



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

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 19

May 15, 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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## **MAP NEWS! 1/4**

You are invited to attend the **MAP Meeting on Thursday May 23rd** at 9:30 am hosted by **Muslim Food Bank Community Services**

**Address:** 12941 115 Ave Unit 104, Surrey, BC V3R 0E2

We will be meeting in person without a hybrid option.

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:

- World Refugee Day update
- Our regular IRB Report
- A Presentation on "Mental health services and supports for refugee claimants at Diversecity"
- BC CHARMS update
- Report back from the MAP Advisory Council
- Chances for everyone to share updates/questions/issues and friendship in the service of refugee claimants.

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## **MAP NEWS! 2/4**

### **Interpreters for IRCC Eligibility interviews:**

Thank you to those who raised the issue that IRCC no longer provides interpretation for refugee claimant eligibility interviews at the last MAP meeting. Some of you suggested that interpretation could be done over the phone.

MAP requested clarification from IRCC and they have confirmed that refugee claimants can make a call from their own device to someone who can interpret for them over the phone.

For those refugee claimants who do not have any connections in the community to rely on for interpretations, Jenny Moss has kindly offered to connect settlement workers or refugee claimant clients to volunteer interpreters (Thank you Jenny!).

However, please note:

- this is NOT a guaranteed service as the interpreters are volunteers and may have other commitments.
- Last minute requests cannot be accommodated, please give enough notice to Jenny to make arrangements
- Jenny may not always be available, so this should be a last resort to be used on occasion, not a regular go-to option

You can text Jenny at 778-835-3760 or email at [mossco53@gmail.com](mailto:mossco53@gmail.com). Texts are preferred over calls and emails.

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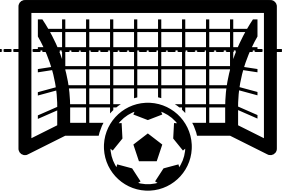


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**MAP NEWS! 3/4**

**Registering refugee claimant kids in soccer just got a lot easier!**



Refugee claimant children love soccer. When they join a team in Canada, they make friends, feel valued for their skills, have fun, and learn English.

MAP volunteers have been working to create registration charts for each city in the Lower Mainland to help settlement workers and parents navigate the leagues, register children and help parents find financial support.

We have now uploaded the information onto the MAP website under resources! <https://mapbc.org/soccer-opportunities-for-refugee-claimant-children-and-youth/>

- Choose the city in the Lower mainland where the child resides (If it says not yet available, check back in a couple of days, we are waiting for the leagues to post the information)
- Check the birth year for the players, leagues are for ages 4 to 18.
- The chart takes you straight to information, the registration form, and sources of financial assistance.

The leagues are **now registering players for fall 2024 and winter 2025**. Teams and activities fill up quickly, so sign up now!



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**MAP NEWS! 4/4**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR WORLD REFUGEE DAY!**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM**

**MAP is planning a World Refugee Day celebration for our community and the public**

**We will share more details at the MAP meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Muslim Food Bank!**

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

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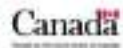


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**19**  
DE MAYO  
DE 12 A 4 PM



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+1 (778) 851-3419 / +1 (604) 499-3565

 **1240 Gladstone Ave.**  
Victoria BC



Ven a la  
**FERIA DE SALUD**

**HABRÁN:**

- Médicos y enfermeras
- Masajes
- Corte de pelo
- Torneo de futbol (registre su equipo)
- Charlas sobre salud
- Tramites de tarjeta médica gratuita, Impuestos, paternidad
- Y rica comida mexicana



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**¡ÉCHATE UN TACO!**

Habrán rifas  
juegos, regalos,  
información y  
trámites

**¡EVENTO GRATUITO!**




¡La DIGNIDAD MIGRANTE te invita!  
Porque barriga llena,  
corazón contento

**26**  
DE MAYO  
(3-6 PM)

Tendremos  
bisteces a la  
mexicana y agua  
de frutas

Para mayor informes:  
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 **Chilliwack Activity Center**  
9400 Colleague St  
Chilliwack BC



Settlement & Integration Program

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



CONVERSATION CIRCLE FOR ARAB WOMEN NEWCOMERS

MAY 03-JULY 26  
ONLINE  
10:30 AM -12:00PM

- Find new friends
- Connect with newcomers
- Improve your English.

For registration, please contact us:

[sihamaa@burnabynh.ca](mailto:sihamaa@burnabynh.ca) ; Tel: 236 8772517

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

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جلسات المحادثة الانجليزية للسيدات القادمات الجدد اونلاين الجمعة

MAY 03-JULY 26  
10:30 AM -12:00PM

العثور على أصدقاء جدد  
تواصل مع القادمين الجدد  
حسن لغتك الانجليزية

للراغبات في التسجيل نرجو التواصل مع:

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## EMPOWERING ARABS WOMEN NEWCOMERS

**MAY 07-JUNE 11**  
**TUESDAY**  
**12:00-2:00PM**

### LEARN ABOUT:

- Pyramid of human needs
- Success concepts and keys
- SMART goals setting
- Positive personality
- Personal change
- Self values and development

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## تمكين النساء العربيات الجدد

**MAY 07-JUNE 11**  
**الثلاثاء**  
**12:00-2:00PM**

تعلمي عن:

- هرم الاحتياجات البشرية
- مفاهيم ومفاتيح النجاح
- تحديد الأهداف الذكية
- الشخصية الإيجابية
- التغيير الشخصي
- قيم الذات وتطويرها

للراغبات في التسجيل نرجو التواصل مع:

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کارگاه پر کردن فرم های ساده به دری/فارسی

Basic Form Filling Workshop in Dari/Farsi

چهارشنبه ۸ ماهی ساعت ۱۰ الی ۱۱:۳۰ صبح  
Wednesday, May 8th 10-11:30 AM

آدرس:

Burnaby Neighbourhood House  
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby

This workshop is intended for Dari/Farsi speaking participants who would like to learn how to fill out basic forms with their personal information.

این کارگاه برای افراد دری/فارسی زبان در نظر گرفته شده است که می خواهند پر کردن فرم های ساده را با اطلاعات شخصی خود یاد بگیرند.

برای حضور در کارگاه ثبت نام قبلی الزامی است.

Prior registration is required to attend the workshop.

برای معلومات بیشتر و ثبت نام:

For more information and registration:  
ArmanZ@burnabybh.ca / Arman 604-657-2163

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsali-Waututh (sal̓k̓wəṭəṭ), Kwkwetlem (kwkwəṭəm), Squamish (škwəwəʔməsh ʔxwəməš) and Musqueam (məməkwəṭəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

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An Evening of Inspiration Hosted by



# JOURNEY TO HOPE

Be inspired.

Experience a musical reenactment of a refugee claimant family's journey to safety in Canada

Learn how you can partner with Inasmuch to transform fear into life-giving hope

2 dates/2 locations

May 31 - Chilliwack Alliance Church

June 21 - Northview Community Church

For More Information Visit our website [www.inasmuch.ca](http://www.inasmuch.ca)

Reserve your FREE ticket today at [www.inasmuch.ca/journey-to-hope](http://www.inasmuch.ca/journey-to-hope)

Special performance by Creo Artists: [www.creoartists.com](http://www.creoartists.com)

Refreshments will be served

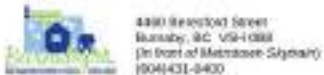
Both Locations  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Chilliwack Alliance Church  
8790 Young Road, Chilliwack

Northview Community Church3  
32040 Downes Road, Abbotsford

Inasmuch is a registered Canadian Charity (Charity Number: 843384706880001)

RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKET TODAY



# MAYO

## ENTRE MUJERES

**"Ningún idioma puede expresar el poder, belleza y heroísmo del amor de una madre".**



**MAYO 1** - Amasando y horneando conchas para el día de la madre.



**MAYO 8** - La Salud mental y nuestro entorno, Resiliencia en el de asentamiento.



**MAYO 15** - El poder de la energía femenina. Empezando la sanación en nuestro hogar



**MAYO 22** - Conociendo mas del mercado laboral, en la búsqueda del trabajo.



**MAYO 29** - Encuentro social y celebremos a las mamás.

**Wednesdays 6 - 8 pm**

**800 East Broadway, Vancouver,**

**Vicky valbarracin@mpnh.org**

**604-879-8202 Ext 205**



**Link para el registro**



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## BETWEEN WOMEN

**"No language can express the power, beauty and heroism of a mother's love."**



**MAY 1** - Kneading and baking shells for Mother's Day.



**MAY 8** - Mental health and our environment, Resilience in the settlement.



**MAY 15** - The power of feminine energy. Starting healing in our home



**MAY 22** - Knowing more about the labor market, in the search for work.



**MAY 29** - Social gathering and let's celebrate the mothers.

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**Link for registration**



Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House



BRITISH COLUMBIA



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

**Effective February 20, 2024, babies born in BC to refugee claimants with IFHP coverage may be provided with date of birth MSP coverage, regardless of the parent's own eligibility for MSP.**

To demonstrate IFHP coverage, parents must submit one of the following:

- Acknowledgement of Claim and Notice to Return for Interview letter (AOC)
- Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD) (with photo)
- Temporary Document for Lost/Stolen Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD)
- Interim Federal Health Program Certificate (IFHC) (with or without a photo)

**To enroll a child born to a refugee claimant with IFHP coverage, a parent or guardian must submit a BC Application for Health and Drug Coverage paper form on the child's behalf using only the child's personal information as the applicant. The application may be found online at [Apply for B.C. health and drug coverage - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/health/health_services/apply_for_bc_health_and_drug_coverage) and must include:**

- Signature of the parent(s);
- A copy of the child's birth certificate;
- A copy of the parent's immigration document (one of the IFHP documents listed above must be submitted for date of birth coverage to be provided); and
- Parent or guardian contact information on a separate piece of paper.

Health Insurance BC requires parental or guardianship information in order to communicate regarding minor account holders.

# ESL Conversation Practice

Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> to Jun. 27<sup>th</sup>

Renfrew Branch  
2969 E 22 Ave.



Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other learners!

This is a supportive and casual meet-up for intermediate speakers.

Suitable for:

Adults  
ESL Learners  
Newcomers  
Seniors

FREE

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# Canada Revenue Agency & Service Canada: Drop-in Clinic

Tuesday, May 28  
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Renfrew Branch  
2969 E 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave



Drop in for one-to-one help from government staff with:

- Tax Slip Information and Notice of Assessments (NOAs)
- Benefits and Credits information: Disability Tax Credit (DTC), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), GST/HST credit, and more
- Account updates
- NEW Canadian Dental Care Plan
- Pension information on Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan
- Social Insurance Number
- Access code for online services

In partnership with Service Canada and Canada Revenue Agency

FREE

Drop-in



For more information: 604.257.8705 | [vpl.ca/events](http://vpl.ca/events)  
Join the conversation: [@VPL](https://twitter.com/VPL) [f](https://www.facebook.com/vancouverpubliclibrary) [i](https://www.instagram.com/vancouverpubliclibrary) /vancouverpubliclibrary



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du Canada

# Community Forum:

Presenting...

Building Belonging in Burnaby for Racialized **Newcomers and Immigrants**

Join us for this important presentation to learn about the role we can all play to bring about true change!

**This event will feature a day full of learning and engaging!**

The BIPT and the City of Burnaby worked with Dr. June Francis, Dr. Kristina Henrickson, Co-Lab and SFU to understand the impact of racism in Black and racialized communities in Burnaby. We invite you to attend the presentation of the report Building Belonging in Burnaby for Racialized Newcomers and Immigrants Understanding and Dismantling Systemic Racism.

In the second half of the day, Alice Chan from the Centre for Civic Religious Literacy will introduce the Religious Literacy Framework.

This event will help you identify ways where you can be involved to create a community without racism

**May 23, 2024**

8:30am – 2:00pm

Ismaili Centre, Vancouver

Lunch will be served

**Register now!**



<https://www.burnaby.ca/219437462>

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Future Leaders

# YOUTH DROP IN

Meet new people, play games, chill out and work on homework or other projects!

**OPEN TO ALL YOUTH GRADES  
8-12 IN BURNABY!**

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday!

**Tuesdays at Brentwood (2055 Rosser Ave, 2nd floor)**

3:45-5:30pm

**Thursdays at North House (4908 Hastings St)**

3:45-5:30pm

**Fridays at South (4460 Beresford St, 3rd floor)**

3:45-5:30pm



Working with communities in  
BC's North, Interior, Lower Mainland,  
Central & Northern Vancouver Island

For more information email  
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## Stories of Partnership: AMSSA & CMS

Join us for the inaugural session of UBC Community Engagement Networking's series "Stories of Partnership" on **May 28, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (Dodson Room)**, dedicated to showcasing collaborations rooted in reciprocity. Hear from Katie Crocker of [AMSSA](#), and [Sean Lauer](#) and [Antje Ellermann](#) of CMS, as they discuss the evolving relationship between UBC and AMSSA. Learn about the unique dual-reporting role, the Engagement Strategist, bridging both organizations, and how this collaboration led to a jointly organized "[Research Collaborations Day](#)" focusing on Decolonization and Mutual Understanding themes. Current Engagement Strategist, [Javier Ojer](#), will be moderating the discussion.



**Date:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

**Location:** Dodson Room, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, UBC Vancouver

**Cost:** Free

[Register Now →](#)

The Refugee Law Lab has released our IRB Member statistics for 2023. This year, we're also updating our stats about Federal Court justices deciding refugee law judicial reviews in 2023.



Interactive visualizations of RPD and FC decision-making are available on the Refugee Law Lab Portal:

<https://rllp.ca>

If you prefer to access the IRB data (including both RPD and RAD data) using the old method (i.e. excel tables), that is available here:

<https://refugeelab.ca/projects/refugee-law-data/>

Some of the overall patterns in 2023 are striking – including the 80% recognition rate at the RPD and the 36% allowal rates in RAD appeals of negative RPD decisions.

\*Recognition rates means the proportion of positive relative to the sum of positive and negative decisions:

$\# \text{ refugee claims granted} / (\# \text{ refugee claims granted} + \# \text{ refugee claims denied})$

I hope some of you find these stats helpful.



# Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -**

**May. 2, 2024**

**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.