

REFUGEES IN THE MEDIA

Refugees and asylum seekers to Canada are invited to join *The Discourse*, an independent Vancouver-based journalism company, for a workshop series put on by reporters Francesca Fionda and Alia Dharssi.

Over two sessions, the workshop will bring together a small group of people to discuss what is missing when the media covers refugee stories. What are your experiences with journalists in the past? What do you need to share your story? What does it mean to speak to a journalist?

Our second session will be open to participants who are interested in speaking to *The Discourse* reporters for our next story on Canada's refugee response.

Refugees and asylum seekers are often talked about in the media but refugee's perspectives on things that impact them aren't always heard. The media tends to swoop in, take information and leave. By having a collaborative workshop, we are hoping that we can learn from each other. We hope to discuss practical tools and information so that refugees will feel empowered and safe to share their knowledge and journalists are able to deepen the coverage of these issues.



Locations and times:

BURNABY - Burnaby Neighbourhood House (BNH)
4460 Beresford St., Burnaby, B.C. (Rooms TBD)

Session 1: Tuesday, June 5 (6:30 - 8:30 pm)

Session 2: Tuesday, June 12 (6:30 - 8:30 pm)

SURREY - Options, Newton Site, 13520 78 Ave.

Session 1, Thursday June 7 (6:30 - 8:30 pm)

Session 2, Thursday June 14 (6:30 - 8:30 pm)

Please contact Amea (awilbur@pirs.bc.ca) or call 604-298-5888 if you are interested in attending.

Childcare, transportation and refreshments will be provided.

