



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 23

June 13, 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.

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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 3:00 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 "Driven 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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Program:

- 11:00 am – 2:30 pm – information fair & artist's marketplace
- 11:30 am – concert by Saeid Kooshki playing the Santoor
- **12:00 pm – refugees story telling in Alma VanDusen Room**
- 1:00 pm – dance performance by Caudillos del Sur
- 1:30 pm – dance performance by Afghani Hazara dancers
- 2:00 pm – concert by Sharifa Hussaini playing the Dambora

Please share widely with 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.



meals with friends

A fundraiser
for Zaqout
family
reunification



Friday June 14th
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Drop in!

1803 E 1st Ave Vancouver, BC

Palestinian
family-style
meal

Vendors

Raffle

Friday, June 14

Meals with Friends: A Zaqout family reunification fundraiser

[Get tickets](#)



Employment Opportunity

DIVERSEcity Community Resources is hiring a Spanish Wraparound Support Worker for the Safe Haven Program:
[Apply online here](#)

DIVERSEcity English Assessment link is live.

Please refer and/or book timeslots for all your clients currently living in Surrey and North Delta who would like to attend our Formal Language classes: [Language Assessment \(office365.com\)](#)

DIVERSEcity Counselling Referral and Intake

- Please refer your clients for counselling sessions by using the following link: [Here](#)
- In the 'share any relevant information for the reason of referral' section, please mention it is a Safe Haven client.
- Email the intake coordinator if you have any issues: intake@dcrs.ca

Referrals for housing support

Please send referrals to wabotaleb@dcrs.ca or call 604-307-5153

Sources is hiring a Legal Navigator for the Safe Haven program

<https://search.app/Asac6WBSprSYz2qu9>

ESTRATEGIAS CLAVE PARA UNA SOLICITUD DE REFUGIO EXITOSA



BC Settlement and Assistance For Humanitarian & Vulnerable Newcomers

Te invitamos a este evento preparado para darte información y las herramientas necesarias para conocer a profundidad el proceso de solicitud de refugio.

Revisaremos los siguientes puntos:

- Requisitos para hacer una reclamación de refugio
- Derechos y responsabilidades durante el proceso de reclamación de refugio
- Presentación de evidencias

Detalles del evento

- 📅 14 de Junio, 2024
- 🕒 10:00 AM
- 📍 Safe Center - City of Surrey
Piso 9 - 13450 104 Ave.
Surrey, BC V3T 1V8



Presentado por:

Gregory Biniowsky

Abogado canadiense y consultor estratégico con más de 25 años de experiencia.

Escanea para registrarte:



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Más información:

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SÁBADO
22 DE JUNIO
6-9 PM

BIENVENIDO PADRE MIGRANTE



Habrán rifas juegos,
regalos, información
y trámites

Oliver Senior Center
5876 Airport Street
Oliver, BC

PARA MAYOR
INFORMACIÓN:

- +1 (778) 683-3419
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Tendremos rica
Cochinita Pibil

¡EVENTO
GRATUITO!

Gracias a lucha de
Dignidad Migrante



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FERIA DE SALUD

DOMINGO
23
DE JUNIO
4-8 PM



33911 Hazelwood Ave.
Abbotsford, BC



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Gracias a la lucha de Dignidad Migrante

HABRÁ:

- Médicos y enfermeras
- Masajes
- Corte de pelo
- Charlas sobre salud
- Tramites de tarjeta médica, impuestos, paternidad, etc
- Rica comida mexicana

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16
DE JUNIO
(5-8 PM)

BIENVENIDO PADRE MIGRANTE

20701
Fraser Hwy
Langly BC

DOMINGO 16 DE JUNIO (5-8 PM)

Habrán rifas, juegos, regalos, información y trámites



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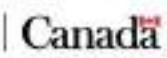
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Tendremos rico pozolito con tostadas

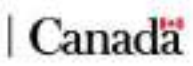
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Settlement & Integration Program

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

Empowerment and Social Gathering Program for Newcomer Youth

JUNE 15TH - JULY 20TH, 2024
10:30 AM TO 12 PM

Learn about:

- **Field Trips:** Explore the community and its attractions.
- **Cooking Session:** Learn new recipes and culinary skills.
- **Movie Day:** Enjoy films and cultural movies together.
- **Financial Literacy:** Gain knowledge and skills for managing finances.

Learn about:

- **Networking:** Connect with newcomers and make friends.
- **Work Opportunities:** Explore potentials of working in different sectors; Receive skills training and job search support.
- **Education Support:** Assistance with school admission and scholarship applications.

RSVP to

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WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (salilwatah), Kwikwetlem (kwikw'elam), Squamish (Sqwamish/Smash Cismwixw) and Musqueam (mwaakw'wam) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

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Settlement & Integration Program

In-person Conversation Circle

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Burnaby Neighborhood House
4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby

- No Drop-ins
- Registration Required
- Registration Deadline: June 24th, 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

July 3rd - August 14th, 2024

For more information to register, please contact
Xinrui: xinrui@burnabynh.ca

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REPEATS

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MAP BC partnered with BC Refugee Hub to present a webinar on work permit applications for refugee claimants. The recording is now available on the BC Refugee Hub website:

Webinar: Work Permits for Refugee Claimants
Hosted by BC Refugee Hub, with speaker Katya Avalos, Community Engagement Director for MAP BC. Training video now available.



[Click here](#)



You're Invited to Register

Refugees and Refugee Claimants: Arrival Statistics and Trends

You are invited to this webinar hosted by the BC Refugee Hub where we will discuss refugee and refugee claimant arrival statistics and trends from local, national and international perspectives.

Topics covered in this session are:

- Arrivals trends in British Columbia
- Trends in forced displacement nationally and internationally
- Resettlement Priorities
- Efforts to expand third country solutions

Following the presentation, we will have plenty of time for a Q&A session.

Speakers:

- Jennifer York - Director, Refugee Services – ISSofBC
- Michael Casasola - Senior Resettlement and Complementary Pathways Officer – UNHCR

Date: June 18, 2024

Time: 10:30am – 12:00 pm PST

Location: Zoom – Event details will be emailed after registration.

[REGISTER >](#)

Building Stronger Communities Together
Wrap-around supports for
REFUGEE CLAIMANTS
and other Humanitarian and Vulnerable
Newcomers



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- Urgent Response Services**
 - Supported access to essential needs (shelter, health services, & food)
 - Assistance during times of crisis
 - Supported access to BC Income Assistance and Legal Aid BC
- Settlement & Immigration Services**
 - Assistance in navigating the refugee claim or appeal process
 - Information, orientation and referrals
 - Wraparound Case Management support
 - Supported access in applying/renewing work permit applications
- Employment & Labour Market Information**
 - Customized employment counselling
 - Job search strategies
 - Short-term pre-employment training & Supported access to WorkBC services
 - Job Fairs and Networking events
 - Information on workplace rights and responsibilities
- Community Connections & English Language Practice**
 - In-person and virtual Conversation Circles language classes for beginners and intermediate learners
 - Getting to know your community group outings
- Accommodation Services for Refugee Claimants**
 - Housing search support
 - Tenant rights and responsibilities information
- Clinical Counselling**
 - Short-term clinical counselling for adults
 - Referrals to mental-health support groups

Support Services:

- Bus tickets available for eligible clients when accessing services
- Child-minding support are available to eligible clients when accessing services
- Computer lending library available to attend virtual Refugee Claims hearings

Services offered in:
English - العربية - Dari - دری - Farsi - فارسی - Hindi - हिन्दी, Pashto - پښتو - Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ, Spanish - Español and Urdu - اردو

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Building Stronger Communities Together
Settlement services available to holders of
Work permits holders, Study permits holders,
Refugee Claimants, Naturalized Canadian Citizens
and CARET Visa Holders



- Settlement Services**
 - Information, orientation and referrals
 - Community Connections
 - Volunteers connections
 - Legal navigation support
 - Supported access to BC Income Assistance
- Immigration**
 - Supported access to navigate Immigration processes
 - Immigration information sessions
- Employment & Labour Market Information**
 - Employment counselling
 - Job search strategies
 - Short-term pre-employment training
 - Job Fairs and Networking events
 - Know your Employment rights sessions
- Resume Clinic & Job Search Strategies Weekly Workshops**
<https://resumeandjobsearch.com>
- English Language Training**
 - In-person and virtual Conversation Circles language classes for beginners and intermediate learners
 - Referrals to Formal English Classes

Support Services:
Bus tickets available for eligible clients when accessing services

Services offered in:
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- Services in Surrey**
#150-10362 King George Blvd. Surrey, V3T 2W5
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bcnsp@options.bc.ca
- Services in North Delta**
#3-7953 120th Street Delta, V4C 6P6
Tel: 604.324.7733
pics@pics.bc.ca
- Services in White Rock**
For appointments and service locations call, text or WhatsApp
Tel: 604.841.4465
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KINBRACE HOST COMMUNITY MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS



Host Community members are vocationally committed to live as neighbours among refugee claimants; providing an attentive, yet spacious, welcome. While maintaining normal, day-to-day lives, hosts create, sustain, and promote a transformative place of hospitality.

The following outlines the responsibilities and benefits for adult host community members.

You align with and commit to upholding, protecting and living into Kinbrace's shared mandate:

Vision

For each refugee claimant
a world of welcome
a community of belonging
a life of opportunity.

Mission

The Kinbrace community welcomes refugee claimants with housing, education, and support.

Core Values

Welcome We are in solidarity: bearing witness to exile, we live with refugee claimants.

Trust We are a community: affirming dignity, we commit to the best in one another.

Mutual Transformation We are diverse: striving to listen well, we learn and grow.

Celebration We are grateful: amidst joy and sorrow, we discover hope.

Prayer We are sojourners: held by grace, we journey into the mystery and love of God.

Kinbrace is recruiting a new Host Community family!

Kinbrace is seeking a family to commit to becoming volunteer Host Community Members, living on-site in East Vancouver. The Host Community is a dedicated group of neighbours who live life in the community with intention and commitment, providing a generous welcome to people seeking refugee protection.

You are seeking a creative and meaningful home life. Living life in a community as an engaged and attentive neighbour alongside newly arrived refugee claimants resonates with you.

<https://kinbrace.ca/current-opportunities>.

Please see the attached Word document for more information