



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

# MAP Member Agency News

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**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!**

### **CALL FOR CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS (2024-2026)**

MAP recognizes that its Members carry many responsibilities. In the interest of sharing responsibilities, representatives of Partner agencies are encouraged and expected to serve on the Executive on a rotating basis.

For the purposes of stewardship, MAP will nominate and elect Partners to the following positions for a 2-year alternating term to ensure crossover and coaching. The co-chairs, working with the Community Engagement Director, are responsible for the following:

- Help identify guest speakers for MAP meeting presentations.
- Help set the MAP meeting agenda.
- Alternate to chair MAP meetings whether online or in person every other month (except July, August and December)
- May represent MAP at events and in dialogue with external parties, including government.
- Attend monthly Advisory Council meetings.
- Meet regularly with the MAP Community Engagement Director

Keep an eye out for the email with the full job description



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



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### **ELECTION PROCEDURE TO ANY MAP POSITION**

Any member can make a nomination

Anyone who belongs to an agency who is a MAP member at **PARTNER level** may be nominated, or nominate themselves.

**The nominator must send a letter to [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org) stating:**

- a) provide some background information about the candidate relevant to this position
- b) describe why/how the person is a good candidate
- c) mention any particular skills that the candidate will bring to the position.

### **Election / Voting**

- Once nominations are received, they will be shared with MAP members prior to the meeting where the election will be held.
- Any agency in good standing with MAP as a Partner or Participant can vote - one vote per agency
- A majority of votes is sufficient to decide the election.
- The new co-chair will shadow the outgoing co-chair who leaves their position after the June meeting.

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## Settlement & Integration Program

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

# Job Search Workshops

\*Please contact Xinrui for available time slots

4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby  
Burnaby Neighbourhood House(South House)

- Discuss your employment search
- Get help building your resume (CV) and cover letter
- Share tools, resources, job search platforms, and social media ideas
- Get prepared for job interviews
- Practise your English along with other participants

For more information to register, please contact Xinrui: [xinrui@burnabynh.ca](mailto:xinrui@burnabynh.ca)

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

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (salilakwə), Kwikwetlem (kwikwəlam), Squamish (Səwəwəʔməsh Gəwəməwə) and Musqueam (məməkwəlam) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours

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# In-person Conversation Circle

Mondays 2:00-3:30 pm  
Burnaby Neighborhood House  
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby

- No Drop-ins
- Registration Required
- Registration Deadline: April 8th, 2024

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

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

**April 15th - May 20th, 2024**

For more information to register, please contact  
Xinrui: [xinrui@burnabynh.ca](mailto:xinrui@burnabynh.ca)

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### Workshop Highlights

Thursday, April 11  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Becoming a homeowner can be very exciting, but it's not always the best decision for everyone. Before buying a home, such as a house or a condo, make sure you consider all elements. Join this workshop to increase your knowledge on buying property in BC.

### Mortgages and the Costs for Buying Property

#### وام مسکن (مورگیج) و هزینه های خرید ملک

چنانچه علاقمندی که اطلاعاتی در خصوص خرید خانه، وام مسکن اموریج و هزینه های دیگر خرید ملک، کسب کنید، در این جلسه آنلاین شرکت فرمایید. موضوعات مورد بحث:

- خرید اولین خانه
- اشیاء امانت برای وام مسکن
- مدارک مورد نیاز برای وام مسکن
- اطلاعات وام مسکن برای تازه واردان
- شرایط وام مسکن
- حالتان بر خریداران و صاحبان خانه
- وام بهداشتی و بیمه

این برنامه رایگان، به زبان فارسی و از طریق زوم در روز پنج شنبه ۱۱ اپریل از ساعت ۱:۰۰ تا ۲:۳۰ بعد از ظهر برگزار خواهد شد.

جهت ثبت نام و کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با ایمیل یا شماره تلفن زیر تماس بگیرید.  
Maryam Zarenejad, [MaryamZ@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:MaryamZ@impactnorthshore.ca)  
or 604-988-2931

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### Workshop Highlights

Thursday, April 4  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

SWS workshop for parents and guardians of students in the West Vancouver School District.

In this session, you will learn about available summer courses, policies and registration process.

### کلاس های درسی تابستانی در مدارس وست ونکوور

از شما دعوت میشود در جلسه اطلاعاتی درمورد دروس تابستانی که در مدارس وست ونکوور ارائه میشود، شرکت نمایید. این جلسه بروی زوم برگزار می گردد. متولین مطالب عبارتند از:

- شرایط و نحوه ثبت نام از زمان کلاس
- دروس واحدی و کلاس های تقویتی دوره دبیرستان
- کلاس های تقویتی دوره دبستان

جهت ثبت نام، روی لینک زیر کلیک کنید:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gzsepaPs8Z>

برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر یا راهنمایی تحصیلی وست ونکوور تماس بگیرید:  
Niloufar Farahani, [niloufarf@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:niloufarf@impactnorthshore.ca)

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#### Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to newcomer and immigrant parents and guardians with children in the West Vancouver School District.

Online via Zoom  
Details to 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.



## Employment Mentoring: Careers in Child Care

### جلسه اطلاعاتی برای مشاغل مختلف در مهد کودک ها

اگر علاقمند به کار در مهد کودک یا مایل به نسیس مهد کودک هستید، از شما دعوت می شود در جلسه این که در تاریخ 16 آوریل برگزار می شود شرکت نمایید.

در این جلسه در مورد موضوعات زیر صحبت خواهد شد:

- چگونگی اخذ مجوز نسیس مهد کودک
- مشاغل مختلف در مهد کودک
- آموزشها ی لازم برای کار در مهد کودک
- مکانهایی که این آموزش ها را در نورت شور ارائه می دهد
- اطلاعات در مورد بازار کار این مشاغل و منابع برای اطلاعات و ارتباطات بیشتر

Host: Homa Saltani, Employment Services Lead

برای ثبت نام و کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با ما تماس بگیرید:

Front Desk, [office@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:office@impactnorthshore.ca) or  
604-988-2931

لطفا نام خانوادگی و شماره تلفن خود را برای ثبت نام ذکر نمایید.

## Workshop Highlights

Tuesday, April 16  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Join this mentoring session if you worked in childcare in your first country or are interested in working in childcare. Learn about the process of getting a job in this field, required education, and licensing to run or work in a childcare facility in Canada.

Guest Speaker: Bahnaz Latfi, BCE  
Early Childhood Educator

### Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to newcomers and immigrants.

Online via Zoom  
Details to be provided after registration.

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

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## اهمیت حفظ زبان مادری

از شما دعوت می شود جهت استفاده از مطالب زیر که توسط خاتم ماریا بولداسیس، مسئول برنامه آموزش زبان انگلیسی در وست ونکوور ارائه میشود، در این جلسه شرکت کنید:

- اهمیت حفظ زبان مادری
- چگونه تسلط به زبان اصلی به یادگیری انگلیسی کمک می کند
- راههای حمایت کردن فرزندان جهت حفظ و تقویت زبان مادری

جهت ثبت نام، روی لینک زیر کلیک کنید:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Nr0TuZZmAK>

برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با راهنمای امور مدارس وست ونکوور تماس بگیرید:

Niloufar Farahani, [niloufarf@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:niloufarf@impactnorthshore.ca)

## Workshop Highlights

Wednesday, April 17  
9:15 am – 10:30 am

Join this workshop to learn from the West Vancouver English Language Learning (ELL) Coordinator about the importance of your home language.

### Details:

This workshop will be presented in English with Farsi interpretation.

This workshop is open to newcomers and immigrant parents.

In Person  
Inglewood Learning Centre  
1735 Inglewood Ave, West Vancouver

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

This program is government-funded and free of charge.

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### Program Highlights

Mondays and Wednesdays  
6 sessions  
April 22 – May 8  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

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

#### Details:

This workshop will be presented in English.

This workshop is open to all newcomers and immigrants, priority will be given to permanent residents, protected persons, refugees and CJMET visa holders.

In-person and Online via Zoom  
Impact North Shore  
207-123 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Conversation Circles for Community Connection

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

- Practice and improve conversation skills to enhance your community connections
- Small group discussions
- New topics introduced each week
- Connect with guest speakers
- Suitable for those with intermediate English skills (LINC level 4 and higher)

Please indicate your interest by signing up online:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/QyivAcqGER>

Seats are limited, only shortlisted eligible clients will be invited. Register early!

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[informallanguage@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:informallanguage@impactnorthshore.ca)  
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### Program Highlights

Mondays & Wednesdays  
6 sessions  
April 22 – May 8  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

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 workshop is open to all newcomers and immigrants but priority will be given to permanent residents, protected persons, refugees and CJMET visa holders.

In-person: Impact North Shore  
#207-123 East 15<sup>th</sup> St. North Vancouver

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## Seniors Learning Circle

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

- Practice English speaking and listening skills
- Explore topics of interest to seniors
- Small group discussions led by an instructor and community volunteers
- Guest speakers and social activities
- New topics introduced in each session
- Suitable for seniors (55+) with LINC level 2-5

Please indicate your interest by signing up online:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/0cdq070uXK>

Seats are limited, only shortlisted eligible clients will be invited. Register early!

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or 604-988-2931





## Conversation Circles for the Workplace

Are you new to Canada? Do you want to improve your English skills for the workplace? You are invited to join our blended conversation group!

- Practice and improve conversation skills helpful for the workplace
- Small group discussions
- Connect with guest speakers
- Suitable for those with intermediate English skills (LINC level 4 and higher)

Please indicate your interest by signing up online <https://forms.office.com/r/tmRmtqFb8G>

Seats are limited, only shortlisted eligible clients will be invited. Register early!

For more information, please contact:  
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or 604-988-2931



## Program Highlights

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
6 sessions  
April 23 – May 9  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Join us in this instructor-led group, where you will meet other newcomers and volunteers from the community and practice your English in a casual and welcoming environment.

### Details:

This program is presented in English.

This workshop is open to all newcomers and immigrants but priority will be given to permanent residents, protected persons, refugees and CUAET visa holders.

In-person and Online via Zoom  
Impact North Shore  
207-123 15<sup>th</sup> St. North Vancouver

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## How to Find Health Care Providers Online and Access Virtual Care

This workshop will use iCON resources to help you find health care providers online and use health care virtual services.

### Topics include:

- Understanding what virtual care means
- Understanding what can or can not be done in a virtual care visit
- Accessing health care providers virtually

For more information and to register contact:  
Yvonne Xian, [yvonnex@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:yvonnex@impactnorthshore.ca)  
Front Desk, [office@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:office@impactnorthshore.ca) or  
604-988-2931

## Workshop Highlights

Tuesday, April 23  
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Join this workshop to learn how to access health care providers virtually.

### Details:

This workshop will be presented in English.

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.

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### Workshop Highlights

Thursday, April 25  
10:00 am – 11:30 am

Discover affordable housing options, eligibility criteria, and application insights in our BC Housing workshop. Receive information regarding a safe and affordable housing.

#### Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents resided in Canada more than 1 year, and Refugee Claimants.

Online via Zoom

Details to 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.



## BC Housing

شفافانه شرکت در این کارگاه دعوت می‌کنیم تا اطلاعات حیاتی در مورد استخدام ممکن مقرون به صرفه و اطلاعاتی در مورد نیازمندی های لازم برای واجه شرایط بودن به دست آورید.

موضوعات عبارتند از:

مسکن اجاره ای مقرون به صرفه  
(The Housing Registry)

پرتابه کمک اجاره (RAP)

(SAFER) کمک سرپناه برای مستأجران سالمند

For more information and to register contact:  
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### Canadian Resume Writing

## رزومه نویسی با استاندارد کانادایی

در این جلسه اطلاعات مفیدی برای تهیه یک رزومه موفق ارائه میشود تا به شما برای رسیدن به شغل مورد نظران کمک نماید.

موضوعات مورد بحث در این جلسه آموزشی:

- نکات ضروری در تهیه یک رزومه حرفه ای
- نحوه استفاده از واژه های چشمگیر در رزومه برای جلب توجه کارفرمایان
- انواع مختلف رزومه استاندارد
- تهیه یک رزومه مناسب بر اساس آگهی استخدام، شرح شغل و مهارت ها
- اهمیت رزومه در پروسه کارجویی
- اهمیت کاور لتر در پروسه کارجویی

سخنران: شعله امیرحسینی، مشاور خدمات کارجویی

برای ثبت نام و اطلاعات بیشتر با تماس بگیرید

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604-988-2931

لطفا نام، نام خانوادگی و شماره تلفن خود را برای ثبت نام ذکر نمایید.

### Workshop Highlights

Thursday, April 25  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

A resume and cover letter are the key to entering into a job search and getting the attention of the hiring team or HR managers. Join this workshop to learn how to write effective resumes and cover letters.

Speaker: Sholeh Amirhosseini, CDP  
Employment Services Specialist

#### 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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Summer School and Online Learning in the North Vancouver School District

کلاسهای تابستانی و دروس آنلاین  
(آموزش و پرورش نورت ونکوور)  
مقطع دبیرستان

قابل توجه والدین دانش آموزان کلاس هفتم و مقطع دبیرستان

از شما دعوت می‌شود در جلسه اطلاعاتی دروس تابستانی و آنلاین آموزش پرورش نورت ونکوور، شرکت نمایید. در این جلسه که از طریق برنامه ZOOM برگزار می‌شود، مطالب زیر مطرح می‌گردد:

- شرایط و نحوه ثبت نام
- کلاسهای تابستانی موجود و دروس آنلاین
- جدول زمان بندی برگزاری کلاسها
- آشنایی با وب سایت آموزش و پرورش نورت ونکوور

برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر و ثبت نام با مشاورین تحصیلی تماس بگیرید.

Khatereh Masoudi, [khaterehm@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:khaterehm@impactnorthshore.ca)  
Azade Amirmoayed, [azadea@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:azadea@impactnorthshore.ca)

Workshop Highlights

Thursday, April 25  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

This workshop will feature an overview of related courses, policies and registration process, and a demonstration of how to navigate the NVSD Summer and Online Learning websites.

Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to newcomer and immigrant parents and guardians with children in the North Vancouver School District.

Online via Zoom  
Details provided after registration

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

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سیستم بانکداری در کانادا و دانش و اطلاعات مالی در این زمینه

چنانچه علاقه مند به کسب اطلاعاتی در مورد سیستم بانکی در کانادا و افزایش دانش مالی خود هستید، در این برنامه که به صورت حضوری برگزار می‌شود، شرکت فرمایید.

- موضوعات مورد بحث عبارتند از:
- سیستم بانکی کانادا
- پنجه بندی و مدیریت هزینه ها
- ایجاد سابقه اعتباری (کدیت) خوب و نحوه چک کردن اعتبار اعتباری (کدیت اسکور)
- انواع وام و قروض بانکی
- انواع حساب های سرمایه گذاری
- محافظت از خود در برابر کلاهبرداری و تقلب

این برنامه رایگان، به صورت حضوری، به زبان فارسی روز دوشنبه 29 آوریل از ساعت 10 تا 11:30 صبح در طبقه دوم سازمان ایسکت نورت ونکوور برگزار می‌شود.

جهت ثبت نام و کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با ایمیل و یا شماره تلفن زیر تماس بگیرید.  
Maryam Zarenejad, [MaryamZ@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:MaryamZ@impactnorthshore.ca) or  
Front Desk, [office@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:office@impactnorthshore.ca) or  
604-988-2931

Workshop Highlights

Monday, April 29  
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Join this in-person workshop to learn about banking system in Canada and increase your financial knowledge.

Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to newcomers and immigrants.

In-person, Impact North Shore  
4207, 123 East 15<sup>th</sup> St, North Vancouver

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

This program is government funded and free of charge.





### Summer Activities for Children and Youth

## برنامه های تابستانی برای کودکان و نوجوانان

(فایل توجه والدین دانش آموزان نورت ونکوور)

از شما دعوت میشود در این جلسه اطلاعاتی که بصورت آنلاین برگزار میشود شرکت نمایید.

موضوعات مورد بحث:

- برنامه ها و کمپ های تابستانی
- برنامه کتابخانه ها
- مراکز هنری و فرهنگی
- دیدنی های مراکز تفریحی و گردشگری
- نحوه ی دسترسی به سایت های مرتبط

سخنران مهمان:

ویدا حسدوی ناز، مشاور مراکز تفریحی - ورزشی نورت ونکوور

برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با مشاورین تحصیلی تماس بگیرید:

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## Workshop Highlights

Tuesday, April 30  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

SWIS Workshop for Parents and Guardians of North Vancouver School District Students

In this workshop, parents and guardians will learn about summer activities available on the North Shore.

Guest Speaker: Vida Sandoughdar, North Vancouver Recreation & Culture

### Details:

This workshop will be presented in Farsi.

This workshop is open to newcomer and immigrant parents and guardians.

Online via Zoom  
Details provided after registration.

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

This program is government-funded and free of charge.

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# SHARE English Practice Groups (EPG) Program Schedule Spring 2024

These are conversation groups where you can practice your English speaking and listening skills, develop friendships and learn more about community resources. The groups are for 19 years old and older and facilitated by volunteers. Participation is free! English Practice Groups are for the residents of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Belcarra, and Anmore.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>11:00 am-12:30 pm</b> <b>(Upper Intermediate / Advanced)</b> EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only	<b>11:00 am-12:30 pm</b> <b>(Intermediate/Advanced)</b> Book Club ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only	<b>10:30 am-12:00 pm</b> <b>EPG In-Person (Drop-In)</b> Port Moody Public Library Park Lane Room 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody	<b>10:00 am-11:30 am</b> <b>(Intermediate/Advanced)</b> EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only	<b>9:30 am-11:00 am</b> <b>EPG In-Person (Drop-In)</b> Miller Park Elementary School, Music Room 800 Egmont Avenue, Coquitlam NO Session on April 19
<b>1:30 pm-3:00 pm</b> <b>(Intermediate)</b> EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only	<b>11:00 am-12:30 pm</b> <b>(Beginner)</b> <b>EPG In-Person (Drop-In)</b> Port Moody Library: Park Lane Room 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody	<b>2:00 pm-3:30 pm</b> ELL Book Club <b>In-Person</b> Port Moody Public Library: Park Lane Room 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody Open for Registration at <a href="https://calendar.portmoodylibrary.ca">Calendar.portmoodylibrary.ca</a>	<b>10:30 am-12:00 pm</b> <b>EPG In-Person (Drop-In)</b> Coquitlam Public Library Poirier Branch Nancy Bennett Room 575 Poirier Street, Coquitlam	<b>2:00 pm-3:30 pm</b> <b>(Intermediate)</b> EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only
<b>1:30 pm-3:00 pm</b> <b>EPG In-Person (Drop-In)</b> Coquitlam Public Library City Center Branch, Rooms 136 – 137 1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam	<b>1:00 pm-2:00 pm</b> ELL Book Club <b>In-Person</b> Port Moody Public Library: Park Lane Room 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody Open for Registration at <a href="https://calendar.portmoodylibrary.ca">Calendar.portmoodylibrary.ca</a>	<b>4:30 pm– 5:30 pm</b> An Introduction to Basic Medical Terminology and Healthcare in English EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only	<b>11:30 am– 1:00 pm</b> <b>(Beginner)</b> <b>EPG In-Person (Drop-In)</b> Port Moody Public Library Park Lane Room 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody	
<b>7:00 pm-8:30 pm</b> <b>(Upper Intermediate/Advanced)</b> Movie Club ZOOM Meeting Registration Closed	<b>1:30 pm-3:00 pm</b> <b>(Intermediate)</b> EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only	<b>7:00 pm-8:30 pm</b> <b>(Intermediate/Advanced)</b> Read-Aloud Book Club ZOOM Meeting Registration Closed	<b>3:00 pm-4:00 pm</b> <b>EPG In-Person (Drop-In)</b> Terry Fox Library 2150 Wilson Avenue, Port Coquitlam	
	<b>7:00 pm-8:30 pm</b> <b>(Intermediate)</b> EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only		<b>7:00 pm-8:30 pm</b> <b>(Intermediate)</b> EPG ZOOM Meeting Waiting List Only	

EPG – English Practice Group    Waiting List Only    Open for Registration    EPG ZOOM Meeting    EPG In-Person    Registration Closed

For in-person meetings: NO REGISTRATION is required if you would like to attend the in-person groups. Simply show up. For online Zoom meetings: Please register by contacting the English Practice Group Coordinator: Maryam Jahanmardi at [maryam.jahanmardi@sharesociety.ca](mailto:maryam.jahanmardi@sharesociety.ca) 604-540.9161, ext. 544 Community Partners and Supporters:





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## Happy Nowruz and Eid al-Fitr

The Hazara community of British Columbia joyfully celebrates the New Year of 1403 and Eid al-Fitr with your warm and sincere presence, hoping it brings about more opportunities for unity and gatherings.



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**Location:**  
**Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre**  
**6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC V5E 4M7**

**Time:**  
**Saturday | 13 April 2024 | 05 PM-10 PM**

**Note :**  
**The registration deadline is until April 10th.**

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## Call for papers: 2024-25 Migration Working Group

**Applications due: Jun. 3, 2024**

CERC Migration invites paper abstract submissions for the six season of its Migration Working Group. The series provides researchers with the opportunity to present new and ongoing projects, learn about each other's work and share feedback. We invite submissions of work in progress from authors who can benefit from the opportunity to present and discuss work with an interdisciplinary group of scholars and graduate students.

Our Migration Working Group sessions will be held the last Tuesday of the month, starting September 2024 and running until May 2025.

**Submissions must be received no later than June 3, 2024.**





## Exciting opportunity: The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking is hiring (remote/work from home)

We are recruiting for the position of Hotline Response Advocate . We are seeking passionate and skilled Bilingual (FR/ENG) individuals to join our team as part-time and full-time Hotline Response Advocates. Successful candidates will be the frontline contacts for callers to the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline.

Please share with your networks. I remain at your disposal for any questions.

<https://charityvillage.com/jobs/bilingual-freng-hotline-response-advocate-remote-in-nationwide-ca/>

Paola Carmagnani (she/her) – Partnership Specialist

**The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking**

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Direct: 647-714-2511

Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-833-900-1010



# News and Articles from the month of March

The Conversation -

[Canada needs a national strategy for homeless refugee claimants](#)

The Motreal Gazzette -

[Opinion: A year after Roxham Road closed, immigration is more political than ever](#)

CTV News -

[Snow-covered bodies of 2 men from Senegal found in New York woods near Canadian border](#)

Comparative Migration Studies -

[Why failed asylum seekers should have a conditional right to stay: an ethical guideline for policy debates](#)



## REPEATS

VIRTUAL EVENT

### ICYM: Watch it online

The Democracy Forum at TMU hosted a conversation with IRCC Minister Marc Miller on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Miller discussed Canada's policies on refugee claimants, temporary foreign workers and international students.

You can watch the recording of the session on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wfBVGeOI-E>

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DEMOCRACY FORUM WITH MARTIN REGG COHN

## Canada's rebalancing act: Immigration Minister Marc Miller at TMU

MARCH 22 | 2 - 3 PM EDT



## Canada's rebalancing act: Immigration Minister Marc Miller at TMU

WEBINAR: UNITED NATIONS

# Sustainable Development Goals

## COLLABORATIVE YOUTH ACTION



- Date: April 11
- Time: 5pm (EST)
- Location: Virtual

Youth newcomers and refugees are essential in Canada's efforts to realize the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.

Let's join together in discussion and action led by newcomer youth to achieve a more sustainable and equitable future where no one is left behind.

- **Access** exclusive resources and tools to elevate your voice and champion solutions.
- **Build** connections with like-minded youth.
- **Collaborate** with peers to develop advocacy strategies.
- **Discover** the SDGs the Canadian government is reviewing in 2024 and how they directly impact youth newcomer experiences.



Register Now!



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# How to begin to heal from the past and find peace in the present



2 part series presented by:

Deanna Dumont Van Woudenberg  
 B. ED. MA RCC  
 Cedar Circle Counselling  
 deanna@cedarcirclecounselling.com  
 www.cedarcirclecounselling.com

Please note: This workshop is designed as a psych-education session which will be beneficial to your mental well being, but is not considered therapy. Participants will be encouraged to visit counselors in the area that speak their native tongue to work through traumas with them as needed.



Monday, May 27, 2024  
 Monday, June 2, 2024  
 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



On Zoom - the link will be emailed to you after registration

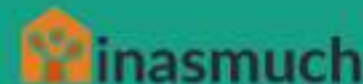


To register visit [www.inasmuch.ca](http://www.inasmuch.ca) and register under How to begin to heal?

### You are invited to Attend

This workshop will be in English and is designed for Refugee Claimants, Convention Refugees, Displaced Ukrainians and other newcomers. (Translations will be available on Zoom by turning on captions)

The seminar will include an online presentation and a question and answer period. You are encouraged to attend both sessions.





# ‘A momentous human rights victory’

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Hello everyone,

The government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced that it will end the use of its jails for immigration detention, joining all other provinces in rejecting Canada’s harmful and rights-abusing immigration detention system. This amazing human rights win reflects years of advocacy by so many and is a testament to the power of collective action.

[Canada: All 10 provinces to end immigration detention in jails \(amnesty.ca\)](https://www.amnesty.ca/press-releases/2024/04/all-10-provinces-to-end-immigration-detention-in-jails)

[Canada : Les 10 provinces mettent fin à la détention des personnes migrantes en prison | Amnistie internationale](https://www.amnistieinternationale.ca/fr/actualites/2024/04/les-10-provinces-mettent-fin-a-la-detention-des-personnes-migrantes-en-prison)

We will continue urging the federal government to end immigration detention across Canada and instead direct its resources to tailored and supportive community-based alternatives to detention.



Hello Service Providers!

Between May 2024 and March 2025, AMSSA will coordinate and host multiple virtual information sessions to address training and information needs as they arise. We will connect service providers, especially on the front lines, with timely information in response to current or emerging issues.

**Your input is essential in determining the topics and timing!** We invite you to share your ideas for session topics through a very short survey, which is open at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F69XFBD>

The survey will be quick to complete and will remain open throughout the year, allowing you to share more suggestions as new training and information needs emerge.





# Refugee Research Network

## - RRN Research Digest - Mar. 26, 2024

[Click here to Read digest on  
RRN Website](#)

The RRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference.

 **New study:**

## **What are the opinions of Canadians on immigration?**

Canadians' opinions on increased immigration **have evolved significantly since January 2023**, from approximately **one in five Canadians believing that there are too many immigrants in Canada to one in two Canadians believing that there were too many immigrants in February 2024.**

Why do Canadians think there are too many immigrants?

[Read the study](#)



## **WEBINAR: Strategies and Tips – Family reunification: minors and parental consent**

Please join us for a webinar to learn about and discuss strategies and tips to help deal with challenges in meeting IRCC's requirement for parental consent for the admission of minors immigrating to Canada. The webinar is intended primarily for NGO staff who assist refugees to bring their minor children to join them in Canada; legal professionals who want to learn more are also welcome.

The newly-launched Refugee Family Reunification Project is organizing this webinar, together with lawyers who have agreed to share their experience and suggestions on this topic. We are grateful to the FCJ Refugee Centre for hosting the webinar.

Date/ time: April 17, 2024 2 – 3:30 pm (Eastern)

Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_P6MGBRJ\\_Ss64DsaoILOkXQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P6MGBRJ_Ss64DsaoILOkXQ)

### More about the webinar

Refugees applying to have their minor children living outside Canada join them in Canada must either obtain and submit a declaration from the other parent or guardian, or provide:

- Proof that they have sole custody of the minor, or
- A death certificate for the other parent

Getting these documents – a declaration, proof of sole custody, or death certificate – can often be very difficult if not impossible to do. For example,

- A parent may have died, but there may be no death certificate
- The whereabouts of the other parent may be unknown
- The other parent has been abusive and will not consent
- The minor's country of origin will not allow the child to leave without the consent of the other parent

In the webinar, you will hear from lawyers with experience in assisting refugees in bringing their minor children to Canada. They will offer strategies and practical tips to deal with these challenges, and share examples where they've had to use some of the strategies.

We hope that participants will also share their experiences, what they've learned, and their practical tips. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

### Other details:

April 17, 2024; 90 minutes - 2 pm Eastern, 3 pm Atlantic, 1 pm Central, 12 noon Mountain, 11 am Pacific

Link to register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_P6MGBRJ\\_Ss64DsaoILOkXQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P6MGBRJ_Ss64DsaoILOkXQ)

Please circulate this invitation to anyone who might be interested in attending the webinar!

Questions or suggestions? Write to us at [reunification@mailbox.org](mailto:reunification@mailbox.org).