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**Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**  
**27-29 November 2008, Toronto**  
***30 Years of Building a Home of Justice for Refugees and Immigrants***

From **27 – 29 November 2008**, refugee and immigrant rights advocates from across Canada will be gathering in **Toronto** for the **Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) Fall 2008 Consultation**.

Why attend? Here's what some people liked best about past Consultations:

“I am new to the sector: This was a good place to orient myself to urgent issues. This is an opportunity to consult, offer feedback, identify barriers, make recommendations.”

“For refugee participants, I got a sense of a positive empowerment. It feels good to know that our concerns are heard and that our daily challenges are considered in national forums and at political levels.”

“The high level of youth participation and discussions on issues affecting youth.”

“Listening to various views and people's positions on issues that pertain to refugees and immigrants. It is great to hear voices in Canadian civil society shaping policy. ”

“As a relative newcomer to CCR, I found this to be a friendly environment where I felt encouraged to participate.”

The consultation is an excellent opportunity for all interested to exchange ideas on barriers refugees and newcomers to Canada face before, at and after their arrival in Canada. Consultation participants include: refugees, immigrants, representatives of NGOs, youth advocates, government, UNHCR, academics and international guests.

Consultation discussions will address issues that challenge refugees, immigrants, advocates and community workers. In addition to larger plenary sessions, workshops and working sessions will produce strategies for further collaboration and specific actions.

Information about the **consultation and online registration forms** are now available at:

[www.ccrweb.ca/eng/about/meetings.htm](http://www.ccrweb.ca/eng/about/meetings.htm) *Don't forget to register before 7 November to take advantage of the reduced fees!*

Coinciding with the Consultation, we will be hosting an **evening gala event on Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>**, to celebrate the achievements of the CCR and strengthen the organization for the future, by increasing our profile and recruiting new donors. Join the celebration!: buy a ticket, buy a table, sell tickets to people who should be introduced to the CCR, or put us in touch with potential sponsors. For more information and tickets, please contact Jehad Aliweiwi (416-275-9363, [jaliweiwi@thorncliffe.org](mailto:jaliweiwi@thorncliffe.org)) or Loly Rico, (416-469-9754, [lolyrico@on.aibn.com](mailto:lolyrico@on.aibn.com)).

Please help us to promote this Consultation by passing this invitation to people who might be interested in attending and by directing people to the consultation webpage at:

[www.ccrweb.ca/eng/about/meetings.htm](http://www.ccrweb.ca/eng/about/meetings.htm)

We hope to see you there and we appreciate your help in making it a success!