

About the Canadian Council for Refugees' Working Groups



The CCR's Working Groups provide a forum for CCR members and other refugee and immigrant rights advocates to exchange information, network and develop policy positions in particular areas of concern. Each Working Group is responsible for preparing resolutions, following up on action items, planning workshops for Consultations, as well as for advising the CCR Executive on policy. The Working Group meetings are closed to representatives of government and the media.

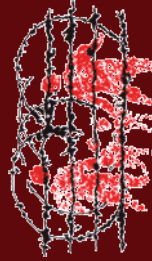
The CCR Working Groups meet four times a year. Two of these meetings take place during the consultations in May and November of each year. The other two series of working group meetings take place in February (Toronto) and in September (Montreal).

The working group meetings offer an excellent opportunity to:

- > Participate in efforts to promote refugee protection and resettlement, and the settlement of refugees and immigrants
- > Discuss in depth pressing issues affecting refugees and immigrants in Canada
- > Share information and strategies with others from across Canada

For more information on CCR Working Groups:

ccrweb.ca/en/ccr-structure



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Winter Working Group Meetings 22 and 23 February 2013 Toronto



Do you want to be part of efforts to promote rights for refugees?

Want to participate in in-depth discussions on pressing issues affecting refugees and immigrants in Canada?

Looking for an opportunity to share information and strategies with others from across Canada?

Come to the CCR Winter Working Group meetings in Toronto!

Overseas Protection and Sponsorship Working Group

Friday, February 22nd, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Immigration and Settlement Working Group

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Inland Protection Working Group

Saturday, February 23rd, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Salvation Army, 160 Jarvis St., Toronto

(subway: Queen; street parking only)

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Overseas Protection & Sponsorship Working Group

Friday, February 22nd, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Looks at issues relating to the selection of refugees overseas (refugees sponsored by either the government or private groups), the programs for them here in Canada, and protection issues for refugees around the world.

The Overseas Protection and Sponsorship Working Group has key campaigns:

- > Family reunification (especially children)

In addition, the working group regularly addresses threats to the rights of refugees outside Canada, as well as promoting resettlement as a durable solution in Canada and internationally.

For more information about the Overseas Protection and Sponsorship Working Group, see:

ccrweb.ca/OPS

Immigration and Settlement Working Group

Friday, February 22nd, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Looks at all issues relating to refugee and immigrant settlement in Canada (such as access to employment, housing, racialization of poverty).

Ensures that immigration and settlement issues receive high priority at CCR conferences.

The Immigration and Settlement Working Group focuses on the following key issues, among others:

- > Access to services
- > Social justice / immigrant and refugee rights
- > Temporary workers
- > Newcomer youth issues

For more information about the Immigration and Settlement Working Group, see:

ccrweb.ca/IS

Inland Protection Working Group

Saturday, February 23rd, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Is concerned for the protection of refugee claimants in Canada or seeking to come to Canada.

The Inland Protection Working Group focuses on the following key issues:

- > Reform of the refugee determination system

The Working Group also regularly looks at issues of detention, the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), security inadmissibility and the wide variety of problems facing refugee claimants.

For more information about the Inland Protection Working Group, see:

ccrweb.ca/IP