



- Sponsorship invitation

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# Support the CCR by becoming a sponsor for the Youth Action Gathering!

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**We are pleased to announce that the Youth Action Gathering (YAG) will be holding its event from September 29 to October 1, 2023, on the theme of *Embracing Youth Inclusion & Diversity!***

*Youth newcomers and refugees in Canada are the current and future leaders of our national community and hold power to create meaningful and sustainable change. Building an environment for youth to meet on a national level to address barriers and strategize together on common experiences allows for a community of support, understanding, and solidarity that persists even when they go back home.*

A one-of-a-kind event for young newcomers and allies to meet in-person, the Youth Action Gathering (YAG) offers workshops, activities, and training in a friendly, supportive, and accessible space on a variety of topics that concern young people. Ultimately, the main goal of the YAG is to have youth participants collectively decide what key issues the CCR Youth Network should advocate for and to develop action plans that encourage youth newcomers to become agents of change within their communities after the YAG.

Most importantly, **the Youth Action Gathering is guided by the principle of being led by youth, made by youth, only for youth.**

## **Be a part of this major event!**

Sponsorship is a great way to demonstrate your commitment to the progression of a welcoming, diverse, and equitable society while helping us provide a vital space for mobilizing for youth refugee and immigrant rights locally and nationally.

- Reaffirm your allyship towards our future leaders in supporting youth's capacity to participate in advocacy on a national level!
- Become a nationally recognized supporter of youth refugee and newcomer rights.

- Contribute to your own future success: improve employee satisfaction by demonstrating seriousness about your values and commitment to helping vulnerable people.

**About the Youth Action Gathering**

The aim of the annual CCR YAG is to bring together newcomer and refugee youth ages 16-25 from across Canada to share, learn, together strategize and identify common challenges youth newcomers face, and explore ways to address these challenges. The 3-day program structure offers up to 5 sessions each day including workshops, plenary sessions, and informal caucuses on topics that concern the CCR Youth Network (YN). This national 3-day meeting will be held in Montreal, QC, offering a safe space that is made, led, and created by youth - allowing for participants to come together nationally to then become agents of change in their local communities across Canada.

The YAG invites youth refugee and newcomers living in Canada between the ages of 16 and 25, regardless of immigration status, to attend for free. Participant selection criteria will include ensuring regional and gender diversity, francophones and anglophones, and inclusion of youth with origins in different parts of the world, as well as Indigenous and 2SLGBTQI+ youth. All documents, resources, and event sessions will be bilingual (EN/FR) for participants and simultaneous interpretation will be available. The event will also fall on September 30th – National Truth & Reconciliation Day, and so Indigenous solidarity, efforts, and programming will be led by Indigenous youth at the event and will be an important aspect of the YAG. Youth Action Gatherings are organized in partnership with the YN Core Team (6 national youth newcomer leaders), CCR member organizations (200+ across Canada), as well as a national YAG planning committee that consists of 8-9 youth workers from across the country.

For more information about the YAG, please visit [ccrweb.ca/en/youth/welcome](http://ccrweb.ca/en/youth/welcome).

Sponsorship options	Youth sponsorship \$1,500	General event sponsorship \$750	Sponsor YAG session \$500
Acknowledgement on the YN top supporter list	✓		
Acknowledgement in conference kits, report	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement in sponsored session			✓

Sponsorship options (cont'd)	Youth sponsorship \$1,500	General event sponsorship \$750	Sponsor YAG session \$500
Acknowledgement on social media, event	✓	✓	
Acknowledgement on event signage	✓	✓	

**Preliminary list of sessions**

- Mental health and Well-being
- Indigenous Solidarity and Reconciliation
- Cultural Adaptation: Coping with New Culture
- Community Involvement and Youth Engagement
- 2SLGBTQIA+ Rights and Intersectionality
- Navigating Employment and Workplace Rights
- Access to Education and Post-Secondary Institutes
- Working towards an Anti-Racist future

**About the CCR**

The Canadian Council for Refugees is recognized for its leadership in advancing refugee rights. 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. For more information, please visit [ccrweb.ca](http://ccrweb.ca).

**Interested in becoming a sponsor?**

Please fill out the form below. You may fill it out electronically and send it to [shamad@ccrweb.ca](mailto:shamad@ccrweb.ca), or send it by mail, with a cheque to:

Canadian Council for Refugees  
6839 Drolet #301, Montréal QC, H2S 2T1  
Canada

Thank you for your interest and contribution! For more information, or to explore different sponsorship options, contact Shilik Hamad, at [shamad@ccrweb.ca](mailto:shamad@ccrweb.ca).

2023 YAG – Sponsorship form

Full name		
Organization name		
Address		
City	Province	Postal code
Email	Phone number	

Sponsor a YAG session	(Qty) x	\$500	= \$	_____
General YAG sponsorship	(Qty) x	\$750	= \$	_____
Youth sponsorship	(Qty) x	\$1,500	= \$	_____
Other contribution (e.g., social event)			\$	_____
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	_____