



Canadian Council for Refugees  
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés

## About the Canadian Council for Refugees' Working Groups and their work



The CCR's three Working Groups provide the forum for CCR members and other refugee and immigrant rights advocates to exchange information, network and develop policy positions in particular areas of concern. Each Working Group is responsible for preparing resolutions, following up on action items, and planning workshops for the consultations, as well as for advising the CCR Executive on policy. The Working Group meetings are closed to representatives of government and

the media.

The CCR Working Groups meet four times a year. Two of these meetings take place during the consultations in May and November of each year. The other two series of working group meetings take place in February (in Toronto) and in September (in Montreal).

The working group meetings offer an excellent opportunity to:

- > Participate in efforts to promote refugee protection and resettlement, and the settlement of refugees and immigrants
- > Discuss in depth pressing issues affecting refugees and immigrants in Canada
- > Share information and strategies with others from across Canada

## Summer Working Group Meetings 6 and 7 September 2013 Montreal



Do you want to be part of efforts to promote rights for refugees? Want to participate in in-depth discussions on pressing issues affecting refugees and immigrants in Canada?

Looking for an opportunity to share information and strategies with others from across Canada?

Come to the CCR Summer Working Group meetings in Montreal!

### **Overseas Protection and Sponsorship Working Group**

*Friday, September 6th, 9:30 - 5:00 pm*

### **Inland Protection Working Group**

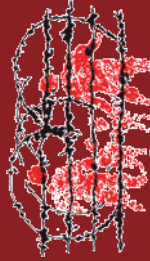
*Saturday, September 7th, 9:30 - 5:00 pm*

### **Immigration and Settlement Working Group**

*Saturday, September 7th, 9:30 - 5:00 pm*

YMCA Downtown Residence  
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## Overseas Protection & Sponsorship Working Group

Friday, September 6th, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Looks at issues relating to the selection of refugees overseas (refugees sponsored by either the government or private groups), the programs for them here in Canada, and protection issues for refugees around the world.

The Overseas Protection and Sponsorship Working Group has key campaigns:

- > Recent changes to refugee sponsorship in Canada
- > Long processing times
- > Family reunification

In addition, the working group regularly addresses threats to the rights of refugees outside Canada, as well as promoting resettlement as a durable solution in Canada and internationally.

*For more information about the Overseas Protection and Sponsorship Working Group, see:*

**[ccrweb.ca/OPS](http://ccrweb.ca/OPS)**

## Immigration and Settlement Working Group

Saturday, September 7th, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Looks at all issues relating to refugee and immigrant settlement in Canada (such as access to employment, housing, racialization of poverty).

Ensures that immigration and settlement issues receive high priority at CCR conferences.

The Immigration and Settlement Working Group focuses on the following key issues:

- > Access to services
- > Rights of migrant workers
- > Issues affecting newcomer youth

*For more information about the Immigration and Settlement Working Group, see:*

**[ccrweb.ca/IS](http://ccrweb.ca/IS)**

## Inland Protection Working Group

Saturday, September 7th, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Is concerned for the protection of refugee claimants in Canada or seeking to come to Canada.

The Inland Protection Working Group focuses on the following key issues:

- > Supporting claimants in the new refugee determination system
- > Access to protection

The Working Group also regularly looks at issues of detention, security inadmissibility, access to health care and a wide variety of problems facing refugee claimants.

*For more information about the Inland Protection Working Group, see:*

**[ccrweb.ca/IP](http://ccrweb.ca/IP)**