



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.

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Join us for our World Refugee Day celebration at VPL!

Dear MAP community,

You are cordially invited to join MAP BC for our World Refugee Day 2024 celebration!

When: June 20th, 2024

Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

Where: 350 W Georgia (Vancouver Public Library Central Branch)

Our program includes an agency information fair, musical and dance performances, story telling by refugees, an artist's display and marketplace and kid's activities!

This year's theme is "Drive by Compassion". The term compassion holds so much meaning for those who support refugee claimants, it is also a feeling that drives and guides us in our work and in our lives. Compassion is also what we hope refugees encounter in their journeys to seek safety and belonging. It is, therefore, a term that unites us all.

A big thank you to VPL for their generous support and work to make this event possible for our community!



World Refugee Day 2024

Driven by compassion:
a World Refugee Day celebration

Music & Dance performances
Information Fair
Refugee story telling
Artists' Marketplace
Children's arts and crafts

June 20th - 11:00 to 3:00 PM
Central Library - 300 W Georgia



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Please share the poster among your networks!

What is World Refugee Day? 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.

Would you like to volunteer at the event?
Please contact Katya at info@mapbc.org



MAP BC Online Presentation
**Refugee Claims from
Beginning to End**



Presenter:

**Prabhpreet
Kaur Sangha**

B.A., J.D.
LEHALLAW Corporation
pksangha@lehallaw.com

📅 Thursday June 13, 2024

🕒 2:00 pm

📺 via Zoom

Register here:



Join us to learn the details of the
refugee claim process, from
beginning to end



Questions? info@mapbc.org

MAP BC online presentation: "Refugee Claims from beginning to end"

Learn the details of what goes into a refugee claim application and get a chance to have your questions answered by refugee lawyer Prabhpreet Kaur Sangha.

This presentation will inform the MAP community, frontline workers and anyone supporting refugee claimants/asylum seekers on the steps and stages of the refugee claim process. Registration is open to anyone who wants to learn about this topic.

June 13th, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocuGtpj4qE90nkbE9Gxh7VxwekuAccJvTf>

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AID FOR GAZA

Help support Mohammed Zaqout's efforts to bring his family to Canada



As the conditions in Gaza deteriorate, Mohammed's family is in crisis. They have lost everything in this war. There is a lack of clean water, food, medical care and electricity. Innocent civilians are being ruthlessly bombed.

The funds will be used to help Mohammed's family exit Gaza through the Rafah border and reunify his family in Canada. The funds will help cover necessary expenses like visas, travel, flights, housing, clothing, medical and legal fees.

"My family has lost everything. Our home was completely destroyed in an air strike in October. My family is alive but escaped with only the clothes they were wearing.

We have lost all of our belongings, including valuables and some emergency savings. They have been moving around, finding shelter where they can. My little brother was injured by bomb shrapnel due to an explosion by an air strike in a place they thought was safe. My family is now in a tent in Rafah where it is very crowded, there is very little food and it is unsanitary. Gaza is becoming increasingly dangerous and uninhabitable."

— Mohammed Zaqout

You can support us today through donating at:
<https://gofund.me/ed42a818>
or through our QR code



gofundme

Help support Mohammed Zaqout's efforts to bring his family to Canada

Many of you may know Mohammed as he has been a long time MAP supporter and advocate for refugee claimants.

If you would like to make a donation to help support efforts to help his family reach safety, please use the QR code to go to his fundraiser's Go fund me page.

Can't make a donation? Please consider sharing the link with your networks.



Diversecity SAF HAVN Counselling for refugee claimants

If you missed the MAP meeting this month, Diversecity shared information on their counselling programs for refugee claimants:

- Clients go through an intake to determine which counselling stream they qualify for.
- Clients are eligible for 1 trauma counselling session, meant as a debrief of their settlement journey
- individual 1 to 1 counselling, average of 8 sessions total. Someone May be come into 1 trauma session and be referred for the 8 sessions.
- Registered clinical counsellor services available in English, Punjabi and Spanish, with staff for Dari/Farsi, Pashto and possibly Arabic being hired

You can refer your clients or have clients self-refer using this link: [Referral Link](#)

Pathways to Childcare Careers



**FREE occupational English program
with paid work experience**
for women interested in a career
in the early learning and
childcare field



Program Highlights

- 200 hours of English training
- 80 hours of paid work experience
- Hybrid format: in-person/online
- Offered 4 times per year - register now!

Program Benefits

- Occupational English classes
- Responsible Adult, First Aid, FoodSafe Certification
- Trauma-informed approaches to early learning
- Transit tickets and childminding provided

Eligibility Criteria

- Women who are permanent residents, convention refugees, protected, with CUAET
- CLB 5 or equivalent in English (proof required)
- With basic computer skills and able to attend all program sessions

Apply via the QR code or via this link:

bit.ly/Pathways-to-Childcare-Careers-Registration



For questions and application assistance, contact us at
childcare@pirs.bc.ca | (778) 608-4098 | www.pirs.bc.ca

Eligibility to the Pathways program as long as they have the required document and English proof of CLB 5:

- Refugee Claimant - with Refugee Protection Claimant Document (brown paper)
- Protected person - with notice of decision after the claim; in the process of getting PR

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GETTING THROUGH IT

A group to support refugee claimants during the entire refugee claim process

To have information about the refugee claim process

To learn tips to cope with stress

To share a space with people that understand

To be prepared for your hearing

When:

Wednesday 10:00-12:00

Where:

Online via Zoom

In-person 2610 Victoria Drive Vancouver

For more information please contact :
referrals@vastbc.ca



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ATRAVIÉSALO

Un grupo de apoyo para solicitantes de refugio durante el proceso completo de solicitud.

Para tener información sobre el proceso de solicitud de refugio

Para aprender a combatir el estrés

Para compartir un espacio con personas que le entienden

Para estar preparado para su audiencia

Cuándo:

Miércoles 10:00-12:00

Donde:

En línea a través de Zoom

En persona 2610 Victoria Drive Vancouver

Para más información por favor contacta a :
referrals@vastbc.ca



PICS(Progressive Intercultural Community Services)

CALP ENGLISH CLASS

WHAT WE OFFER

- Improve your English skills
- Engage with the community
- Field trips

100% Online via Zoom

TO REGISTER:

> martin.zhang@pics.bc.ca

ELIGIBILITY

> study and work permit holder, Permanent resident, citizens and refugee claimants

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WE ARE

HIRING

Child Care Registrar & Admin Assistant

Responsible for supporting the Program Director and Hub Coordinators with the registration and administration duties of our child care programs.

APPLY NOW!

 www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the (tsel-Wautubh (shíwítsh), Kwikwetlem (kwikwetlem), Squamish (Sicwám) /mech Ucwecwew) and Musqueam (muscwam) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



Relevant news from the month of May

[Setting the record straight on refugee claims by international students](#)

May 5th Given the central place of immigration in heated political debates in Canada, it's crucial to unpack these claims and understand the implications of perpetuating unfounded criticism of Canada's refugee and immigration system.

[Undocumented 2SLGBTQI+ migrants call on PM for more protections](#)

Video - Undocumented people who are part of the 2SLGBTQI+ community are speaking out, urgently calling on the feds for more protections. Erica Natividad with why they say they fear for their lives.

[Trudeau says Canada needs a 'pathway' to official status for immigrants, faster deportations](#)

May 17th - Advocates say sexual minorities make up a disproportionate share of those without official status

[UN panel calls for ban on underage migrants held in 'prison-like' conditions in Canada](#)

May 24th - The group, in Canada this month for a sweeping tour of detention practices at 17 federal and provincial facilities, is calling for changes to the way the government handles migrant detainees.



Safe Haven program

Free settlement, employment, language, housing and counselling support for refugee claimants and other humanitarian newcomers

Refugee claimants need support in their journey, and Safe Haven can help.

DIVERSEcity offers free, multilingual, wraparound services in Surrey and Delta that can support you including:

- Settlement and immigration information
- Claims submission support and assistance completing forms
- English language assessment and formal language training
- Short-term non-clinical counselling and psycho-social trauma counselling
- Customized employment counselling, job skills support and short-term training (e.g., FoodSafe, First Aid, etc.)
- Housing search
- 2SLGBTQ+ support
- Legal navigation and more

Who's eligible?

- Refugee claimants are eligible for all of the provided services.
- Asylum seekers can access settlement and claims submission support.
- Mental health supports are also available for refugees, CUAET visa holders and other humanitarian newcomers.

LEARN MORE

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Workshops and events

- Job fairs and hiring events
- Workplace rights and responsibilities workshops
- Employment readiness training
- Career and labour market workshops
- Resumé and cover letter workshops
- Canadian workplace culture, interview skills, digital literacy and more

Languages

- Punjabi
- Spanish
- Dari
- Pashto
- French
- Arabic
- Tigrinya

Languages and eligibility for each service are listed on the website.

Partner organizations

Some Safe Haven services are delivered via our partners in Surrey and Delta including:



Sources Community Resources Centres
 Claims submissions support, immigration information and application assistance



Options Community Services
 Settlement, labour market and accommodation support



YWCA
 Emergency housing support and long-term housing search support



Muslim Food Bank
 Settlement information and housing search in English, Dari and Pashto



UMOJA Operation Compassion Society
 Settlement services and housing search support in French and Tigrinya



Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS)
 Settlement and labour market services for women



Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS)
 Settlement and labour market services, and housing referrals in Delta



Sher Vancouver
 2SLGBTQ+ settlement support

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Common Frauds & Scams in Canada and how to avoid them

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This class is for:

- ✓ Refugee Claimants and other newcomers

Class Information

English Class: Monday, June 17 6:30pm to 8pm on Zoom
Facilitator: Thao from Family Services of Vancouver

Register online: www.inasmuch.ca under Classes

The zoom link will be emailed to you after you register

Topics will include:

- Common scams in Canada
- Scams affecting individuals
- Email, phone calls, delivery and in person scams
- How to protect yourself
- What to do if you are a victim
- How to report a fraud



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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
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Cedar Circle Counselling
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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 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.





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Local News

- [FH Best Beginnings Supports Vulnerable Pregnant and Post-partum Individuals](#)
 - [Register for the Program](#)
- **September 4 Webinar** | [Services for Children and Youth with Support Needs: Emergent Themes and Concepts from Ongoing Engagement and Research](#)
- **May 31 Event** | [SPRC Disability Resource Community Pop-up](#)
- **June 9 Event** | [Walk of Ages Supporting Homeless Seniors](#)
- Walk With Your Doc 2024 a Success!





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Client Supports

- **June 4 Webinar** | [Self Harm: There is Always Help, There is Always Hope](#)
- **June 11 Event** | Older Adults and Vascular Disease: Life After Heart Surgery
- Virtual Program: Chronic Conditions Self-Management

Organizational Supports

- Advance Care Planning Facilitator Workshops
- **June 12 Virtual Info Session** | [FamilySmart Help for Hard Times](#)
- **June 27 Webinar** | [Dementia-friendly Communities](#)



Refugee Research Network



May 16 2024: RRN Research Digest

[Read RRN Research Digest here](#)