



Forum on Migrant Worker Issues

Vancouver, Sunday, June 2, 2019

Croatian Cultural Centre

This full-day meeting will offer an opportunity for migrant workers to gather together with other participants (including advocates for migrant justice, front-line workers involved in settlement or other service delivery, and those involved in human rights or labour organizing) and share information and strategies on providing support to and advocating for the rights of migrant workers.



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Here's what some people like about CCR Forum:

"I workshops allowed me to hear real lifestories from migrant workers and how they need to be supported."

"Break-out sessions, small group discussions."

"Learning about BC's policies/practices on migrant worker."

"Information sharing."

"I appreciated the open environment and the speakers' abilities to navigate a conversation so that everyone felt heard."

Online Registration

You can register for the CCR Migrant Worker Forum online at:

ccrweb.ca/en/forum-migrant-worker-issues-2019

Migrant Worker Participation

The CCR is committed to promoting migrant worker participation. Migrant workers opinion should be respected and participation could be anonymously.

Youth Participation

Participants must be over 16 years. An adult must accompany youth under 18 years old: we note that the program is not necessarily suited to this age group.

Booths / Information Tables

Learn about our partner agencies, MOSAIC BC and Options Community Services. Checkout their upcoming events and learn about the services they provide to Migrant Workers.

Sunday, June 2, 2019 - Morning

8:00 am – 8:30 am
Registration table opens, headsets table opens and booths opens
8:00 am – 9:00 am
Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:30 am
Welcoming remarks by the Canadian Council for Refugees, CCR
9:30 am – 10:15 am – Presentation about the BC Pilot
Francesca McConnell, Employment and Social Development Canada
10:15 am – 10:30 am
Coffee Break / Booths opens
10:30 am – 11:10 am – Presentation about the open work permit for vulnerable workers
Leanne Dixon-Perera, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
11:10 am – 12:30 pm
Statements from Migrant Workers

Sunday, June 2, 2019 - Afternoon

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm		
Lunch		
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm – Break out Session		
Education, Outreach and Accessibility	Preventing and Responding to Mistreatment and Emergencies	Addressing Fear of Retribution
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm		
Report back from break out sessions		
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm		
Coffee Break		
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm – Discussion on Occupation-Specific Work Permits		
Philippe Massé and Luce Gélinas, Employment and Social Development Canada		
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm		
Closing Remarks		

Forum Site: Croatian Cultural Centre

Getting to the Forum site

For maps of the Croatian Cultural Centre and directions to get there:

goo.gl/maps/3YrHA5zzmLHLbgNUA

Address: 3250 Commercial Dr, Vancouver, BC V5N 4E4

From Vancouver International Airport: A taxi costs approximately \$60 or take the Canada Line Sky-Train to Vancouver City Centre Station. Switch to **Bus 20** (20 Victoria) and get off at **Southbound Victoria Diversion @ Commercial St.** Walk 3 minutes to the Croatian Cultural Centre.

By bus: The main bus routes from Commercial Broadway Station to Croatian Cultural Centre are 15 (6-8 minute commute).

Parking: On-site parking free.

MOSAIC BC Project: Community Capacity Building

About

MOSAIC has launched a new federal initiative to educate and support migrant workers, employers and resource agencies serving both groups within the province of British Columbia.

Project Objectives

Educating migrant workers about their rights and accessible services and resources; improving their work experiences in Canada; and providing a trusted channel to bring forward issues or allegations of abuse or wrongdoing.

Supporting employers in understanding and meeting program conditions and requirements.

Enhancing the knowledge and capacity of support organizations to meet the needs of migrant workers and/or employers.

Learn more: www.mosaicbc.org/services/settlement/ccb/

Partners



About the CCR

The Canadian Council for Refugees is a national non-profit umbrella organization committed to the rights and protection of refugees and other vulnerable migrants in Canada and around the world and to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada. The membership is made up of organizations involved in the settlement, sponsorship and protection of refugees and immigrants. The Council serves the networking, information- exchange and advocacy needs of its membership.

CCR membership

All Canadian NGOs are welcome to apply to become voting members. Other forms of membership are available. Please look at our website under [About Us](#) or go directly to ccrweb.ca/en/join