

FCJ Refugee Centre

# Fall Newsletter 2017

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[www.fcjrefugeecentre.org](http://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org)

**GIVINGTUESDAY™**

**SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 28, 2017**

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Join the #GivingTuesday campaign - support a refugee and celebrate giving!

Giving Tuesday is a new Canadian movement for giving and volunteering, taking place each year after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year it falls on November 28th. It is a day where charities, companies and individuals join together to share commitments, rally for favourite causes and think about others .



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"Helping those in need benefits everyone. It benefits the entire society, not just the individuals. Give what you can in order to make the world a slightly happier place." Quote by Izabela who came by the office to make a donation.



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## THE RELEARNING REFUGEE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Continuous changes on the immigration and refugee procedures have created significant confusion and overstretching of the settlement sector broadly speaking. The Relearning Refugee Protection Program allows FCJ Refugee Centre to provide a holistic service, ensuring access to justice for precarious migrants within new and emerging areas of immigration and the refugee protection program. Through this program our clients can receive the appropriate information and services that respond to their unique sets of needs.

The Relearning Refugee Protection program is possible thanks to the support of the Law Foundation's Access to Justice Fund.

## FCJ Refugee Centre tries to highlight the voice of uprooted people on GivingTuesday

The FCJ Youth Network is currently working on a video that highlights their experiences with racism. The group was working hard on the filming of the video, that includes original poetry. Stay tuned for the release of the video later this month!

## Support newcomers - Donate winter clothing!

"I wanted to make a small contribution to those who are new in Canada. So I looked in my closet and found a jacket, sweaters and pillows that someone else could use. Please do the same, and consider making a difference in someone else's life." Quote by Ewa Modlinska, Toronto.



"I find my job at the FCJ Refugee Centre interesting as I interact with newcomers from different countries almost every day," said Jo-Anne who just joined FCJ for a 6 week coop placement as a receptionist.

FCJ Refugee Centre in partnership with St. Stephen's Community House supports young people and newcomers and other community members by assisting them in how to prepare for and get a job. We provide co-op placement opportunities at multiple levels at the FCJ Refugee Centre.

In addition to gaining experience as a receptionist and earning professional skills, Jo-Anne also found a culture of caring and support at the FCJ Refugee Centre. "I found everyone is so caring in this office," said Jo-Anne, "people come and volunteer their time even though they don't have to do that".

As winter is coming, people have been donating winter clothing for vulnerable newcomers and uprooted people. Similarly to many others who make donations, Jo-Anne also tries to take part by also providing support when she is faced with someone in great need among the people who are referred to FCJ. "Once a lady came to FCJ straight from the airport and I gave her my own coat as she did not have one for the cold weather," Jo-Anne explained.

## Join us- Work Placement program with the FCJ Refugee Center

The 8 months of my placement at FCJ has given new meaning to my existence. I came across different clients of all races and culture. As much as the experience has given me the joy of helping people with their immigration process, it has also shown me different sides of our clients' problems. Doing my placement at this organization is the best thing I have ever done. The organization welcomes everyone and walks them through their immigration process, which is a much needed service in our community.



I couldn't be happier and grateful enough for this community for accepting me as a part of it. This is the only place where I have experienced a real sense of family away from my own. The work that this community does is beyond appreciation. And the list of their services is endless! Every hour spent at this centre helping people is worthwhile. I am looking forward to continue to giving my time to this community, and adding it to its success. Thank you FCJ Refugee Centre!

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SSW Seneca College

## Our Newcomer Settlement Program continues to assist vulnerable populations

Since its establishment, the FCJ Refugee Centre provide support to vulnerable newcomers to Canada including refugee claimants, refugees, non-status persons, etc. Assisting precarious migrants has become a challenge over the years mainly due to lack of proper funding to allow for holistic wrap around supports to those populations.



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However, for a third consecutive year the Newcomer Settlement Program funding by the Ontario Government provided us with the opportunity to focus more efforts on our most vulnerable clients. Our NSP clients have additional vulnerabilities determined by multiple intersecting identities such as age, immigration status, family, language among others.

Through this funding, although limited, we are able to assist approximately hundred new vulnerable clients, such as single youth mothers with precarious immigration status, a year. In addition, monthly information sessions on H&C and other applications are available for interested clients.



*Picture from Cristina Martins @CMartinsMPP Oct 25  
I'm here at the [@RefugeeCentre](#) to announce funding that  
will help combat human trafficking in [#Davenport](#) & across  
Ontario*

## NEW PROJECT: MIGRANT WORKERS WELCOME CENTRE

The FCJ Refugee Centre was one of the few organizations in Ontario who received a three year funding from the MCSS to continue working with exploited or at risk migrant workers.

Currently, there is a lack of services, settlement and/or legal available to migrant workers who are exploited or at risk. To respond to this, the FCJ Refugee Centre received financial support to set up a

**Migrant Workers Welcome Centre**, with three main goals: 1) to prevent instances of labour exploitation by informing migrant workers about labour and immigration laws, policies and available community supports; 2) to identify at-risk or potential labour exploitation cases with the support of peers, and offer holistic case management support services; 3) to collect information about the



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extent of labour exploitation as well as the complex experiences of migrant workers exploited within the spectrum.

**Most specifically this project aims to outline the spectrum within which migrant workers are exploited, and the complexities of their unique needs and support which will reflect future policy development.**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Peer Migrant Case Worker

**(One year contract with possibility for renewal)**

**Application deadline:** December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:00 pm

**Start date:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Salary and Hours:** \$18/hr, up to 25 hours per week

**Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and résumé by mail or email (in word format) by December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:00 pm to: Loly Rico**  
lolyrico@fcjrefugeecentre.org

**More details at <http://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org/2017/11/job-opportunity-peer-migrant-case-worker/>**