

FALL NEWSLETTER

2020 is ready!!!





FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING EVENTS AND JOIN US

Connecting with the community from our homes to yours



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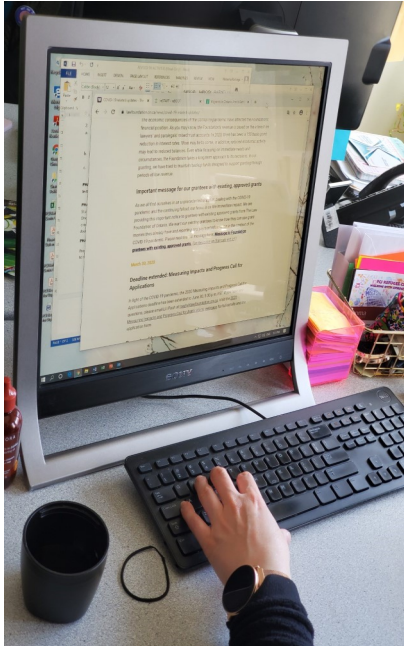
HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL

FCJ Refugee Centre FCJ Refugee Centre is proud to sponsor the virtual screening of Reunited, at JAYU's Human Rights Film Festival (HRFF+) in December.

Reunited follows a family divided by war and lets the audience experience the consequences of choices made under huge amounts of pressure.

FREE Registration is now open for JAYU's 9th annual Human Rights Film Festival (HRFF+) screening of the documentary, Reunited, directed by Mira Jargil on December 3 at 6:30.

When Rana and Muhkles are forced to flee the war in Syria in a desperate search for stable and secure futures for their family, they are separated from their children. Rana is in Denmark, Muhkles is in Canada, and their young sons Jad and Nidal, ages 11 and 17, are stuck alone in Turkey. Through small everyday moments captured on video calls and home movies, the film is an intimate and loving portrait of a family in limbo, at the hands of Kafkaesque bureaucracies, combatting physical distance to retain familial bonds and connections. To register, donate and learn more about JAYU and the Human Rights Film festival, visit HRFF.ca.



REMOTE SERVICES

FCJ Refugee Centre continues supporting precarious populations. Our office is open providing services online and in person when it is necessary

During the last period of 4 months our office received more than 5,000 phone calls from people who were in need of information.

The Precarious Migrant

Protection and Support Program allows us to offer timely and holistic case management and service provision for precarious migrant populations.

During these emergency times, FCJ Refugee Centre keeps supporting precarious migrants by phone or through our Virtual Informative Sessions.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION, EVEN WHEN WE'RE SOCIALLY DISTANCING, IS IMPORTANT

What programs do we have now?

- Beginner English Classes
- English Conversation Classes
- Women's Community Programs
- From Our Kitchen Table to Yours; Community Cooking Program
- Uprooted U
- Community Art Ceramics Program

BENEFITS

- **REDUCING SOCIAL ISOLATION**
- **LEARNING NEW SKILLS**
- **MEETING NEW PEOPLE**
- **ACCESSING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT**

We continue to engage with countless community members, providing holistic, wraparound supports with an intersectional approach: Permanent housing access, settlement services and immigration support.

ENGLISH CLASS

Beginner ESL Classes hosted online through Zoom once weekly, with the recent addition of weekly English Conversation Classes for those with more advanced English abilities.

The registration process of English classes is available online on our website. You are welcome to sign in:

<https://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org/our-programs/settlement-programs/english-classes/>

A teal-colored poster for a 'VIRTUAL ENGLISH CLASS'. At the top, the title 'VIRTUAL ENGLISH CLASS' is written in large, bold, pink letters. Below it, in white text, it says 'You only need a computer, tablet or phone with a webcam, access to internet and a quiet space'. A URL is provided: 'https://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org/2020/07/virtual-english-class/'. A dark purple banner contains 'CONTACT INFORMATION' and lists 'Natasha : natasha.rollings@fcjrefugeecentre.org or Alexandra: 416- 469- 97 54'. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'FCJ Refugee Centre' with the tagline 'Walking with Uprooted People'. The poster is decorated with stars, a pair of headphones, a laptop, a smartphone, and a globe.

Beginner Class

For the Beginner English Class we send an email to the students every week with the link and the material that we will use in the class. This material includes basic grammar and vocabulary that they are interested in learning. We include exercises that we do together in class, while reviewing all the material. The classes are through the zoom platform, and run on Mondays at 2:00pm (except on long weekends).

Intermediate Level Conversation

For the Intermediate Level Conversation Group the students receive the link every week, also using the Zoom platform. The classes are Thursdays at 4:00pm. This group is for students who already know the basic grammar and vocabulary but want to practice English and work on their confidence to express themselves in daily life.



First Entrepreneur Skills Meeting online on October 12, 2020. Maria Alejandra Ramirez and Elizabeth Ibarra facilitating the meeting.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY ENTREPRENEUR SKILLS WORKSHOPS

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JOIN THE WORKSHOPS ONLINE

Connecting women with each other
and developing business, skills, using
their cultural abilities and traditions

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Our food distribution program keeps growing and expanding to other services, thanks to the support of the United Way, Second Harvest, and the City of Toronto. We also are thankful to our local supporters from our community like Tavora Foods.



FOOD HAMPERS

GROCERY CARDS

Another component of the Food Distribution Program is the distribution of Grocery Cards as a way to help vulnerable families who have been impacted by the COVID Pandemic. During the last period of time we had the capacity to delivered more than 300 grocery cards of \$100 each distributed to households across the GTA .



Thank you Ikea for your donation of bags . They were really helpful for the preparing of the hampers during the distribution of food.



We are receiving community support from Tavora Foods, a local independent grocer

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY COOKING CLASSES: FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOUR TABLE

The program began as a response to the crisis of food insecurity that so many of our community members were dealing with.

The program has grown into a tremendous food hamper delivery program, podcast, and virtual cooking class program!

This program now features bi-weekly online Cooking Classes with community professional chef, Diego Valderrama !! Using the items from the food distribution bags, community members connect over Zoom to learn new recipes, encourage a reduction in food waste, and connect with each other!

For more information, please contact

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FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE
Walking with uprooted people

FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOUR TABLE

Online sessions

- * Cooking healthy dishes during Covid19
- * Easy and affordable eating tips
- * Meals and recipes every other Thursday
- * Using the ingredients of the Thursday delivery bags to cook new, delicious recipes.
- * Spanish and Portuguese translation available

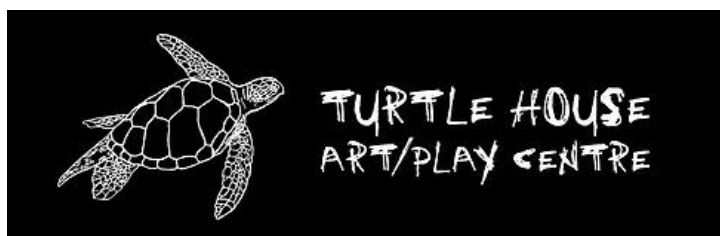
Contact us: Segarcia@fcjrefugeecentre.org
This program is possible thanks to the support of **United Way** Greater Toronto

Thanks to United Way of Greater Toronto for your help through the Emergency Community Support Fund grant



In partnership with Turtle House Ceramics, and the Gardiner Museum, participants are welcomed into the Clay Studio at the Gardiner to develop ceramic and art skills; a gallery showing will happen in November to showcase their art!

FCJ Refugee Centre community members have been participating in these sessions every other Tuesday at 3:00 pm .



YOUTH AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION

We have continued to support our incredible network of young people.

We've continued to have our weekly meetings... We moved our youth meetings from our cherished great hall to the great hall via zoom! We've been loving seeing the faces of our youth all across Toronto

We are supporting more than 25 youth, through our group meetings, one on one support, food donations and more.

During the nice weather days this fall we organized fieldtrips to High Park.

The Youth Team has been busy supporting registration and enrollment for children and youth to the TDSB & TCDSB. We continue also supporting Youth in accessing post secondary school options. We have been supporting more than 30 families and youth in referrals and enrollment support.

IMMIGRATION HELP AND REFUGEE SUPPORT

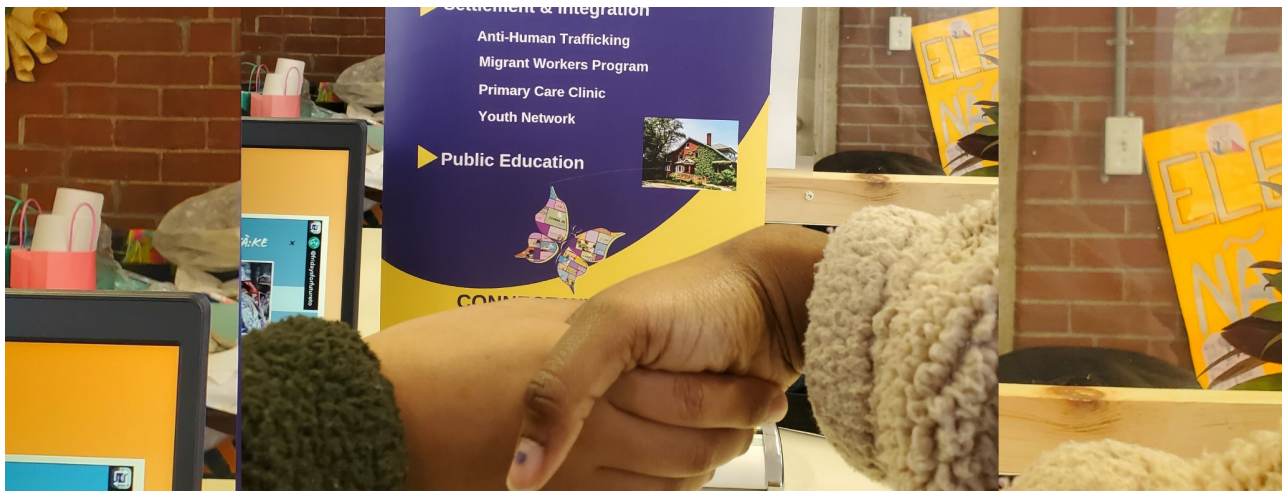
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ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Over the last several months, we have continued to support those most vulnerable in our community, which of course includes those who have experienced labour exploitation and human trafficking

32 Temporary Resident Permit (TRP) applications were filled out, and sent to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). 28 of these are from an ongoing case of Human Trafficking with the intent of labor exploitation. Half of these have been processed and approved, the rest are still pending approval.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: WEBINARS AND PODCASTS

From June to October we've hosted 33 consecutive webinars, in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic., with the participation of more than 2,000 attendees . The webinars are now available on our Youtube channel and also on our website.

Our Public Education program has been expanded through the production of podcasts. Once a week we keep producing podcasts on different topics. So far we have podcasts on how to do a work permit, Refugee Hearing tips, Housing Needs, How to Read Food Labels, Women's Entrepreneurs Skills, etc.

Beside the video and audio productions, the documents are also available on our website under Publications & Documents section.

The initiatives we are implementing through our Public Education Program (webinars, podcast, etc) are thanks to the support we are receiving from The Law Foundation of Ontario.



WEBINARS
Every Wednesday and Thursday

FCJ Refugee Centre
Walking with Uprooted People

During this difficult time and responding to community needs, we developed webinars for communities and front-line workers that serve vulnerable newcomer sectors, non-status and precarious migrant populations.

Now we are providing more interactive webinars online

For more information check our website

The webinars are possible thanks to the support of the

 **The Law Foundation of Ontario**

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Learn more about the migrant workers mistreatment in Canada and what we can do together as a society to right the wrong.

Join Migrants Resource Centre Canada and the Collaborative Network to End Exploitation on

Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m. Registration link:

<https://www.simplyk.io/ticketing/5f9058d32513f00029d2fb14>



www.pmm.qc.ca

THE END OF IMMIGRATION?

*A film by Marie Boti and Malcolm Guy
Documentary, 52 minutes*

In Canada, when we think of “temporary workers,” the image that comes to mind are seasonal agricultural workers or nannies and maids. But temporary foreign workers are found in all sectors: fast food, service stations, city bus drivers.

This documentary uncovers a trend where there are citizens with full rights and “rent-a-workers” with few or none.

Trailer: <https://multi-monde.ca/en/the-end-of-immigration/>

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with a Message from the Directors

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