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# Canadian Council for Refugees

## Fall Consultation

### 23-25 November 2006

#### Hyatt Regency Hotel, Montreal

## *Taking the Lead: Refugee and Immigrant Youth*

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### Why attend the CCR Consultation?

- Meet more than 300 refugee and immigrant rights advocates from across Canada.
- Meet youth activists from around the country.
- Learn about the latest developments in refugee and immigration issues.
- Discuss with others how to work together to protect the rights of refugees and immigrants.
- Gain professional training and strategize on a wide range of topics including: youth and settlement challenges and opportunities; immigrant and refugee youth and sexual health; trafficked persons and the immigration program; post-refusal recourses for private refugee sponsorship applications; detention issues; the impact of the 'war on terrorism' on refugees and immigrants; using new media to promote refugee rights; and much more!
- Participate in ongoing dialogue on refugee and immigration policy and programs.
- Re-energize your efforts by meeting with hundreds of others who are passionately committed to the issues.

**At right:**  
**Youth participants at the  
International Refugee Rights  
Conference, June 2006 launched  
the CCR Youth Network.  
Members of the Network will play  
active roles in the CCR Fall  
Consultation.**



## 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 could pay their registration fee can register free of charge.

Refugee participants must fill in a registration form, marking it **REFUGEE PARTICIPANT**, and send it in to the CCR office by **Friday 17 November**.

We hope to have an orientation session in Montreal for refugee participants before the consultation. The purpose of the session is to give people some information about the CCR, so that they can get the most out of their participation. Please send an email to Colleen French at [ccr4@web.ca](mailto:ccr4@web.ca) for details on time and place once they are available.

## Mentoring

The CCR offers a mentor program to assist participants attending their first consultation. You can ask on the registration form to be paired with a person more experienced in the ways of the CCR who will help you understand CCR processes.

## Consultation Program\*

### WEDNESDAY, November 22nd

7pm - 8pm: Executive meeting

8pm – 9:30pm: Training for moderators and other leaders - *This session is for anyone moderating a workshop session, CCR leaders, and anyone else interested in developing their skills in promoting productive discussions in an environment free of discrimination.*

**9 pm - Film screening ‘Bledi, This is our home’** (in French; English subtitles), with director, Malcolm Guy. *This film tells of the daily struggles of Algerians living in Canada without status and facing deportation. It raises important questions about Canadian immigration policies in the context of the ‘war on terrorism’.*

### THURSDAY, November 23rd

8 am - 9 am

Orientation for new participants
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9 am - 10:30 am

Opening plenary
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11 am - 12:30pm

HIV/AIDS and refugee claims & landing issues	Working conditions in the sector	Iraqi refugees in the Middle East	Refugee women’s space
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2pm - 3:30pm

Refugee and immigrant youth and sexual health	Detention: A regional perspective from Montreal	Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual youth issues	Using new media to promote refugee rights
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4pm - 5:30pm

HIV-AIDS – settlement issues	Overcoming social barriers faced by immigrant and refugee youth	Children, Youth and Torture	Gender Analysis: Priorities for the coming year
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7pm - 9pm: Plenary Session - *Perspectives from federal parties*

Meili Faille, MP, Bloc québécois immigration critic

Raymonde Folco, MP, Liberal immigration critic

Bill Siksay, MP, NDP immigration critic

Representative of the Conservative Party, to be confirmed

### FRIDAY, November 24th

9 am - 11 am

Youth and settlement challenges and opportunities	Border stories: refugee youth searching for a future	Humanitarianism in the immigration programs
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11:30 - 12:30pm

Plenary session – CCR strategic planning
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2 pm - 5:30 pm

Immigration & Settlement Working Group**	Overseas Protection & Sponsorship Working Group**	Inland Protection Working Group **
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Evening social event - Restaurant outing in small, guided groups

\* This is a provisional agenda. Updates will be available online at: [www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm](http://www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm)

\*\* These sessions are closed to members of media and government.

## Consultation Program (continued)\*

### SATURDAY, November 25th

8:45am - 9:30am

Informal session for people wishing to get more involved in the CCR
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9:30am – 10:30am

Doing an integrated anti-oppression analysis	Information session on trafficked persons and the immigration program	Federal and Québec-based settlement programs - to be confirmed	Impact of the 'war on terrorism' on refugees and immigrants
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11am – 12 noon

Remedies for refusal of a Private Sponsorship application	The new Temporary Residence Permit for trafficked persons	CCR strategic planning	Impact of the 'war on terrorism' (continued)
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1:30pm - 4pm CCR Annual General Meeting

### SUNDAY, November 26th

9am - 5pm Executive meeting (Working Group and Core Group chairs)

## About CCR Consultations

The Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) consultations address issues of refugee protection and immigrant and refugee settlement. Bringing together 300 or more people from across Canada and beyond twice a year, they offer key opportunities for information exchange, networking, strategy development and discussion. Participants include refugees, immigrants, representatives of NGOs, government, UNHCR, academics, community workers, youth advocates and international guests.

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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 and learn from experts in the field
- exchange information and prepare resolutions on a broad range of refugee and newcomer issues
- contribute to the CCR working groups' ongoing dialogue on policy and legislation

The consultation will include: participatory workshops, working sessions to develop specific action items, and a concluding plenary session. These discussions will result in concrete actions.

### Registration

Fill in the attached registration form or registration forms can be found online at: <http://www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm>

### Caucus sessions

Participants are invited to schedule caucus meetings during the consultation. The meetings will be listed publicly and open to all interested. The People of colour caucus is included.

### Childcare

During the conference we may be able to provide childcare services for consultation participants who have signed up for this service **by Monday, 6 November**. Please specify times at which childcare is needed and the age(s) of the children (they must be toilet-trained) - we will get back to you to let you know if it is.

### Information Tables

Tables will be available for groups to display brochures etc. For more elaborate displays, please send an email to [ccr2@web.ca](mailto:ccr2@web.ca) **by Monday, 6 November**.

## About the CCR

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 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 is concerned for the rights of refugees in Canada and around the world and for the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada. The CCR is an umbrella organization which draws its strength from the participation of members.

**MEMBERSHIP** All Canadian NGOs are welcome to apply to become voting members. Other forms of membership are available for individuals or non-Canadian organizations. Please look on our website under *Join the CCR*.

**ISSUES AND POLICY** The CCR has issues committees called Working Groups, on Inland Protection, Immigration & Settlement and Overseas Protection & Sponsorship. There are also Core Groups on gender issues, anti-racism and communications. All NGO representatives are encouraged to participate. CCR policy is established by resolutions adopted by the membership at its general meetings held twice a year.

## Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation Site

### Hyatt Regency Hotel

1255 Jeanne-Mance, Montreal, Quebec  
Tel: (514) 982-1234 Fax: (514) 285-1243  
Or call toll-free : 1-800-361-8234

### Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved for CCR Consultation participants at the Hyatt Regency hotel at the negotiated daily rate of:

\$135 + tax/night for a single or double occupancy room (2 double beds)

\$205 + tax/night for a Regency Club suite (single or double occupancy)

To ensure access to reserved rooms and negotiated rates, book by **Wednesday 15 November**. Call (514) 982-1234, or toll free, 1-800-361-8234 and say you are with the CCR Consultation. Bookings can also be made online at [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com)

For billeting possibilities, email [ccr2@web.ca](mailto:ccr2@web.ca) and a member of the local organizing committee will try to meet your request.

### Getting to the Hotel

**By taxi from Dorval/Trudeau airport**  
Taxis from the airport cost approximately \$30 one-way.

**By car**  
Driving directions available online at: [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com)

**By metro**  
Place Des Arts (green line): Exit onto Jeanne-Mance, walk south (left toward St. Catherine Street). The Hotel is located on the corner of St. Catherine Street and Jeanne-Mance Street.

Or Place d'Armes (orange line): There are underground passages through Complexe Guy-Favreau to Complexe Desjardins to which the hotel connects.

***Registration forms for the CCR Fall Consultation are available online at:***

***<http://www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm>***

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