



# National Spring Consultation

## Edmonton, 1-3 June 2017

*Nurturing Diversity and Inclusion: Reflecting on the past to inspire the future*



Join us to explore issues affecting refugee protection and newcomer settlement at the Canadian Council for Refugees Spring Consultation. All are welcome to participate!

With views from all Canadian provinces and with participants in fields as diverse as mental health and the law, the conference offers opportunities for professional development, networking and strategy.



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### Here's what some people like about Consultations:

“My clients face these issues and it’s important for me to hear from other workers about possible solutions.”

“It takes extra effort to keep updated when you do it on your own so being a part of the CCR and the energy of people who care was absolutely wonderful, refreshing, and a good reminder of what matters.”

“A lot of the consultation was useful to me and my work. I feel that I will be able to bring a lot of what I learned back to my team.”

“It was nice hearing questions, comments and concerns addressed by both people who work in the refugee sector and from refugees themselves.”

“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 Consultation online at:

[ccrweb.ca/meetings](http://ccrweb.ca/meetings)

Registration forms and payment must be received by

**Friday 12 May** to take advantage of the reduced rate.

## Refugee Participation

The CCR is committed to promoting refugee participation. Refugees who have arrived in Canada within the last five years and who are without an organization that can pay their registration fee can register free of charge. Refugee participants must fill in a registration form online, checking the REFUGEE category, and send it to the CCR office by **Friday 26 May**.

## Youth Participation

Participants must be over 16 years.

Youth under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult: we note that the program is not necessarily suited to this age group.

## Thursday 1 June

### 7:30 am

Registration table opens

### 8:30 - 9 am

Orientation for first-time participants

### 9 - 10 am - Working Group meetings (Part I)\*\*

Immigration and Settlement	Overseas Protection and Sponsorship	Inland Protection
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### 10:30 - 12 noon - Opening Plenary

With keynote speakers on the theme 'Nurturing Diversity and Inclusion: Reflecting on the past to inspire the future'

### 12 noon - 1:30 pm - Lunch Break

### 1:30 - 3 pm - Workshops

Innovative settlement service delivery	The view from Central America	Alternatives to detention	En(Countering) Hate in Canada
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### 3:30 - 5 pm - Workshops

Sanctuary cities and regularization	Root causes of displacement: Canadian implication	Canada-US Safe Third Country Agreement	Newcomer youth civic engagement
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### Evening

To be determined

## Friday 2 June

### 9 - 10:30 am - Workshops

Government representatives	Climate change and forced displacement	Violence against women: Solutions
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### 11 am - 12:30 pm - Workshops

Inspiring practices: refugee claimants	Global resettlement in uncertain times	Vicarious trauma and self-care (training)	Engaging local communities: strategies
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### 12:30 - 1:30 pm - Lunch Break

### 1:30 - 3 pm - Workshops

Family reunification (strategy session)**	Building on positive energy for refugees	Changes in refugee determination system	Labour exploitation continuum
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### 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Working Group meetings (Part II)\*\*

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### Evening

Social event at MacEwan University. Join fellow participants for refreshments and performances.

\* This is a provisional agenda. Updates will be available online at: [ccrweb.ca](http://ccrweb.ca)

\*\* These sessions are closed to members of the media and government.

## Saturday 3 June

**8:45 - 9:30 am** - How to get more involved with the CCR

**9:30 - 10:30 am** - Caucus sessions

Details coming soon

**11 am - 1 pm** - Closing Plenary

With guest speakers, adoption of resolutions and more

### Save the date: Regional Forum on Migrant Workers

Join the CCR and Migrante Alberta on **4 June 2017** in Edmonton for a skill-sharing and strategy session for migrant workers and people working with or advocating for the rights of migrant workers. For more details: [ccrweb.ca/en/regional-forum-migrant-workers](http://ccrweb.ca/en/regional-forum-migrant-workers)

### There's no better time to become a CCR member...

If your group or organization is not yet a member of the CCR, you may be missing out on member perks like Consultation registration discounts, free webinars and online resources for CCR members only.

Coming to the CCR Consultation in Edmonton? There is no better time to apply for membership as a Member (for groups and organizations) or as an Associate Member (for unaffiliated individuals).

Submit a membership application and your Consultation registration by **12 May 2017** to receive member registration rates and membership for 2017. See [ccrweb.ca/en/join](http://ccrweb.ca/en/join) for more details.

CCR Consultations address issues affecting refugees and other vulnerable groups of migrants, and newcomer settlement. The 300 participants from across Canada include refugees, immigrants, representatives of NGOs, government, UNHCR, academics, community workers, youth advocates and international guests.

People who work with newcomers and those with a personal interest in refugees and immigrants are warmly invited, especially youth.

The consultation is an excellent opportunity to:

- Meet, learn from and network with experts in the field
- Gain professional training and strategize on a wide range of topics
- Exchange information and prepare resolutions and action plans on a broad range of refugee and newcomer issues
- Contribute to the CCR working groups' ongoing dialogue on policy and legislation

CCR consultations are designed to move from issues to action. The Working Group meetings frame the discussions, introducing the issues at the beginning, and then, after the workshops, strategizing on next steps. At the Concluding Plenary, we adopt any new policy positions through resolutions and review key action items.

### Caucus Sessions

Caucus sessions are informal discussions on a specific topic. They are open to all interested participants, unless otherwise noted. To reserve space for a caucus session, email: [marisa@ccrweb.ca](mailto:marisa@ccrweb.ca)

### Meals

Registration fees include lunch on Friday afternoon. You will find your ticket in your nametag.

The Consultation participant's kit will include a list of nearby, affordable places for your other meals.

### Information Tables

Tables are available for groups to display brochures, etc.

Reserve a table on your registration form. Include the reservation fee with your registration.

Questions? Send an email to [marisa@ccrweb.ca](mailto:marisa@ccrweb.ca)

## 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.

## The CCR's work

The CCR has issues committees called Working Groups, on Inland Protection, Immigration & Settlement and Overseas Protection & Sponsorship. All NGO representatives are encouraged to participate. CCR policy is established by resolutions adopted by the membership at its general meetings twice a year.

## 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](http://ccrweb.ca/en/join)

## Consultation Site:

MacEwan University, City Centre campus  
10700 104 Ave NW, Edmonton

## Accommodation

A block of rooms has been set aside for CCR Consultation participants at MacEwan University Guest Accommodation Services ([bit.ly/macewanguest](http://bit.ly/macewanguest)):

Standard bachelor suite: \$71.10/night (sold out)

Standard two-bedroom suite: \$98.10/night

Participants must make their own reservations. To reserve rooms at negotiated rates, book your room as soon as possible and by **17 May 2017**. Rooms may be available after this date, subject to availability.

Participants can reserve their rooms by email to [stay@macewan.ca](mailto:stay@macewan.ca) or by phone at (780) 633-3623 or by filling out and submitting the reservation form at: <http://bit.ly/MacEwanbooking>. When making a reservation, say you are with the Canadian Council for Refugees conference to receive the quoted rate.

For billeting possibilities, email [marisa@ccrweb.ca](mailto:marisa@ccrweb.ca) by **Friday 15 May**. A member of the local committee will try to meet your request.

## Getting to the Consultation site

*From Edmonton International Airport:* Sky Shuttle service stops at MacEwan University Residences and departs once an hour. Check in at Door 7, Arrivals level. Cost: \$18 one-way, \$30 round trip. A taxi from the airport to MacEwan University Residence costs \$59 (flat-rate) or \$71 for a limo.

*From the inter-city bus station:* Look for public transit directions from the Greyhound bus station, 12521-123 St NW, [goo.gl/maps/J65FDc5Tfg42](http://goo.gl/maps/J65FDc5Tfg42)

*From the VIA Rail station:* 8-10 km from downtown. Taxi costs approx. \$15 to downtown Edmonton. Public transit to MacEwan University Residence is a 15-20 minute walk away. For a map of the area: [goo.gl/maps/qWPLNwszkNx](http://goo.gl/maps/qWPLNwszkNx)

*Public transit routes:* Plan your route at: [bit.ly/ETSroutes](http://bit.ly/ETSroutes) Cash fare \$3.25. Exact change is required

*By car:* Directions to MacEwan University [goo.gl/maps/YUCzmmxfHmw](http://goo.gl/maps/YUCzmmxfHmw)

*Parking* for participants staying on-site: Purchase parkade pass at front desk when checking in (\$13/day) Parking information for participants staying off-site: [bit.ly/MacEwanparking](http://bit.ly/MacEwanparking)

Register for the Spring Consultation online at:

[ccrweb.ca/meetings](http://ccrweb.ca/meetings)

You can also reach us at:

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