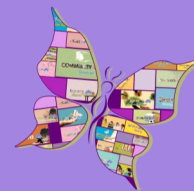


# SPRING

# 2018



## NEWSLETTER

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# MAY 31, 2018



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**ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING FORUM:  
DECONSTRUCTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING:  
EXPLORING THE EXPLOITATION SPECTRUM  
AND PROTECTING SURVIVORS**

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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Eventbrite:

<https://antihumantraffickingforum.eventbrite.ca>

**VENUE AND TIME**

Venue will be confirmed soon

From 9:30 am to 4 pm

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

**\$10.00 towards lunch**

(if the fee is a barrier to participation, please let us know)

- Refugee Rights Month
- Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- Training for volunteers, students and staff
- Tax clinic volunteer
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- Stories in pictures
- CCR International Refugee Rights Conference 2018
- Migrant Workers Mobile Centre

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FCJ Refugee Centre

*Walking with Uprooted People*



# April: Refugee Rights month

April 4th, 2018, was an inspiring evening at the Refugee Rights Month launch. Every year April is dedicated to reflecting on the advances made on the protection of refugee rights in Canada. FCJ Refugee Centre invites you to join this conversation and support refugees.

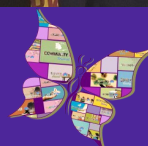
## Refugee Rights Month moments

I WILL DEMAND FAIR PROCEDURES  
FOR REFUGEES IN CANADA



I WILL CHALLENGE AND REBUT  
NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES ABOUT  
REFUGEES

I WILL SUPPORT SPEEDY REUNIFICATION FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES





### Three recommendations to protect refugees and make our communities better

On [Refugee Rights Day](#) (April 4), the Canadian Council for Refugees is urging the government to resettle more refugees, to process refugee applications more quickly and to treat refugee claimants fairly.

“Refugees are people who are fleeing for their lives and Canada must do more to offer them a safe refuge,” said Claire Roque, President. “Opening our doors is not only the right thing to do – it benefits us, since people who come as refugees contribute in so many ways. History shows us that our communities are stronger when we welcome refugees.”

On and around April 4, CCR members across the country are visiting Members of Parliament to bring forward key recommendations:

- Resettle 20,000 government-assisted refugees annually.
- Ensure applications of privately sponsored refugees are processed within 12 months.
- Reform the refugee determination system so that all claimants have access to a fair hearing before an expert independent tribunal (the Immigration and Refugee Board).

For more information: [ccrweb.ca/en/stronger-communities-advocacy](http://ccrweb.ca/en/stronger-communities-advocacy)

### Arbitrary Borders: a great exhibition showcasing the work of refugees and Canadian artists in solidarity





# Training for volunteers and staff

Refugee Centre wants to welcome the new group of volunteers who became part of FCJ Refugee Centre family. During winter and spring 2018 we had several trainings on anti-human trafficking as part of the new programs we are implementing.



Team of Volunteers, students and staff FCJ Refugee Centre

**Evellyn Rosales – George Brown College (1<sup>st</sup> Year Student – Community Worker Program)**

I had the privilege of working with FCJ Refugee Centre as my 1<sup>st</sup> year placement in the Community Worker Program. My experience working with everyone

and having Diana as my mentor has surpassed all my expectations. Not only did I have a mentor who is hardworking, dedicated, and passionate, who also is a graduate from the same program that I am taking, but every single person at FCJ has made a significant impact to my learning and skill building as a Community Worker-in-Training. It is no surprise that the reason why FCJ is a great organization with amazing staff, work ethic and drive is because of their fierce leaders Loly and Francisco. They have been of great support, strong pillars with decades of experience, knowledge and will to fight injustices that I admire.



I am fortunate to have been able to learn and work with a group of people who genuinely care about the community and to those that seek assistance in integrating into Canadian Society with their families. What is usually a busy and fast paced working environment, is also quiet and sweet with the occasional homemade lunches that are prepared and ready to share with everyone, building a great sense of community and family. All that FCJ is respected and known for is emphasized by their hard work, boldness, courage, determination and genuine care everyone has demonstrated through their work and to their clients.

I know that anyone who may be interested in doing their placement or volunteer work at FCJ will not be disappointed, but instead be given many opportunities to learn, train, be equipped, challenged as a volunteer and as a person. There is no doubt that if working with immigrants and refugees or any of the programs they offer is of your interest, you will learn, you will grow, and you will want to take action and work hard just like these community workers do on a daily basis. This is how I know that I am in the right direction and being prepared for my future endeavors as a Community Worker, even with its challenges, I am looking forward to it.



# Anti-Human Trafficking

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 was the first annual Provincial Day dedicated to raise awareness about the crime of human trafficking. On May 2017 Ontario passed the Anti-Human Trafficking Act, which increases protection for survivors and those at risk of human trafficking. The Act also proclaims February 22 of each year as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Ontario. Different events were organised across the province. FCJ Refugee Centre joined some of the events in Toronto.



# Migrants Workers Mobile Centre

The FCJ Refugee Centre was one of the few organizations in Ontario who received 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 Mobile Centre.

## Migrant Workers Mobile Centre

*Migrant workers and caregivers have rights*

- Many caregivers are victims of abuse and many migrant workers are mistreated!
- Migrant workers and caregivers can receive support and counselling
- Do not forget to count your worked hours. If you couldn't take a break because of the intensity of your tasks, or you didn't have time to take it, make a record of those moments, because it will be helpful for future claims or complaints.
- Don't be afraid when demanding your rights. Do not allow abusive situations to happen. Do you know that if you lose your job, you can remain in Canada until your work permit expires?
- No one can discriminate and no one can be abusive to you! You have rights!

**Staff from  
FCJ Refugee Centre  
can go to your  
workplace . During  
the visit FCJ Refugee  
Centre staff will  
provide orientation  
and immigration  
support**

**WE ARE WILLING TO  
MEET WITH YOU,  
EVEN NEAR YOUR  
PLACE OF WORK**



# CCR International Refugee Rights Conference

In June 2018, the Canadian Council for Refugees invites non-governmental organizations and others to attend an international conference in Toronto designed to enhance effectiveness in promoting the human rights of refugees and vulnerable migrants. Representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academics, government officials, UNHCR representatives, refugees and vulnerable migrants are welcome. Special attention will be given to representation from the Global South.

The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues facing refugees and other vulnerable migrants.

One of the objectives of the conference is to promote ongoing cross-border networking, knowledge-exchange, strategizing and collaboration among NGOs committed to the rights of refugees and vulnerable migrants, and between NGOs and academics.

More details and registration:

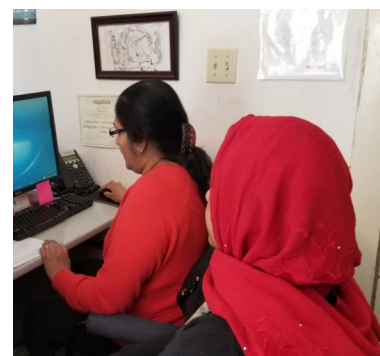
<http://ccrweb.ca/en/international-refugee-rights-conference-2018#zoom=8&lat=43.77345&lon=-79.50187&layers=BT>

## FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE TAX CLINIC

The tax clinic successfully finished on April 30th. During this season we managed to serve more than 100 clients. Thank you to our tax clinic team for participating in the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program for the 2018 season.

We will get ready for next year and also we invite friends of FCJ Refugee Centre who want to support volunteering during the community tax clinic

A big thank you to everyone!





# Re-use, Re-purpose and Re-cycle

We are organising the FCJ **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!** Donate to the FCJ Refugee Centre sidewalk sale. If you want to help others, this is the perfect time to do it !!

**Start your spring cleaning! Clean your garage!**

The FCJ Refugee Centre is looking for donations. Check out the work of the Centre:

<http://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org>.

We are collecting for two main projects. Every year we organize a garage sale (2 if we have a lot of stuff!). This is a fundraising event but also serves as a social event, where neighbors and others drop by to chat and get to know the work of the Centre. It can be fun so let me know if you want to drop by! We are looking for things for both the garage sale and for the transitional houses.

For the garage sale in June: gently used households items, shoes, kitchen items, toys, self-care items, stationery items, jewelry, arts and crafts stuff, sheets, blankets, tools, bits and pieces from your craft making tool collection, gently used clothes.

We would need the stuff by the second week of June.

For the shelters: small kitchen appliances, kitchen stuff, clothes hangers for the clothing bank, self-care items, arts and crafts stuff (knitting and crochet needles, sewing stuff, beads and other jewellery making things, including tools, etc.), bed linen, blankets, toiletries, etc. gently used clothes for women and children.



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**Clean your garage!**

We will take gently used households items, shoes, kitchen items, toys, self-care items, stationery items, jewelry, arts and crafts stuff, sheets, blankets, tools, bits and pieces from your craft making tool collection...

**For donations contact us at:**

**info@fcjrefugeecentre.org or call us 416-469-9754**

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