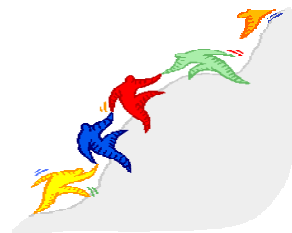


***Fleeing persecution isn't easy.***

***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  
*Taking the Lead : Refugee and Immigrant Youth*  
23-25 November 2006, Montreal, Quebec**

From **23-25 November 2006** refugee and immigrant rights advocates from across Canada will be gathering in **Montreal** for the **Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation**. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth refugee and immigrant rights advocates to collaborate to improve refugee and immigrant rights and to agree on strategies to work together more effectively.

So...are you asking yourself, 'What does this have to do with me?' Good question! The Canadian Council for Refugees Youth Network formed in June 2006 and its members are planning an active role in the Consultation. Join us! By the end of the conference, we aim to have plans for future efforts to work together. Confirmed sessions to be organized by members of the Youth Network include:

- **Orientation for youth delegates - Wednesday, November 22nd, 7:30 – 9 pm (location to be announced)**  
Meet other youth activists attending the conference in a fun, informal atmosphere. Find out more about the workshops and conference sessions taking place at the International Conference. Discover how you can become more involved in the CCR and about the CCR Youth Network.
- **Workshops** including sessions on social barriers affecting refugee and immigrant youth and how we are overcoming them; youth and settlement challenges and opportunities; refugee and immigrant youth and sexual health; trafficked persons and the immigration program; detention issues; the impact of the 'war on terrorism' on refugees and immigrants, using new media to promote refugee rights, and much more!
- **Youth Caucus on campaigning for refugee rights** to discuss campaigning priorities to promote refugee and immigrant rights

Connecting with other youth advocates of refugee and immigrant rights is one of many aspects of this event. Other sessions during the Consultation will address the challenges faced by refugees, immigrants and their allies and will allow participants:

- To meet more than 300 refugee and immigrant rights advocates from across Canada and youth activists from around the country.
- To learn about the latest developments in refugee and immigrant issues.
- To discuss with others how to work together to protect the rights of refugees and immigrants.
- To participate in ongoing dialogue on refugee and immigrant policies and programs.

**Special registration rates are available for youth delegates between the ages of 18 and 25.** Register now so that you can take advantage of the early registration rate and make travel plans.

**For information about the CCR Fall Consultation  
*Taking the Lead : Refugee and Immigrant Youth*  
and how to register, see:  
[www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm](http://www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm)**

**For information about the CCR Youth Network, contact:  
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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: [www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm](http://www.web.ca/ccr/meetings.htm) The early registration fee for youth under the age of 25 is \$25, but it goes up to \$35 after 3 November 2006. 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 the evening of Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Montreal before the Consultation begins. This way you can meet other youth who will be 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 Colleen know you're interested in attending at [ccr4@web.ca](mailto:ccr4@web.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 Conference?**

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 Conference?**

A: The registration fee (\$25) 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... If you contact us, we might be able to make some recommendations of how to find funds (university bursaries, community service clubs...)

For transport to Montreal, we're attempting to set up an online rideboard at <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/CCRjeunes>. For people traveling to Montreal by plane, when you become a member of TakingITGlobal ([www.takingitglobal.org](http://www.takingitglobal.org)), where the CCR Youth Network space is hosted, you can benefit from a 10% discount on trips with WestJet (Hey! Not bad... two for one!)

About accommodation, staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Montreal, where the Consultation is taking place, is not cheap, but we can try to make costs lighter for you. Here are some cheaper alternatives:

1) *Call up friends or relatives* that you know in the Montreal area to see if you can stay with them. A conference and a reunion are always a great combination!

2) Send an email to **Soufia Galand** ([soufia.galand@umontreal.ca](mailto:soufia.galand@umontreal.ca)) to see if we can find a *billet* for you. There are no guarantees that there will be enough space for everyone, so look at some of the other options listed here for your Plan B!

3) Book a place at a *youth hostel* in the Montreal area. Check to see what is available between 23-25 November 2006 (but we suggest staying over on the night of 22 November too!):

\*Alternative Hostel of Old Montreal  
358 Saint-Pierre Street, Montreal  
tel : (514) 282-8069  
<http://www.auberge-alternative.qc.ca/>

\*Montreal HI (Hostelling International) Youth Hostel  
1030 Mackay Street, Montréal  
tel : 1-866-843-3317  
fax : (514) 934-3251  
[http://www.hostellingmontreal.com/en/auberge\\_montreal.aspx](http://www.hostellingmontreal.com/en/auberge_montreal.aspx)

\*Le Gite du Plateau Mont-Royal  
185 Sherbrooke Street East, Montréal  
tel : (514) 284-1276; or toll-free from Canada and the USA: 1-877-350-4483

\*Montreal YWCA Hostel  
1355 René-Lévesque Blvd West, Montréal  
tel : +1-514-866-9941  
fax : +1-514-861-1603  
<http://www.ydesfemmesmtl.org/site/179/default.aspx>

4) Sign up as a member of a *Hospitality Exchange*! Many members of the groups listed below are in the Montreal area:

Hospitality Club: <http://www.hospitalityclub.org>  
Couchsurfing.net: <http://www.couchsurfing.com>

**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 Colleen French, Communications and Networking Coordinator at [cc4@web.ca](mailto:cc4@web.ca) We would love to hear from you and get your input!

Also, check out the CCR Youth Network online forum at: <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/CCRjeunes> on youth participation within the CCR and its campaigns through suggested actions, ideas for promoting refugee and immigrant rights in your community, at your school or on your campus.

**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.web.ca/ccr](http://www.web.ca/ccr) 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 *Taking the Lead: Refugee and Immigrant Youth* and the Youth Network portion of the program, please contact Colleen French at [ccr4@web.ca](mailto:ccr4@web.ca) or give her a call in Montreal at: (514) 277-7223, ext. 1 You can also join the Youth Network's online discussions on the TakingITGlobal website at: <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/CCRjeunes>

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