



## Working Group

# Immigration and Settlement

This Working Group (WG) provides a forum to exchange information, network and develop policy positions on issues related to the settlement & integration of refugees, immigrants, and other migrants in Canada, including:

- Provision of settlement services;
- Broader social justice context related to newcomers in Canada, for example: systemic racism, racialization of poverty, employment and income security, housing, mental and physical health, family reunification, and equitable access to services and more.

### ● Co-chairs

They are responsible for ensuring that the work agenda is moved forward, and that Resolutions and Action Items are acted upon.

### ● Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is intended to engage the broad base of expertise within the WG membership to advance its priority issues and initiatives (Resolutions, Action Items, new initiatives and strategic thinking, preparation for consultations, attendance at meetings with government, etc.). The committee works closely with the Co-chairs.

### ● Key issues and areas of concern

Regularization of all status

International Students

Housing

Migrant Workers

Family reunification

Access to services

#### Housing Network

This Network provides an organizing space for CCR members to collectively advocate for safe, secure, and affordable housing for all newcomers to Canada, such as refugees, migrant workers, those with precarious status and non-status, among others.

#### Youth Network

The Youth Network uses a gender justice and anti-oppression approach to create youth-led spaces for young newcomers and refugees to voice the challenges they face as newcomers and collectively share ideas on how to address these barriers.

#### Anti-Trafficking Committee

Created in response to the growing concerns about the human trafficking of migrants in Canada, the ATC identifies promising practice interventions and advocacy strategies, assists internationally trafficked people in processing trauma, and pinpoints policy barriers.



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- **Key issues and areas of concern** (continued)

- **Migrant Workers Sub-committee (MWC)**

- Composed of members committed to defending the rights of migrant workers in Canada, the MWC provides a platform for migrant workers and supports organizations to raise awareness about justice issues through annual gatherings as part of the CCR Consultations.

- **Current campaigns**

- Status for All! Campaign on Regularization of all status
  - Submission on Family Reunification
  - Open Work Permits Now: campaign led by the Migrant Workers Sub-Committee

## How to participate

Would you like to take part in the Immigration and Settlement Working Group?

- If you are enthusiastic, have knowledge or expertise on issues related to this WG and would like to **improve your leadership** skills and connect with other experts, we invite you to **apply for a co-chair position\***, or to become a member of the **Steering Committee\***!

*\*Co-chairs are elected during the WG meetings taking place at the Fall Consultation. Steering Committee Members are appointed by the Co-Chairs with a term of 2 years, beginning and ending in November.*

- If you are interested in issues related to I&S, you're also welcome to join the committees, sub-committees or networks to have the opportunity to provide insight & collaborate on action items.
- If you want to deepen your understanding of and develop strategies for ongoing issues, attend the various I&S meetings (virtual or in person) happening throughout the year.

## Benefits

- Connect with other CCR members and learn about the issues that affect the settlement and integration sector across Canada
- Be part of the action items that emerge from the conversation and make an impact on the settlement and immigration sector
- Develop new professional and personal skills
- Professional Network enhancement
- Become part of a collective that actively seeks ways to advance issues (campaigns, consultation workshops, etc.)
- Co-chairs have the opportunity to partake in roundtable discussions with government