



National Spring Consultation

Victoria, 30 May - 1 June 2019

Roots: Reconciling the global with the local

Join more than 300 others to explore current issues affecting refugee protection and newcomer settlement, with a special focus on dialogue about newcomer settlement on Indigenous land, and building bridges with Indigenous People. All are welcome to participate!

With views from all Canadian provinces and with experts in diverse fields, the Consultation offers opportunities for professional development, networking and strategy.



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Here's what some people like about CCR Consultations:

“I loved the opportunity to share, but also to see the many people involved in the field! It's energizing and motivational!”

“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.”

This is a provisional program.
Check updates at:
ccrweb.ca/meetings

Online Registration

You can register for the CCR Consultation online at:

ccrweb.ca/meetings

Registration forms and payment must be received by **Friday 3 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 complete their registration online, checking the REFUGEE category, by **Thursday 23 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.

Scholarships are available for local youth between 18 and 25 years old in the Victoria area for the first 30 applications received **before Friday 3 May**.

For more information, see:
ccrweb.ca/en/youth-participation

Thursday 30 May

7:30am			
Registration table opens			
8:30 – 9am			
Orientation for first-time participants			
9 – 10 am - Working Group meetings (Part I)*			
Immigration and Settlement	Overseas Protection and Resettlement	Inland Protection	
10:30 - 12 pm - Opening Plenary, with Carey Newman			
1:30 - 3 pm – Workshops			
International students	Group of Five / community sponsorships	Housing for refugee claimants	Building Bridges: settlement on Indigenous lands
3:30 - 5 pm – Workshops			
Migrant workers	Private sponsor /settlement agency relations	Legal aid: equal access to justice	Building Bridges (cont'd)
Evening			
Restaurant outings, organized by the Local Organizing Committee			

Friday 31 May

9 am – 10am Plenary			
Richard Wex, Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board			
10:30am – 12pm – Workshops			
Responding to trauma with care	Complementary pathways	New perspectives on detention	Public opinion*
1:30 pm - 3 pm – Workshops			
Newcomer Youth Engagement	Root Causes: Mining companies	Sexual orientation, gender identity and expression	Trafficking: Indigenous migrants
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Working Group meetings (Part II)*			
Immigration and Settlement	Overseas Protection and Resettlement	Inland Protection	
Evening			
Social event, organized by the Local Organizing Committee			

Saturday 1 June

9 am – 10am Caucus sessions			
Topics to be determined			
10:30am - 12:30pm Closing plenary			
Guest speaker Hassan Al-Kontar, resolutions and General Meeting			

* These sessions are closed to members of the media and government. NGO representatives are encouraged to attend to network and strategize about the issues.

Plenary speakers

- Opening Plenary: Carey Newman, Kwagiulth and Coast Salish artist and Audain Professor at uVictoria. Creator of the [Witness Blanket](#)
- Friday plenary: Richard Wex, Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board
- Closing plenary: Hassan Al-Kontar, a Syrian refugee and activist, stranded for 7 months in a Malaysian airport.

Migrant Worker Issues Forum, 2 June 2019, Vancouver

Full-day meeting for migrant workers and people working with or advocating for the rights of migrant workers. For more information: ccrweb.ca/en/migrant-worker-forum-2019

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

If your group or organization is not yet a member of the CCR, consider joining to benefit from member perks like Consultation registration discounts, free webinars and online resources for CCR members only.

Submit a membership application and your Consultation registration by **3 May 2019** to receive member registration rates and membership for 2019. See ccrweb.ca/en/join for more details.

About CCR Consultations

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

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. Email sgasana@ccrweb.ca to reserve a caucus session space.

Meals

Meals are not included in the Consultation registration fees.

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

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 sgasana@ccrweb.ca

Childcare

During the conference we may be able to provide childcare services for participants, but only for those who have signed up for this service by **3 May 2019**. Email sgasana@ccrweb.ca and indicate your childcare needs on your conference registration. Children must be at least 19 months and toilet-trained.

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 and Settlement and Overseas Protection and Resettlement. 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

Consultation Site:

University of Victoria (UVic) campus

Accommodation

Rooms have been set aside for CCR Consultation participants on the University of Victoria campus. Participants must make their own reservations:

- Single dormitory room – \$52 per room per night, with shared bathrooms.
- Four-bedroom cluster units – \$217 - \$243 per unit per night (regular, deluxe or premium options), with two bathrooms per unit.

To reserve rooms at negotiated rates, book your room as soon as possible and **by Wednesday 15 May 2019** at bit.ly/CCRconsultstaysatUVic. Rates and room availability cannot be guaranteed after this date. Questions? Contact UVic Conference Services: bookings@uvic.ca or call 1-250-721-8657.

For billeting possibilities, email sgasana@ccrweb.ca by **Wednesday 15 May**. A member of the local committee will try to meet your request.

Getting to the Consultation site

For maps of the University of Victoria campus and directions to get there: uvic.ca/home/about/campus-info/maps/index.php

From Victoria International Airport: A taxi costs approximately \$60. Or take the **shuttle bus** to UVic: \$30 one way or \$54 round-trip

By bus: The main bus routes from downtown to UVic are 4, 7, 11, 14, or 15.

Parking: On-campus parking close to the Consultation site costs \$8 per day.

For more information on ways to get to the site, consult the [CCR website](#).

Register for the Spring Consultation online at:
ccrweb.ca/en/meetings

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