



WASHINGTON IMMIGRANT NETWORK

WIN membership is open to all current and former Washington State Employees

washingtonimmigrantnetwork.org

Mariel Amundsen-Immigrant Story

Mariel Amundsen lives in Mount Vernon, Washington. Mariel was invited to present during the October 4, 2022, WIN membership meeting to share a presentation about Tinikling – Filipino traditional folk dance.

Mariel joined Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD) in May 2022, as an Administrative Assistant supporting the WorkSource North Sound Region – Skagit, Whatcom, and Island counties. Prior to joining ESD, she was an Administrative Assistant to a handful of medical directors for Optum Care and was a Technical Assistant and Logistics Representative for a local aerospace company. She also previously worked at Rolls-Royce of North America for 14-years.



Mariel is due to graduate from Southern New Hampshire University to obtain her bachelor's degree in general studies with a focus in Human Resources.

On October 2, 1990, Mariel set to fly to San Francisco, California for a better future for herself and her 12-year-old brother. She shared that her first impression when arriving to the United States were all positive and that she heard different languages being spoken as she walked through the terminal. She also shared that almost everyone was translated into different languages in case they did not speak English. She was “amazed” and felt there were opportunities for her and her brother in the U.S. She was determined to become a U.S. citizen.

[See Mariel's entire story at WIN's Immigrant Stories page.](#)

My Immigrant Story



Do you have a story to share?

You can submit your immigrant story by visiting:
[WIN's Immigrant Stories page.](#)

Seeking volunteers to chair the following WIN subcommittees:

Membership Outreach Chair

The Membership Outreach Subcommittee oversees and manages WIN BRG outreach efforts through various agencies and communities. The team is responsible for coordinating outreach events and oversees all immigrant and allies' membership outreach and retention.

Professional Development Chair

The Professional Development Subcommittee provides tools and resources for WIN BRG members to grow professionally through training, webinars, conferences, books, articles, and mentorship. The Professional Development Subcommittee strives to serve WIN's members through accessible conference programming to help them grow.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a subcommittee, please contact:

WIN@ofm.wa.gov

Do you qualify for Department of Revenue's Working Families Tax Credit?



WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT

A new tax credit for Washington workers

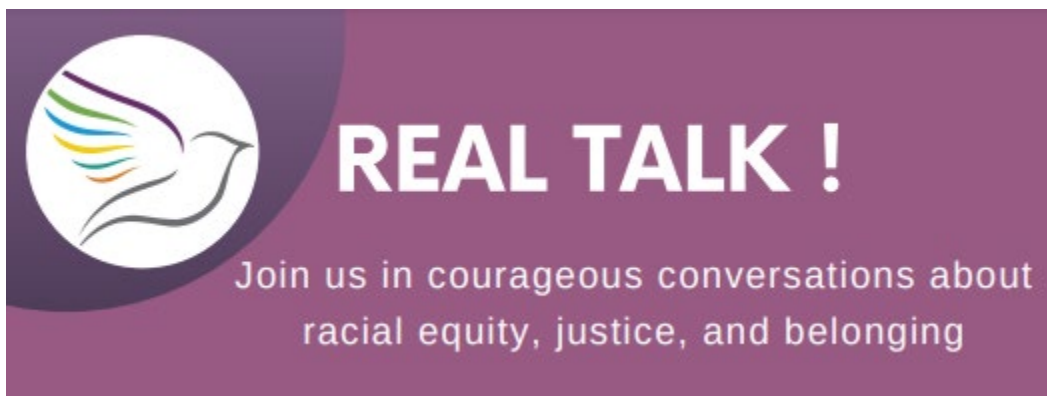
Individuals and families may receive up to \$1,200 back if they meet certain eligibility requirements. Applications open 2023.

[See if you qualify ↗](#)

Learn more at: workingfamiliescredit.wa.gov

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Office of Equity Presents:



REAL TALK !

Join us in courageous conversations about
racial equity, justice, and belonging

Who Belongs? Tribal Sovereignty: Is America Finally Making Good on its Word?

Regular Session Oct. 26, 2022- 11am to 12pm

[Click to receive an Outlook invitation](#)

Post Talk Session Oct. 26, 2022 -12pm to 12:30pm

[Click to receive an Outlook invitation](#)

[The Office of Equity](#) invites you to join the next Real Talk! session “*Who Belongs? Tribal Sovereignty: Is America Finally Making Good on its Word?*” on October 26 from 11 a.m. to noon. An interactive Post Talk session will follow from 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Real Talk! is centered in belonging. We will unpack truth, reconcile the past, learn from one another, connect, and together, experience healing from harm. We invite you to lean in, be curious, and engage in honest dialogue about racial equity, justice, and belonging to co-create a state government system that works for everyone. This is the moment and place to have real talk to truly transform our agencies into places where real people experience equity, justice, and belonging every day, now and for generations to come.

Learn more about [Real Talk!](#)

Understanding Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) and the Limited Waiver Opportunity- Webinar

Have you sought to apply for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, but have more questions than answers?

Have you heard about the PSLF Limited Waiver Opportunity but are unsure how to qualify? In this webinar the Washington Student Loan Advocate will cover all things PSLF and the PSLF waiver (ending on October 31st).

Understanding what is required and knowing where and how to take the first steps to qualify for this opportunity can be confusing.

Join us as we break things down to better understand this program. We'll cover types of loans, repayment plans, eligibility requirements, and how to take advantage of the PSLF limited waiver opportunity before it ends this month!

We'll provide time for questions and links to resources so you can take the next steps and navigate your way through the process. Register today and we look forward to seeing you online soon!

Presenter: Stephanie Sampedro, Student Loan Advocate, Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)

October 26th 10 AM: [Register here](#)

October 27th 2 PM: [Register here](#)

October 28th 10 AM: [Register here](#)

VERG Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 27
9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



**Veterans
Employee
Resource
Group**

[Join Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 871 7733 2885
Pass Code: 206043

[Learn more about the Veteran Employee Resource Group](#)

General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

12:00 PM 1:00 PM

General Membership is open to all current Washington State employees, including full-time, part-time, hourly, and salaried employees who are committed to supporting and advancing the mission of WIN.

[**Click to join Zoom Meeting**](#)

Meeting ID: 867 8744 7524

Passcode: 312248



WASHINGTON STATE
LATINO LEADERSHIP
NETWORK

The Latino Leadership Network &
the Washington State Women's Commission invite you to attend a lunch and learn on:
Latina Pay Equity and Health Disparities

Monday, November 7, 2022

12 to 1 pm

[\(Download event flier\)](#)

[Register Here](#)

THE WASHINGTON STATE
2022 GOVERNOR'S
EQUITY SUMMIT
WORKING TOGETHER FOR RESULTS

WA State 2022 Governor's Equity Summit Banner

Washington state agencies and communities working together to achieve equity in public contracting, education, employment, and services so everyone has a fair chance to live out their dreams and thrive in business, school, work, and life.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Greater Tacoma Convention Center
1500 Commerce Street, Tacoma, WA

SAVE THE DATE:
(registration link coming soon)

Get Involved with a BRG

WASHINGTON STATE BUSINESS RESOURCE GROUPS



Join the [Statewide Business Resource Group](#) [Statewide business resource groups \(BRGs\)](#) bring together groups of employees and their allies who have a common interest or characteristic. All BRGs have a charter, mission, goals and bylaws and contribute to an overall statewide business strategy. BRG members bring their unique knowledge and perspectives, making them an asset to state business needs, such as recruitment and retention. (OFM.wa.gov/BRGs)

[See Business Resource Group Events Calendar](#)

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WHO WE ARE:

Support the professional development of immigrant state employees.
Recommend strategies to advance recruitment, retention, career progression and leadership development.
Educate state agencies on the experience, skills and knowledge of immigrants and the value of a diverse workforce.

WHAT WE DO:

Provide a support structure, educational resources and leadership assistance for immigrant state employees.
Encourage immigrants to consider the state as an employer of choice through inter-agency and external outreach activities.
Serve as a resource for the Office of Financial Management, State Human Resources division and state agencies in creating and sustaining a diverse and inclusive workforce.

[BRG Participation Policy FAQ](#)

Find us on Youtube.com!

Meet the Washington Immigrant Network [Leadership Team](#) and some of our wonderful [members and volunteers](#).

