

***Fleeing persecution isn't easy.  
Doing something about it is!***

***Believe in standing up for refugee rights?  
You won't want to miss this:***



**Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation  
*On the theme of: Fairness*  
24-26 November 2010, Calgary**

From **24-26 November 2010** refugee and immigrant rights advocates from across Canada will be gathering in **Calgary** for the **Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation**. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth advocates for refugee and immigrant rights to work together.

So...are you asking yourself, 'What does this have to do with me?' Good question! Join others in making youth voices heard! Learn about issues affecting refugees and immigrants and help to develop action plans. Some sessions that might interest you include:

- **Orientation for youth delegates - Tuesday, November 23rd, 7:30 – 9 pm.** Meet other youth and find out about the CCR, the CCR Youth Network and the conference. Please send an email to [cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca](mailto:cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca) if you plan to attend.
- **Workshops** including sessions focusing on youth-specific interests: Debunking myths about newcomer youth, a training workshop on using theatre to get your message out, and much more!
- **Youth Caucus** to discuss the situation of refugee and immigrant youth across Canada. What can we do locally to address issues faced by refugee and immigrant youth? What issues should the CCR Youth Network focus on?

Meeting other youth advocates is just one part of the conference. Other sessions during the Consultation will address the challenges faced by refugees and immigrants and offer the opportunity to:

- Meet more than 300 refugee and immigrant rights advocates and youth activists from around the country.
- Learn about the latest developments in refugee and immigrant issues.
- Make plans to work together with youth from across Canada on issues important to refugee and immigrant youth.
- Participate in discussions and make a difference in policies affecting refugee and immigrant youth.

**Special registration rates are available for all youth delegates between 18 and 25.** Register by November 5<sup>th</sup> to get early registration rates. The first 30 Calgary area youth who register by November 5<sup>th</sup> pay nothing to participate! Otherwise, registration is only \$10. To register, see: <http://www.ccrweb.ca/meetings>

**Travel bursaries for youth.** The CCR has limited funding for youth (age 18-25) to participate in the Fall Consultation. Do you live outside of Calgary? Apply today! The funding will cover travel fare to Calgary, accommodation (shared hotel room) and registration. Other costs such as food and ground transportation are not covered. The CCR particularly encourages the participation of refugee youth in its conferences, but funding will not be limited to youth with a refugee background.

Fill in and submit the application form, together with a letter of support, by **19 October 2010**. For complete application details see: <http://www.ccrweb.ca/consult/youthapplication.htm>

**For information about the CCR Fall Consultation  
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and how to register, see:**

**<http://www.ccrweb.ca/meetings>**

**For information about the CCR Youth Network, contact: Cynthia Beaudry – [cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca](mailto:cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca)**

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## ***Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation:***

**Q: How do I register for the Consultation?**

A: Information about the CCR Fall Consultation and how to register can be found at: <http://www.ccrweb.ca/meetings>. The early registration fee for youth under the age of 25 is \$10, and registration grant are available for the first 30 youth delegates from the Calgary area who register before November 5<sup>th</sup>. Get your forms in early!

**Q: I'm interested in protecting the rights of refugees and I want to get involved. How do I do this?**

Everyone has something to contribute to the conference. We are organizing a special informal 'orientation' on Tuesday, November 23rd at the conference site. This way you can meet other youth attending the conference, find out about the workshops in more detail and get some answers to some of the burning questions that you have. Details about where and when this get-together takes place will follow. Let Cynthia know you're interested in attending at [cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca](mailto:cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca)

**Q: I don't belong to any group, but I am interested in promoting refugee rights in my community. Can I still attend the Consultation?**

A: Absolutely! Registration to the Consultation is open to anyone interested in promoting refugee rights in Canada and internationally. Only the participation of government representatives and members of the media is restricted to certain sessions.

**Q: There are a number of people in my group who are interested in attending. How many representatives from one group can register for the conference?**

A: All of you can! There is no limit to the number of delegates that a single group can sponsor.

**Q: Does the registration fee cover meals, accommodation, and travel to the Consultation?**

A: The registration fee (\$10) for youth covers admission to the conference and refreshments there, but not breakfast, lunch or dinner. It doesn't include travel or accommodation either. BUT...

There is limited travel funding for youth (age 18-25) to participate in the Fall Consultation in Calgary. Do you live outside of Calgary? Apply today! The funding will cover travel to Calgary, accommodation (shared hotel room) and registration. Other costs such as food and local transportation are not covered. The CCR particularly encourages the participation of refugee youth in its conferences, but funding will not be limited to youth with a refugee background.

Fill in and submit the application form, together with a letter of support from an organization, by **October 19th 2010**. For complete application details see: <http://www.ccrweb.ca/consult/youthapplication.htm>

If this doesn't apply to you, you can contact us and we might be able to make some recommendations of how to find funds (university bursaries, community service clubs...)

For accommodation: staying at Coast Plaza Hotel, where the Consultation is taking place, is not the cheapest option available, but we can try to make costs lighter for you. Here are some more reasonable accommodation alternatives that are close to the Consultation site:

**Wicked Hostels Calgary** – <http://www.wickedhostel.com/testing/> (1505 MacLeod Tr SE). It's a direct bus ride to the Consultation site – take bus #202 from the City Hall C-Train station. Rooms start at \$30 per night per person. Contact the hostel for more information.

**HI-Calgary City Centre** – [http://www.hihostels.ca/westerncanada/354/Hi-Calgary\\_City\\_Centre.hostel](http://www.hihostels.ca/westerncanada/354/Hi-Calgary_City_Centre.hostel) (520 7 Ave Southeast). It's a direct bus ride to the Consultation site – take bus #202 from the City Hall C-Train station. Rooms start at \$27 per night per person. Contact the hostel for more information.

It may be possible to find you a billet in Calgary. For **billeting possibilities** (staying at someone's house), email Marisa Berry-Mendez at [marisa@ccrweb.ca](mailto:marisa@ccrweb.ca) as soon as possible and before November 5th. A member of the local organizing committee in Calgary will try to meet your request (The earlier you write to Marisa, the greater the possibilities!).

**Q: I would love to attend the Consultation, but I can't. How else can I get involved with the Canadian Council for Refugees and its campaigns?**

A: The Youth Network events at the Consultation are only part of a larger project organized by the Canadian Council for Refugees to encourage youth involvement in its programs and campaigns. If you would like to be updated on upcoming actions, send an email to Cynthia Beaudry, Youth Coordinator at [cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca](mailto:cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca). We would love to hear from you!

**Q: What does the Canadian Council for Refugees do?**

A : The Canadian Council for Refugees is a non-profit umbrella organization committed to the rights and protection of refugees in Canada and around the world and to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada. The membership is made up of over 180 organizations involved in refugee protection and sponsorship and in newcomer settlement. The CCR serves the networking, information-exchange and advocacy needs of its membership. See [www.ccrweb.ca](http://www.ccrweb.ca) for more info.

**Q: I don't see my question here. Who do I ask?**

A: For all other questions regarding the CCR Fall Consultation on *Fairness* and the Youth Network portion of the program, please contact Cynthia Beaudry at [cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca](mailto:cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca) or call her in Montreal at: (514) 277-7223, ext. 3.