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World Refugee Day program 2020.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

World Refugee Day, one of the City's official celebrations and observances, is this Saturday, June 20.

The local organization, Multi-Agency Partnership BC, will be hosting an online event "Distant but Together" from 2 – 4pm and Council is welcome to register for the event. The Mayor has prepared a pre-recorded video message which has been incorporated into the program.

Register here: <https://mapbc.org/about/events/>

Join FB Livestream here: <https://bit.ly/3hy1qyB> [bit.ly]

Attached is the program and poster for the event that you are welcome to share.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ellen Vaillancourt at [Ellen.Vaillancourt@vancouver.ca](mailto:Ellen.Vaillancourt@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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*The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

## Celebrating World Refugee Day: Saturday, June 20, 2020

Multi-Agency Partnership BC (MAP BC), is hosting an online celebration with the official Proclamation and performances of music, poetry and story to celebrate World Refugee Day on Saturday June 20th, 2020 at 2pm.

With the theme "Distant but Together", the celebration will recognize and honour the significant contribution of refugees to British Columbia as well as creating an online event that creates community - despite social distancing. COVID-19 is a reality for everyone, but what pulls us apart, actually brings us together.

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According to the United Nations, COVID-19 pandemic and the recent anti-racism protests have shown us how desperately we need to fight for a more inclusive and equal world: a world where no one is left behind. Every **minute** 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution or terror. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day>

SATURDAY JUNE 20

2PM-4PM

# DISTANT BUT TOGETHER

join us to  
celebrate  
world refugee day  
online



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







- ❖ **Acknowledges/Welcome:** Richard Belcham, *Co-chair MAP BC*  
Mariana Martinez Vieyra, *Co-chair MAP BC*
- ❖ **Welcome from the Co-host:** Nisha Khare, *Co-Founder of Human Biography and Khare Communications*
- ❖ **Video:** Deng Thiak Adut Unlimited
- ❖ **Proclamation:** Mayor Kennedy Stewart, *Mayor of Vancouver*
- ❖ **Speaker:** Hassan Al Kontar, *Syrian Refugee*
- ❖ **Music & Singing:** Tamanya-Waka, *International Reggae Artist*
- ❖ **Story:** A Cup of Black Tea
- ❖ **Poetry:** Rawan Moon, *Syrian Refugee*
- ❖ **Panel Discussion: Helping Refugees during the Pandemic**
  - Patricia Castillo, *Resident Support Specialist at Options Community Services*
  - Vanessa Roth, *Settlement Supervisor at Journey House Community*
  - Hikmat Termos: *Sponsorship Coordinator at Rainbow Refugee Society*
  - Matias Hacker: *Clinical Counsellor at VAST*
- ❖ **Music:** Sari Alesh, *Internationally Recognized Violinist*
- ❖ **Poetry:** Khatira, *New Visual Artist and student in Canada*
- ❖ **Music:** Saeid Kooshki, *Musician & Singer*
- ❖ **Story of Friendship:** Jorge and Araphat
- ❖ **Comment:** Ian Hanomansing, *CBC the National*
- ❖ **Music:** Hosam Falouji, *Band from Gaza*
- ❖ **Closing Remarks**
- ❖ **Video:** Dear Refugee, We Stand with You

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