



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 11

March 20, 2024

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.

You are invited to attend the **MAP Meeting on Thursday March 28th** at 9:30 am hosted by **Options Community Services (13583 81 Street, Surrey)**.

Highlights from the agenda:

- **Call for Nominations: MAP Co-Chair 2024-2026.**
 - We are seeking nominations for a representative from a member agency to serve as part of the MAP executive as a co-chair for the period of 2024-2026. The nomination process and job description will be detailed at the meeting.
- **Presentation: BC Immigration Holding Centre Support Program.**
 - Options will share updates on this important program delivered through the collaboration of MAP's member agencies: PICS, MOSAIC, Options and Zaytuna Community Services.
- **World Refugee Day** – give us some input about what you enjoy and hope for from World Refugee Day. If you would like to volunteer to organize the event, let us know!



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MAP CO-CHAIRS:

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 official call for nominations email next week!

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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 traditional open-door policy has been swinging in different directions – a surge in student visas prompted a new federal cap, while broader immigration reaches record levels. Can we afford to let so many people in? Can we afford not to? Bring your questions for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister Marc Miller at the TMU Democracy Forum, co-hosted by Dais Senior Fellow Martin Regg Cohn and Anna Triandafyllidou, the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration. Sponsored by the Dais at Toronto Metropolitan University, this free event is open to all students, faculty and the general public via Zoom, with advance [registration](#) required.

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Mar. 22, 2 - 3 PM EDT
(A virtual event)

[Register](#)

Join CCR's Counsel Team for the STCA Legal Challenge

The Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) is a leading voice for the rights, protection, sponsorship, settlement, and well-being of refugees and migrants, in Canada and globally. The CCR is driven by 200 member organizations working with, from and for these communities from coast to coast to coast.

In June 2023, the Supreme Court found that the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) was not unconstitutional under section 7 of the *Charter*. However, because the Federal Court didn't make findings on section 15 in the first instance, the SCC remitted the challenge back to the Federal Court for adjudication of the case on section 15 (see [CCR v Canada, 2023 SCC 17](#)). The counsel team currently consists of six lawyers, four representing the public interest parties challenging the STCA (the Canadian Council for Refugees, Amnesty International, and the Canadian Council of Churches) and two representing individual applicants. **On behalf of the public interest parties, the CCR is seeking a lawyer to join the counsel team in this ongoing challenge to begin working in April.**

The public interest parties are seeking a lawyer with about two to five years' experience, ideally with familiarity with section 15 of the Charter. Applicants should have strong legal research and writing skills and be willing to work in a team environment. The public interest parties recognize the value of diversity, equity and inclusion in their counsel team, and strongly encourage applicants from equity-seeking groups, particularly including those with lived experience as a refugee or migrant.



The counsel team has secured some funding through Legal Aid Ontario and the Court Challenges Program, which will be allocated among the counsel team members in private practice in an equitable manner.

Interested parties should submit a cover letter including the following information to Jamie Liew at jamie.liew@uottawa.ca and Leigh Salsberg at leighsalsberg@gmail.com by Mar 25, 2024:

1. Your contact information;
2. Year of Call to the Bar and Province;
3. Description of your legal practice, including litigation experience;
4. Why you want to join this litigation;
5. An indication that you are available and have capacity to begin working on the case in April;
and
6. A recent writing sample such as a legal memo

Migration Working Group

Migration Working Group: Integration and migration governance

Mar. 26, 2024, 12:30 - 3:00 PM EDT
Hybrid

CERC Migration Research Area Lead on Labour Migration [Marshia Akbar](#) hosts the March Migration Working Group, examining the theme of integration and migration governance.

The Migration Working Group meets monthly to discuss the migration research of emerging and established scholars. Our meetings give researchers an opportunity to present their ongoing projects, learn about each other's work and share feedback.

Presenters include:

- **Christina Gabriel**, Carleton University
- **Aryan Karimi**, University of British Columbia
- **Gamze Ovacik**, McGill University Faculty of Law
- **Maria Sofia Skaltsa**, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- **Luisa Veronis**, University of Ottawa
- **Rima Wilkes**, University of British Columbia
- **Catherine Xhardez**, Université de Montréal

Visit the [event webpage](#) for abstracts and program details.

[Register](#)

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Migration & Integration

ALQUILER 101 PARA SOLICITANTES DE REFUGIO

JUEVES 28 DE MARZO
10 AM - 1 PM **En Español**

Natalia Botero Viviana Riascos

RENTING 101 WORKSHOP IN SPANISH
FOR REFUGEE CLAIMANTS



Casa



Basement



Habitación

- ✓ Contaremos desde nuestra experiencia una guía básica para buscar vivienda, tus derechos y deberes como TENANT (inquilino)
- ✓ Como buscar de acuerdo a tu necesidad
- ✓ Reconocer el potencial de un lugar : transporte, colegios, servicios y seguridad

Cupos Limitados

Te apoyaremos con el transporte y la alimentación

Lugar

Solid State

10326 Whalley Blvd, Surrey

Registro

workshophousing2@gmail.com

778.7101689 / 236.8802647



Alquiler 101 / Rent 101

Es un taller gratuito liderado por mujeres en refugio e hispanohablantes de América Latina. A partir de su experiencia te guiarán cómo navegar en la búsqueda de vivienda en Canadá, cuales son tus derechos y responsabilidades al alquilar una vivienda. Como también te ayudarán a romper las barreras del idioma, será un espacio donde puedes informarte, preguntar y aclarar muchas dudas que tengas en materia de vivienda, servicio de transporte, almacenes de alimentos y otros.

Renta 101 está dirigida a todas aquellas personas de habla hispana y recién llegadas a Canadá y que actualmente se encuentran en viviendas temporales.

Se brindará comida y pases de transporte público. Los espacios son limitados, regístrate ya!

Te invitamos a replicar esta invitación a todos aquellas personas que conozcas y que esta información le sea de utilidad.

Fecha: 28 Marzo 24 Hora: 10am-1 pm

Lugar: 10326 Whalley Blvd, Surrey - Solid State Community Industries

Inscripción: workshophousing2@gmail.com

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We are Hiring



SUMMER CAMP

Open Positions in Burnaby:

- Summer Daycamp Program Leader
- Summer Daycamp Program Team Lead

Requirements:

- Between the ages of 15-30 years of age; able to work from June 24th-August 16th
 - Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a person who has been granted refugee status in Canada
- *International students are not eligible

Apply Now



For more details, visit our website:

www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (səlilwətaʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwətləm), Squamish (Səwəwú7mesh Uxwumixw) and Musqueam (xʷməlkʷəyam) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

Join Our Team!

- Summer Daycamp Program Leader
- Summer Daycamp Program Team Lead

We are looking for individuals who are enthusiastic, responsible, and love working with children to join our team as Summer Daycamp Program Leader or Summer Daycamp Program Team Lead!! If you're passionate about creating a safe and fun environment for children to learn, explore, and grow, we want you on our team!

Apply now and be part of an exciting summer adventure!

To apply or for more information, visit burnabynh.ca



BIENVENIDOS A LA COMUNIDAD DE VAST

Una sesión de orientación y soporte psicosocial



Sesión de orientación para la salud mental

Que es la consejería?

Servicios disponibles en VAST

Sesion informativa

Cuándo:

El tercer lunes del mes de 2:15 PM - 3PM

Dónde:

Online (ZOOM)

Para más información, envía un email a :
laura@vastbc.ca

Regístrate para nuestra próxima sesión
llenando el siguiente Formulario
<https://rb.gy/w6ow2n>



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WOMEN SURVIVORS RESOURCE NETWORK

Women Survivors Resource Network (WSRN) is a network of women who were forced to migrate from countries affected by conflict. The Network hopes to be a bridge to available resources for new migrant women and amplifying the women's voices and stories to influence policy decisions.

In partnership with VAST we are re-launching our events to build our network and to provide a safe space for migrant women to share their experience and wisdom to influence decision makers for changing policies.

**Our upcoming ONLINE Event on
March 29th, 2024 at 1:00PM**

Presentation: **A Journey Of Change**

Presenter: **Maysoon Alsawaedi - Facilitator**

To register and for more information, please contact Rawan Moon:

E-mail: wsrn@vastbc.ca





BREAKING BARRIERS TO ADVANCE GENDER JUSTICE IN MIGRATION

FREE ONLINE CONFERENCE

Friday, March 22 | Saturday, March 23, 2024

Two days of presentations, panels, and workshops.

What are the barriers that are preventing the changes we want to see for women and gender-diverse migrants?

What opportunities are available to address them?



Women and Gender
Equality Canada

Femmes et Égalité
des genres Canada

Barbra Schilfer
Commemorative Clinic
Freedom from Violence

IWC-CTI
Immigrant Workers Centre
Toronto

ohc
OCCUPATIONAL
HEALTH CENTRE

migrant
workers centre

The Alliance for Gender Justice in Migration is pleased to extend a warm invitation to join our 2024 online conference:

Breaking Barriers to Advance Gender Justice in Migration.

This 2-day online conference is on **Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, 2024.**
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. PDT / 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 pm EDT



Conference participants will engage with a diverse range of community members through presentations, panels, and workshops. Together we will learn about and reflect on the barriers that are preventing the changes we want to see for women and gender-diverse migrants, and what opportunities are available to address them.

Our invitation is intended to maximize public engagement for greater inclusion in developing effective and sustainable actions. Led by people with lived experience of precarious migration, we welcome service providers, academics, advocates, and government representatives.

Please note that childcare allowance, live interpretation, and counselling support will be made available for those requiring it.

Program

Ready to join the conversation? Use this link to register:

Registration

We look forward to having your valuable perspective at the conference to support collective learning towards achieving justice for women and gender-diverse migrants in Canada.

Settlement & Integration Program

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

Job Search Workshops

Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Mar 15, Mar 22, Apr 5 & Apr 12, 2024

4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby
Burnaby Neighbourhood House - Jubilee Room

- 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

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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Free Painting Class for Refugee Claimants and Newcomers!



Saturday, April 13
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



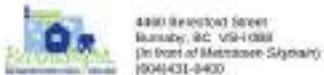
Central Heights Church
1661 McCallum Rd
Abbotsford



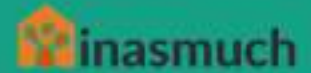
Register today at www.inasmuch.ca under "Classes"

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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For families/caregivers with children 0-6

FAMILY DROP-IN PROGRAM

EVERY MON, TUE & FRI
09:30 AM - 11:30 AM
STARTING APR 8, 2024

@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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Para familias y cuidadores con niños de 0-5 años

La Colmena

de Frog Hollow
para familias
hispanohablantes

JUEVES
09:30 am - 11:30 am
Inicio de temporada: 11 de enero, 2024

ESTILO DROP-IN CON CAPACIDAD LIMITADA

@FROG HOLLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
2131 RENFREW ST. VANCOUVER

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analorena@froghollow.bc.ca

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