



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 12

March 27, 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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

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### 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



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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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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>



**VIRTUAL EVENT**

Toronto Metropolitan University the dais Toronto Metropolitan University Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration & Integration

DEMOCRACY FORUM WITH MARTIN REGG COHN

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

MARCH 22 | 2 - 3 PM EDT



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# BIENVENIDXS TRABAJADORXS MIGRANTES

CELEBREMOS EL INICIO  
DE LA TEMPORADA

# 2024

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DE MARZO

Habrán rifas, juegos,  
regalos, información  
y trámites



Tendremos  
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¡EVENTO GRATUITO!

DE **4:00** PM A **7:00** PM

1164 STELLY'S CROSS ROAD,  
(Zanzibar, Cafe)  
Brentwood Bay, BC

Canada  
Led by the Government of Canada



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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

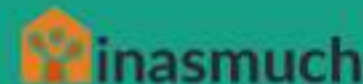
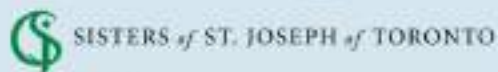


To register visit [www.inasmuch.ca](http://www.inasmuch.ca) and register under How to begin to heal?

## 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’

**AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL**



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/2024/03/all-10-provinces-end-immigration-detention-in-jails)

[Canada : Les 10 provinces mettent fin à la détention des personnes migrantes en prison | Amnistie internationale](https://www.amnistie.org/fr/actualites/2024/03/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.

## Join CCR's Counsel Team for the STCA Legal Challenge **\*DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 1\***

**Colleagues, we're particularly interested in junior to mid-career lawyers who want to gain experience and mentorship in interventions and who can hit the ground running immediately. Please encourage those around you to apply.**

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](mailto:jamie.liew@uottawa.ca) and Leigh Salsberg at [leighsalsberg@gmail.com](mailto:leighsalsberg@gmail.com) by Apr 1, 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

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Jamie Chai Yun Liew (she/her)

 **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).

# ALQUILER 101 PARA SOLICITANTES DE REFUGIO

**REPEATS**

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

Natalia Botero Viviana Riascos

RENTING 101 WORKSHOP IN SPANISH  
FOR REFUGEE CLAIMANTS



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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](mailto:workshophousing2@gmail.com)  
778.7101689 / 236.8802647



We are

# Hiring



## 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



For more details,  
visit our website:

[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 (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](http://burnabynh.ca)

