessions.

I have had past contact with the police or I know someone who has...

I work directly with individuals who are impacted by policing...



A \$25 honorarium will be provided to those in attendance.

Session Dates:

- **Abbotsford:** January 29, 2024 | 6:45-9:45pm
- **Delta:** January 30, 2024 | 6-9pm
- **Vanderhoof:** February 1, 2024 | 1-4pm
- **Quesnel:** February 2, 2024 | 1-4pm

Sessions are limited to 30 participants



For session details and registration, call **604.374.2952**

Members of racialized and/or marginalized populations including BIPoc (Black, Indigenous, People of Color), other ethnic minorities, people experiencing homelessness, refugees, migrants and 2SLGBTQIA+ are encouraged to attend.

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Traumatismos y Síndrome de Ulises

Serie de 2 partes presentadas en español

Juan Felipe Rivas Martínez- Psicólogo

Juan ofrece herramientas, técnicas y aliento sobre cómo sobrellevar y superar las circunstancias. Aconsejará sobre cómo manejar el estrés debido al trauma y la ansiedad.

Tenga en cuenta: Este taller no está diseñado en un formato de terapia de grupo. Es informativo y práctico. Se animará a los participantes a visitar consejeros en el área que hablen su idioma para trabajar con ellos a través de los traumas según sea necesario.



Sabado, 27 de enero, 2024 y
Sabado, 3 de febrero, 2024

De 10:00 a 11:30 am por zoom

Le animamos a que asistan a ambas sesiones



Regístrese en: www.inasmuch.ca en "Eventos" Se le proporcionará un enlace una vez que se haya inscrito en el taller.

Este taller está diseñado para solicitantes de refugio

Los temas incluyen:

- Estrés crónico y duelo debido a la separación forzada
- Sentimientos de fracaso en el proceso migratorio
- Estrés de supervivencia

Offered through a grant from :



Relevant news from January 15th – 23rd

[Refugee claimants arrive at B.C. airports in unprecedented numbers](#)

January 18 - 2023 saw an increase in the number of refugee claimants at B.C. airports, with the number almost double that seen the year before. Vancouver shelters are feeling the effects. (with statements from MAP members and MAP's Community Engagement Director!)

[Frustration grows as federal family reunification program capped after 2 months](#)

January 23-Humanitarian program for migrants from Haiti, Colombian, Venezuela at capacity

[Immigration and refugee lawyers raise concerns with temporary residence program for Gaza](#)

January 23 - Some say requirements are too onerous for a warzone, others say screening must be tougher

[Palestinian Quebecers scramble to get families to Canada as Gaza death toll climbs](#)

January 22 - 'Every day, every hour matters,' says Canadian citizen trying to bring relatives to safety

[Canada and Mexico in diplomatic talks over asylum claims, immigration minister says](#)

January 22 - Immigration Minister Marc Miller says the Trudeau government is holding diplomatic talks with Mexico to deal with an increase in asylum claims from that country.

[Screening questions for Gazans seeking visa to Canada criticized as both too vague and too invasive](#)

January 15 - The questions are creating anxiety for families who worry their loved ones might have trouble answering after three months largely without internet access, electricity, or even adequate food or drinking water

Hi all!

REPEATS



The My Refugee Claim website features a [Community Resources](#) page that provides a list of organizations (by province) which support refugee claimants.

Refugee claimants and service providers can use this page to find services in their region.

Is your refugee claimant serving organization showing up (or not) the way you want it to on the <https://myrefugeeclaim.ca/en/community-resources/> page?

Please [complete this form](#) (<https://forms.gle/LX2Wfj1Es8jNqaLE8>) if you would like to

- **add** your organization to the Community Resources page, or
- **update** your organization's existing information, or
- **remove** your organization from the Community Resources page.

For questions, please contact Project Coordinator, Chantel Spade at chantel@kinbrace.ca

Thank you!

AMSSA E-LEARNING COURSE ON PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

We are pleased to announce the launch of the AMSSA E-Learning course on Pathways to Permanent Residence for Temporary Residents.

It is important for Settlement Workers to understand current immigration pathways and programs. The comprehensive course explains immigration pathways available to temporary residents, describes how immigration is managed in Canada, reviews application processes and application management systems, and outlines the roles and responsibilities of settlement workers in the context of immigration supports.

[**CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE COURSE**](#)



Each workshop will bring you closer to enhancing wellness, increasing employability and strengthening confidence. For more information, email leads_vancouver@ywcavan.org or call 604-908-1227

WorkBC LEADS



A 10-week group-based **service for survivors of violence and/or abuse**, offered as part of WorkBC Employment Services in **Vancouver**.



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**Afterschool Program
Team Leader - Burnaby**

APPLY TODAY 

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We're Hiring!

This is a great opportunity to join our Afterschool Program Team to make a positive impact on the lives of children (ages 6-12) and support families in our vibrant community. Does that sound like you or someone you know?

Then, apply now! We're hiring for engaging Afterschool Program Team Leads who will work with Burnaby elementary students.

Multiple Positions Available! See our website for more detailed job descriptions:

<https://burnabynh.ca/get-involved-employment/>



SOCCER DROP-IN



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Community Services

A FREE SOCCER GROUP FOR NEWCOMERS

EVERY FRIDAY EVENINGS 6:00-8:00 PM

location: 2950 Blue Jay St, Abbotsford

Eligibility: Adult Newcomer Males 19+

Contact us for additional information and to be invited to the soccer WhatsApp group

Sajith Satheesh: 778-345-4198

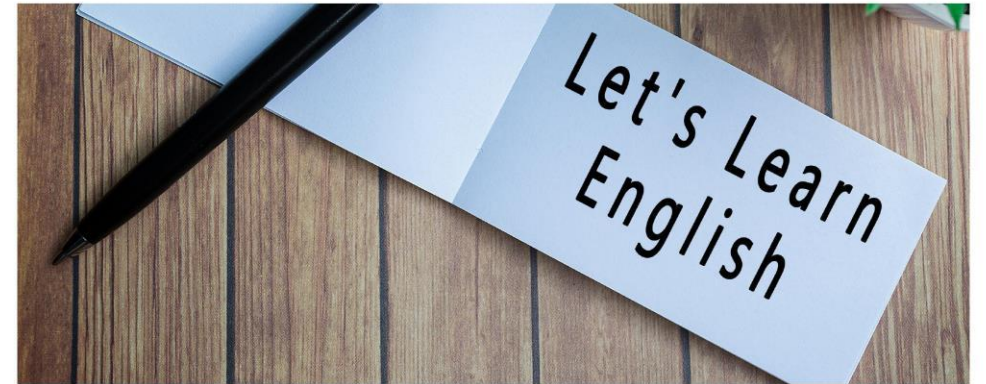
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ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE



If you are a newcomer in Canada, join us to practice your speaking and listening while making new friends and learning about your new community!

**Tuesdays
10:00-11:30 am**

IN-Person ONLY
Emmanuel Mennonite Church
3471 Clearbrook Rd,

**Wednesdays
7:00-8:30 pm**

ONLINE
only on Zoom

**For more information, please contact:
604-866-5233**

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