

CCICY BULLETIN MAY/JUNE 2008

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Click here for the CCICY website <http://www.lerc.educ.ubc.ca/CCICY/index.html>

Call for submissions for the CCICY Newsletter 'Soap-Box'

The CCICY Newsletter now has a regular 'soap-box' feature where members are invited to post on a topic related to immigrant children and youth. Folks are invited to submit pieces (300 or fewer words) on the following topics:

- Policy issues
- Programming
- Issues and Trends.
- Legislation
- Services.
- News about your organization or from your region.

Soap-box submissions may be edited for length and content and are subject to approval by the Newsletter editor ccicybulletin@gmail.com and Barbara Burnaby <mailto:mabburnaby@mun.ca>. Deadlines are the second Friday of each month.

Hello Everyone!

In the city of Edmonton there has been a great effort to unite individuals and organizations that already support and seek to better support our immigrant and refugee children and youth and their families.

The SAAIRCY (Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth) Forum and its subcommittee are now working on a second forum to bring together individuals and organizations to enhance and support summer programming for children and youth. In its initial meeting, the subcommittee proposed that:

[T]he best way to move forward on sharing information amongst and between summer programs and other stakeholders, and building links that could lead to access to resources, joint problem solving and support for program development is to create the opportunity for ongoing connection starting now and continuing over the summer. So... **we will meet regularly starting on May 15, 2008**. The meetings will bring together summer program providers for immigrant and refugee children and youth (cultural communities /agencies/ schools etc) with other stakeholders who could play a role in assisting groups around program development, access to resources, volunteer recruitment, transportation, etc. This will be an organic process and will unfold to respond to what participating providers say they would like in terms of support.

The first meeting, on May 15, 2008 at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters center in Edmonton, was very well attended and results will be sent on as quickly as possible. The next meeting, to be held on **May 26th, 2008**, will be a full-day **Networking Workshop** (9 am-4 pm) so that organizations and individuals can (a) talk with each other; (b) figure out to how to best support each other; and (c) plan such a collaboration.

Update on Refugee Transportation Loans

Following the last SAAIRCY forum, a committee formed to study how to repeal the requirement to repay the loans. Contact with the Canadian Council for Refugees revealed that although there was widespread awareness of the negative impact of repayment, the CCR had not developed a formal position/recommendation on the issue (essential for the CCR to take action). CCR decided that the issue would be raised through an information workshop at the **CCR convention in Winnipeg - May 21-23**.

Mary Fiakpui from Catholic Social Services Edmonton (who is part of the Transportation Loans Committee) will be co-leading this workshop.

A journalism student intern at the MCHB co-op helped us to prepare a video about transportation loans for refugees and identifies the impact of the repayment requirement. The video includes interviews with refugee families, representatives of school districts, ESL Department heads, and a counselor at the Newcomer Health Centre. The video will be used at the CCR convention, and as a tool to raise awareness. Local television and the CBC have also expressed interest.

As a result of advocacy by concerned organizations, Alberta Health and Wellness (AHW) has been asked to write to the Deputy Minister of CIC regarding the adverse health impacts of this policy. Catholic Social Services also raised this issue with senior CIC officials visiting Edmonton recently. Unfortunately, their response was "there is no problem - the payback rate on the loan is 94%." This issue will be raised with a UNHCR representative who will be visiting Edmonton shortly.

We will continue to update you on these issues.

Vanessa Desa, SAAIRCY
Antonella Cortese, SAAIRCY

EVENTS, CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA

Items marked with an * indicate this item was in an earlier Bulletin

FIFTH ANNUAL SUMMER INSTITUTE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

June 4, 2008

George Brown College, Toronto, ON

<http://www.georgebrown.ca/summerinstitute/>

OUR SCHOOLS OUR COMMUNITIES: A vital conversation on equity, inclusion, social justice, and the possibilities for change

June 6, 2008, 9 am to 12:30 pm

Harbourfront Community Centre, 627 Queens Quay West (SE corner of Bathurst and Queen's Quay)

Map (click on Centre Facilities) <http://www.harbourfrontcc.ca/home.htm>

<http://www.oiln.ca/news/>

BUILDING EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS SYMPOSIUM 2008: Reducing Health Disparities through Collaborative Action between Diverse Communities, Mental Health & Addictions Service Providers and Policy Makers

Submission Deadline: June 6, 2008

Symposia: November 5-7, 2008

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 250 College St. Toronto, Canada

For a 'Call for Presenters' package and/or Registration information contact: Mary_Austin@camh.net

***SUMMER COURSE ON REFUGEE ISSUES**

Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

June 7-15, 2008

<http://www.yorku.ca/crs/summer.htm>

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEE AND FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES (CARFMS) – INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

June 15-18, 2008

<http://carfms08.yorku.ca/index.php?conference=carfms&schedConf=carfms08>

***SUMMER INSTITUTE: ESL AND LITERACY**

The Centre for Literacy

June 26-28, 2008

<http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/summer.htm>

EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSION – APPLYING LESSONS LEARNED SYMPOSIUM & SOURCEBOOK

Funded by the Canadian Council on Learning

August 21-23, 2008

University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba

<http://action.web.ca/home/crru/events.shtml?x=112972>

***COMINGS AND GOINGS: MIGRATION, POLICY, AND SOCIETY**

Statistics Canada Research Data Centre Program

Conference dates: October 17-18, 2008

http://integration-net.ca/english/event_evenement/2008-001.pdf

***OUR PAST, OUR FUTURE: OUR CHILDREN: CONSULTATIONS & WORKING GROUPS**

Canadian Council for Refugees

September 5-6, 2008, Montreal – Summer Working Group Meetings

November 27-29, 2008, Toronto – Fall Consultation

<http://www.ccrweb.ca/eng/about/meetings.htm>

9TH WORLD CONGRESS OF METROPOLIS: CONNECTING CITIES

Conference: October 22-25, 2008

Sydney, Australia

<http://www.metropoliscongress2008.com/>

***3RD ON NEW SHORES CONFERENCE 2008: INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ISSUES OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES** (scroll to bottom of page for info on call for papers and submission form)

Conference: November 6-7, 2008

<http://www.family.uoguelph.ca/page.cfm?id=456>

NEW DIRECTIONS IN POPULATION HEALTH RESEARCH: LINKING THEORY, ETHICS AND PRACTICE

CPHR & SPHERU Conference

Conference Dates: Nov 12-14, 2008

Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre, Regina, SK

MOBILITY, ETHNICITY, AND SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Leverhulme Programme on Migration and Citizenship at Bristol University and University College London

Conference Dates: Nov 14-15, 2008

Bristol, UK

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sociology/leverhulme>

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT JOB OFFER

Canadian Council for Refugees, Montreal

<http://www.ccrweb.ca/documents/postemay08.htm>

Deadline: June 4, 2008

CHAIR, CERIS DATA COMMITTEE

CERIS

Eligibility: An academic from University of Toronto, Ryerson University or York University appointed for a two-year term with possible renewal for one more term. Due to endeavors to rotate the position, applicants from York University are particularly welcome.

Deadline: June 6, 2008

<http://ceris.metropolis.net/CERIS%20Policies/DataCommittee.pdf>

SUMMER JOBS & INTERNSHIPS: YOUNG CANADA WORKS!

Government of Canada

http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/special/ycw-jct/html/welcome_e.htm

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

Opportunities listed are world-wide

<http://www.yorku.ca/crs/Education/Internships.pdf>

FUNDING

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities

Deadline: July 4, 2008

http://atwork.settlement.org/sys/atwork_library_detail.asp?passed_lang=EN&doc_id=1004597

NEWCOMER GRANTS PROGRAM

United Way of Toronto

Deadline: June 23, 2008

http://atwork.settlement.org/sys/atwork_offsite_frame.asp?id=1004589&link=http://www.uwgt.org/agency/grantsPrograms.php

CIC CFP: PROJECTS TO ENHANCE OR SUPPORT THE DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENT AND ADAPTATION PROGRAM (ISAP) SERVICES

Citizenship & Immigration Canada

Deadline for application: September 1, 2008 for review commencing September 15, 2008

Note: While this relates to Ontario, other provinces might find the model of calls for proposals useful.

http://atwork.settlement.org/sys/atwork_library_detail.asp?doc_id=1004410

MAYTREE FUNDING: FOR REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT GRANTS, PARTNER GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, IMMIGRANT EMPLOYMENT LOAN PROGRAM

<http://maytree.com/funding>

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH CARE PRE-BRIDGING

Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology, School of Continuing Education

Addresses language needs of internationally trained individuals in health care to prepare them for entry into more formal bridging programs.

<http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/Discover/CE/disted/health/HCprebridging.html>

RESEARCH, REPORTS, ARTICLES & PODCASTS

DIVERSITY AND CONCENTRATION IN CANADIAN IMMIGRATION: TRENDS IN TORONTO,

MONTREAL AND VANCOUVER, 1971-2006

Centre for Urban and Community Studies, Research Bulletin 42, March 2008

<http://www.urbancentre.utoronto.ca/pdfs/researchbulletins/CUCSRB42-Murdie-Cdn-Immigration3-2008.pdf>

NEW CANADIAN CHILDREN & YOUTH STUDY (NCCYS): PROGRESS REPORT

Morton Beiser, Robert Armstrong, Linda Ogilvie, Jacqueline Oxman-Martinez, Joanna Anneke Rummens

Spring 2005

LANGUAGE SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMER STUDENTS

People for Education

<http://www.peopleforeducation.com/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=613>

EARLY CHILDHOOD BILINGUALISM

Minerva Lecture Series: Fred Genesse

Nov 22, 2007

<http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Newsroom/MultimediaCentre/Podcasts/20080526FredGenessee.htm>

RESOURCES

STRATEGIES FOR INTERVENING IN FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES: A PRACTICAL GUIDE and CAMPAIGN FOR SPEEDY FAMILY REUNIFICATION

Canadian Council for Refugees

<http://www.ccrweb.ca/reunificationen.html>

ART THERAPY PROGRAM FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

COSTI Immigrant Services, Ontario

http://www.costi.org/programs/program_details.php?program_id=161

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH

COSTI Immigrant Services, Ontario

http://www.costi.org/programs/service_details.php?stype_id=29

COALITION FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION

<http://www.eslaction.com/index.php?page=esl-learners>

IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION TOOLKIT

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees

<http://www.gcir.org/publications/toolkit>

ETABLISSEMENT.ORG DISCUSSION FORUM

French-speaking newcomers post questions and share experiences about settling in Ontario

<http://www.etablissement.org/yaf/default.aspx>

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

Summer camp information

<http://www.ontariocamps.ca/search/>

CANADA FOOD GUIDE

Available in 12 languages

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-guide-aliment/order-commander/guide_trans-trad_e.html

CULTURAL ADAPTATIONS TO CANADA'S FOOD GUIDE TO HEALTHY EATING

http://settlement.org/sys/library_detail.asp?doc_id=1003150

CULTURAL FOOD MARKETS IN TORONTO

http://settlement.org/sys/faqs_detail.asp?faq_id=4000651

NEWS

FAMILIES NEVER TO BE UNITED: EXCLUDED FAMILY MEMBERS

Canadian Council for Refugees

<http://www.ccrweb.ca/documents/famexcluprofilsEN.pdf>

REDUCING CANADA'S IMMIGRATION BACKLOG

CIC

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/laws-policy/irpa.asp>

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: WORLD REFUGEE DAY, JUNE 20, 2008

http://atwork.settlement.org/sys/atwork_whatshappen_detail.asp?anno_id=2007194

CRS AWARDED \$2.1 MILLION TO BUILD A NATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK

<http://www.yorku.ca/crs/News/A%20Canadian%20Refugee%20Research%20Network.pdf>

BRITISH COLUMBIA – AN IMPRESSIVE FRONT-RUNNER IN NEWCOMER INTEGRATION

CIC News, May 2008

<http://www.cicnews.com/2008/05/british-columbia-impressive-frontrunner-newcomer-integration-05654.html>

WORKING MOMS IN PERPETUAL CRISIS OVER SHORTAGE OF AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Chronicle Herald, May 21, 2008

<http://www.thechronicleherald.ca/Columnists/1057192.html>

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD – RENEWAL OR REPLACEMENT

Citizenship & Immigration Canada, April 21, 2008

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/prcard.asp>

CHANGES TO POST-GRADUATION WORK PERMIT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Citizenship & Immigration Canada, April 21, 2008

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/media/releases/2008/2008-04-21.asp>

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