



FCJ Refugee Centre

Walking With Uprooted People

EVOLUTION
HOLA HELLO
NETWORK FRIENDS
CHANGE DIVERSITY
BIENVENU HOME
FRUSTRATION
NEW PEOPLE
CHALLENGE MORPHOSIS
PARTICIPATION FREEDOM
FUN RIGHTS
TRADITIONS
YOUTH PEACE
LANGUAGE WELCOME
CULTURES LOVE
OPPORTUNITY



YOUTH NETWORK

Youth Workers: Jovana and Victoria

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land we are standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.





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WHO WE ARE

&

YOUTH NETWORK

HISTORY





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WALKING WITH UPROOTED PEOPLE

- We are a non-profit organization which serves refugees and others at risk due to their immigration status
- We welcome anyone asking for advice, counsel and support regarding these issues.
- We address systemic issues that newly arrived refugee claimants and persons with precarious immigrations status face in Canada including lack of resources, marginalization, and discrimination.

30
YEARS

FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE

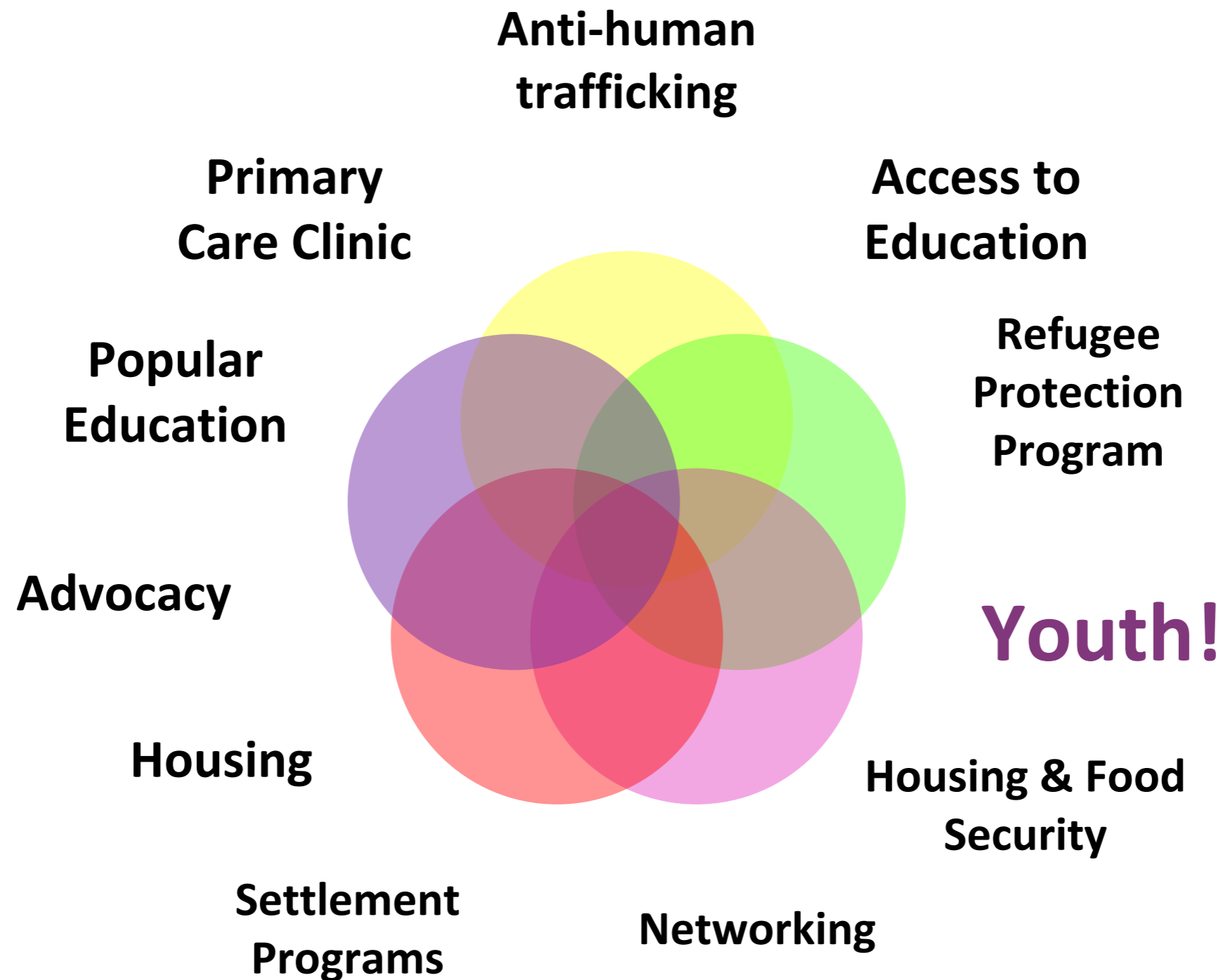
Shoulder to Shoulder, Side by Side

Walking with Uprooted People for 30 years

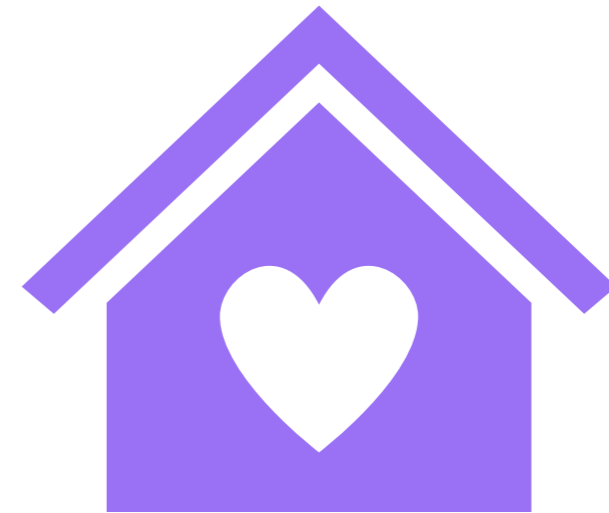




WHAT WE DO



THE FCJ YOUTH NETWORK



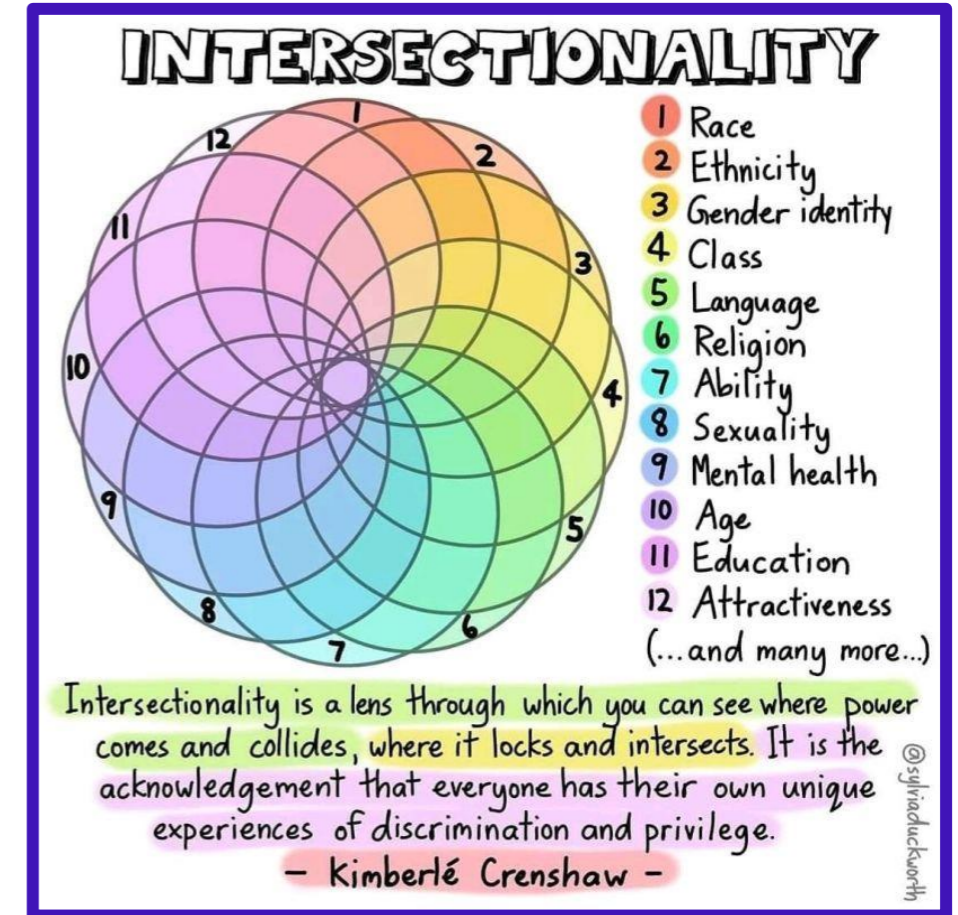
The FCJ Youth Network is a positive and inclusive space to welcome migrant and newcomer youth from around the world.

Meetings every Wednesday 4:30pm (virtually and in person)

ANYONE IS WELCOMED

The FCJ Youth Network strives to welcome anyone regardless of their:

- Immigration status
- Language
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Sexuality
- Gender Identity
- Religion
- Mental health or any other aspect of their identity.



FCJYN: SAFE SPACE FOR YOUTH

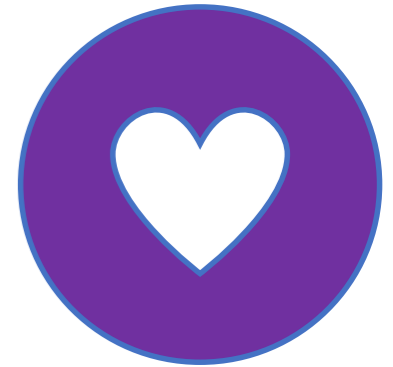
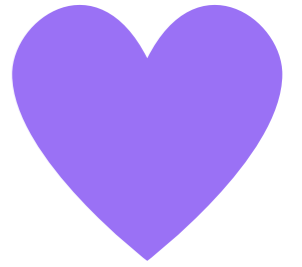
- Where youth can feel welcomed and free to share their ideas, stories and needs.
- A place where youth do not need to hide part of their intersecting identities due to fear of being judged.
- We are dedicated to create, revise, improve the safe space.
- Listen, respond - show that we're here, our door is open, and we're here to reach out to support the changing need of our youth.



**VALUE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND
ALWAYS ASK FOR THEIR OPINION**

WHY JOIN?

- ▶ Community Hours
- ▶ Leadership skills
- ▶ Communication and writing skills
- ▶ Make new friends
- ▶ Share your ideas and experiences
- ▶ More opportunities
- ▶ Increase social support networks
- ▶ Establish a life in Canada*
- ▶ Support in Accessing
 - ▶ Housing
 - ▶ Employment
 - ▶ Health Care and Mental Health Support
 - ▶ Recreational Programs
 - ▶ Financial Assistance
 - ▶ Immigration Status Support
 - ▶ Legal Support
 - ▶ Safe Space



THE FCJ YOUTH NETWORK AND ITS SUCCESS



- The Youth Network examines all elements of intersectionality and anti-oppression and uses this to build goals and programs.
- Programs that have been created through the collaboration of the Youth Network

Access to Education Campaigns



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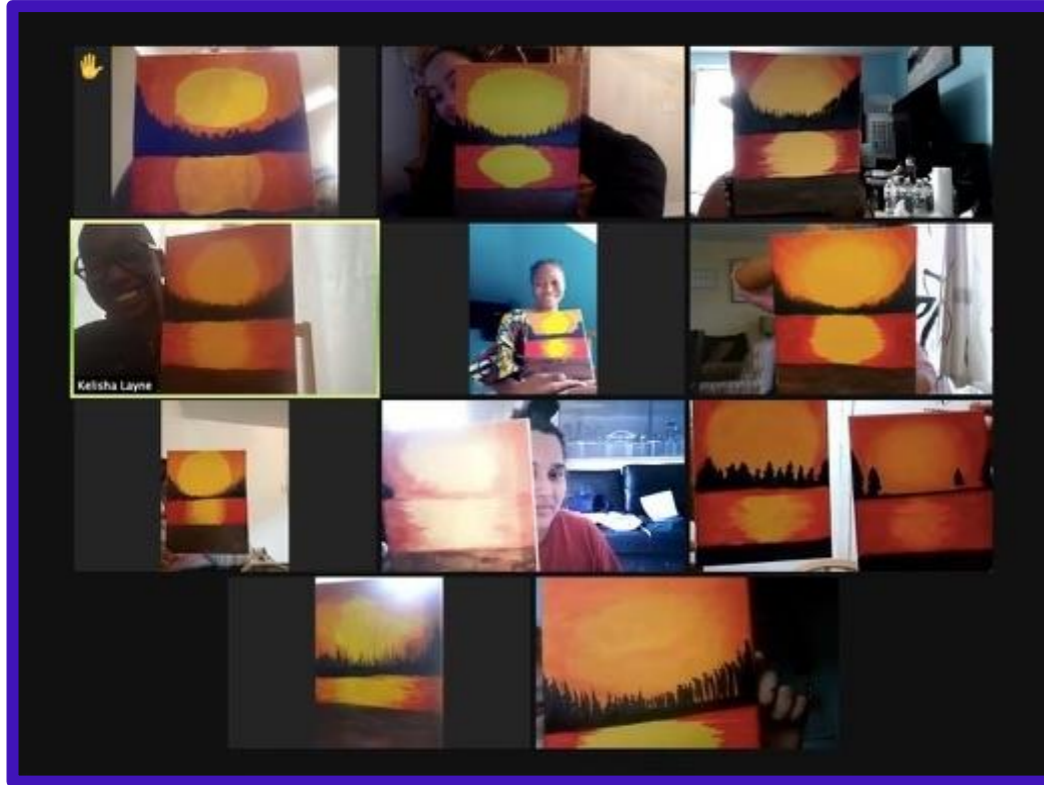
Bestie Book



**WORKING WITH
YOUTH;
CREATING SAFE
SPACES DURING
COVID-19**



SNAPSHOTS OF THIS PAST YEAR



STAYING CONNECTED DURING THE PANDEMIC



► Podcast: Home is Here

- We recently launched our Home is Here Podcast
- Our goal is to delve into topics that are important to us, as a community.
- These topics will be dense, impactful, yet healing to those who will be listening.
- Another mission of ours is to have it youth-led, and we invite more youth to be part of this journey.

► Movie Nights

- We launched our weekly movie nights where the youth get to choose what movie they want to watch.
- We had to create another way to solidify our familial bond during this torrid time.
- Our goal is always to invite more youth from different organizations or collaborate with other organizations.

STAYING CONNECTED DURING THE PANDEMIC



➤ Virtual Monthly Dinner

- Every last Wednesday of the month we organize our traditional community dinner. Due to COVID-19 we had to change the format of our dinners but that has not stop us from sharing together as a family.
- Youth are always welcome to share their recipes

➤ Bestie Book: Summer Edition

- We have created our very own newsletter, which featured the recipes, pictures, poems and stories created and taken by our youth.
- Stay connected if you would like to share any of your art pieces for the fall edition.



ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING & YOUTH

FCJ Anti-Human Trafficking Team:

- Applies anti-oppressive lens to provide wrap-around case management to precarious migrants with lived experiences of human trafficking for the intent of labour and sex exploitation.
- Conduct outreach for public awareness, create and organize networks of organizations against HT, advocate for policy change.

Who are precarious migrants?



YOUTH ALLIANCE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Regional project that provides access to wrap around supports for youth at risk or in conditions of human trafficking AND connecting those with lived experiences to appropriate resources.
- Youth led capacity building and information sessions for youth, educators, service providers
- Steering Committee open to all youth!



**ADVOCACY &
ALLYSHIP;

NOW
IT'S MORE
IMPORTANT THAN
EVER**



"Advocacy isn't always about systemic change; sometimes it's about connecting with the community and creating awareness.. 'from our kitchen table to yours...'"



CCR Working Groups

FCJ Publications

Community Engagement

Capacity Building
Workshops



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**the youth network is home to me.
even though we're from all over,
they're my family.**



THANK YOU!



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CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS



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