

### **Upcoming Workshops**

### Pathways to Prosperity 2021 Virtual Workshop Series

In January 2021, we launched the new Pathways to Prosperity Virtual Workshop Series. The series includes up to two virtual workshops a week over the course of several months on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 – 2:15 PM EST.

The full workshop series schedule is available here.

#### **Upcoming workshops are:**

## Tuesday, March 2 at 1:00 PM EST Family Violence and Cultural Safety

(Language: English)

Chair: Fariborz Birjandian, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society

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#### Thursday, March 4 at 1:00 PM EST

#### **Building Resilient Systems to Support International Students in Canada**

(Language: English)

Chair: Valerie Preston, York University

Join researchers, working with the Building Migrant Resilience in Cities-Immigration et résilience en milieu urbain (BMRC-IRMU) SSHRC-funded partnership, to discuss their work regarding international students in Ontario and Quebec. Specifically, the focus will be on addressing migration and settlement trends and the need for coordination between educational institutions and off-campus communities to foster international student resilience.

#### Tuesday, March 9 at 1:00 PM EST

#### Role of Media in Driving Information for Settlement Services During the Pandemic

(Language: English)

Moderator: Shruti Dargan, New Canadians

In March 2020, a major shift occurred. The pandemic was here in Canada. The response from the government was decisive – most service centres, including many settlement organizations that were essential in connecting newcomers to life in Canada, had to close, pivot or reinvent themselves to function remotely. New immigrants, too, began searching for advice and support online. This gave rise to new and stronger partnerships between immigrant media networks and settlement agencies across Canada to get valuable

information out to newcomers during these tough times. Let's applaud the efforts of some such contributors, and put a spotlight on media's role as a facilitator and influencer in the settlement and integration of newcomers to Canada.

#### Thursday, March 11 at 1:00 PM EST

Understanding How Service Providing Organizations and Provincial Associations Support Meaningful Community Engagement for Immigrants and Refugees (Language: English)

Chair: Suzanne Huot, University of British Columbia

Immigrants and refugees' integration into host communities is reciprocally related to the daily occupations they need, want and are expected to engage in (e.g., working, parenting, learning English). Opportunities to fully participate in society are mediated through community organizations who provide key settlement and related supports. This panel presents findings from key informant interviews with representatives from service providing organizations and provincial umbrella organizations that were conducted as part of three separate qualitative studies. Focusing on the context of Metro Vancouver, and its Francophone minority communities in particular, these studies address the challenges of fostering social participation within neoliberal constraints.

#### Tuesday, March 16 at 1:00 PM EST

Improving Health Outcomes in Newcomers with Complex Needs through Multidisciplinary Models of Care and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration

(Language: English)

Chair: Mariah Maddock, National Newcomer Navigation Network (N4)

The current pandemic has highlighted the vulnerability of newcomers to Canada. Data analysis of Ontario COVID+ residents has shown a hyper-representation of newcomers, despite barriers to access testing. These findings have raised the awareness and urgency for cross-sectoral collaboration to ensure health equity for newcomers. This session will profile one city's attempts to breakdown the silo between health and settlement services, as well as the formation of the new National Newcomer Navigation Network (N4) whose aim is to support newcomer-serving professionals across sectors to connect, learn and collaborate, with the ultimate goal of ensuring an equitable experience.

#### Thursday, March 18 at 1:00 PM EST

Inclusion of Intercultural Education in Settlement Practices for Newcomers to Canada

(Language: English)

Chair: Frank Bessai, Catholic Social Services

The theories and practices of Intercultural Education are an essential component of successful integration of newcomers into Canadian life. Settlement service delivery including newcomer educational modules developed by CSS Immigration and Settlement Service has become increasingly based upon Intercultural Education. This knowledge and expertise is applied throughout the service, and has been an asset to the achievement of successful integration for countless newcomers in the City of Edmonton. This session will highlight three specialized programs in which this unique approach is being implemented.

The P2P 2021 Workshop Series runs until April 22, 2021. For full schedule, please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

The workshop series is being offered at no cost to conference registrants and for a small fee to those who did not register for the Pathways to Prosperity 2020 National Conference. Registration for those who did not participate in the P2P 2020 National Conference but would like to attend the workshops is <u>available here</u>.



## Les prochains ateliers

### Série d'ateliers virtuels 2021 de Voies vers la prospérité

En janvier 2021, nous avons lancé la nouvelle Série d'ateliers virtuels 2021 de Voies vers la prospérité. Elle comprendra deux ateliers virtuels par semaines étalés sur plusieurs mois les mardi et jeudi de 13h00 à 14h15 HE.

La série complète d'ateliers est disponibles ici.

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#### Mardi 2 mars à 13h00 HE:

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La série d'ateliers 2021 de VVP se déroule jusqu'au 22 avril 2021. Pour le calendrier complet, veuillez s'il vous plait <u>cliquer ici</u>.

La série d'ateliers est gratuite pour les participants inscrits à la conférence nationale 2020; les autres personnes doivent payer un petit frais d'inscription. L'inscription pour ces personnes, qui n'ont pas participé à la Conférence nationale mais voudraient participer aux ateliers, <u>peut se faire ici</u>.

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