

Newcomer Youth Civic Engagement

The NYCE initiative identified and focused on key issues for newcomer youth, providing support in exploring ways to address these issues within their communities

449 newcomer youth participated in projects across the country

6 provinces were involved

13 projects addressing issues for newcomer youth in their own way → **12** projects represented at the Youth Action Gathering

94% of youth participating in the projects were satisfied

The YAG is the CCR Youth Network's annual conference by and for immigrant and refugee youth across Canada



Newcomers are Lit!

Through practicing art with music and spoken word, youth went on to make a video to raise awareness about youth issues



Making a Change!

Youth created a video about newcomers' experiences and presented it to their principal, also addressing issues with ELL classes and their school committed to implementing the youth's recommendations



Adversity 2 Action

Developed resources outlining national, provincial and local organisations working in their communities to address issues, and partnered with a city councillor who will help them continue the project



Tearing Down the Walls

Presented the problems of precarious migrant youth accessing education system to Toronto District School Board who were eager to make changes



Crossing Borders

Youth made plans to create an ESL Buddy System, and a video to educate teachers about the struggles ESL students face in the classroom



Stories of Newcomer Youth

Youth focused on the topics and themes of friendship, the importance of safe spaces for young refugees and newcomers to Canada, and their first impressions of the country in order to weave their stories together in the creation of their video and infographics



Newcomer Youth Voice

Youth used drama, and video to have newcomer youth voices heard - they perform their skit and show their video to increase awareness



Together in Action

Joliette youth realized the need for a positive space and are in the process of creating a house for youth



Conver-Station FM

Opened dialogue between local government representatives and youth, conducted interviews to create a provincial francophone youth network.



Fredericton Youth

Opened the dialogue with teachers and school board to implement programs such as "buddy system" that focus on exchanging cultures between newcomers and Canadians



Facing Issues & Barriers

Created tools to tackle problems and to reach out for help by meeting with the school board, settlement workers and youth workers



The Unexpected Journey

Youth filmed, wrote, edited and acted in a video filmed around Windsor depicting issues newcomers face when arriving, and their video is now being shown around schools

88% expanded their network

90% feel the expanded network supports them in their projects

84% developed strategies

88% increased awareness of issues

92% increased their knowledge

92% gained new skills

YAG 2017, a key part of NYCE, had more participants than ever!

2013 2014 2015 2017