



FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE

“Walking with uprooted people”



We address systemic issues that newly arrived refugee claimants and precarious migrants face in Canada including: lack of resources & options, marginalization, and discrimination.

FCJ Refugee Centre's mandate is:

To provide shelter and transitional housing for woman refugee claimants, uprooted women and their children...



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Our mandate (continue)

... to encourage uprooted people to pursue their immigration claims in ways that contribute to their success.



Our mandate (Continue)



- ... to assist refugees, precarious migrants and other uprooted people to adjust to Canadian society.

WHO IS CONSIDERED A UPROOTED OR PRECARIOUS MIGRANT?

Refers to those populations that hold some form of uncertain migration status – often lacking: a) work authorization, b) the right to remain in the country permanently or temporarily and, c) social citizen rights, etc...



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Examples

- ❖ REFUGEE CLAIMANTS
- ❖ REFUSED REFUGEE CLAIMANTS
- ❖ TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS
- ❖ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
- ❖ VISITORS
- ❖ VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- ❖ PEOPLE INVOLVED IN SPONSORSHIP BREAKDOWN
- ❖ OR ANYONE ELSE WITHOUT OFFICIAL IMMIGRATION STATUS



The programs:

Popular
Education

Uprooted U

Refugee Protection
program

Settlement
Program

PRIMARY
CARE CLINIC

Anti-human
trafficking

Networking

Youth
network



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Uprooted U

An Open Education Project for Uprooted Youth!



Welcome into the first part of this program which will give you the experience of a real college/university level class. You will learn important academic skills, and gain experience in your area of study.

The program will start on Tuesday May 20th, and run Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Important: The deadline to apply is May 1st, 2014.

Send your completed applications to uprootedu@fcjrefugeecentre.org, you will receive your acceptance by May 5th, 2014.

Contact:

Tanya Aberman: uprootedu@fcjrefugeecentre.org 416-469-9754 ext. 229



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Are you a refugee claimant?



You are invited to participate in a tour of one of the IRB-RPD refugee hearing rooms in Toronto!

What is going to happen during my hearing?

How can I be ready for my refugee hearing?

Who is going to be there?

What is the place like where I have to go for my hearing?



LEARN

- ➔ How to navigate the refugee hearing process
- ➔ What is a refugee hearing
- ➔ What to expect at the hearing
- ➔ Who might participate at the hearing

READY tours take place twice a month at 74 Victoria Street, Toronto, ON the 4th Floor.
Registration: www.readytour.ca
E-mail: info@readytour.ca
First Contact toll-free phone number 1-866-902-49 93
Refugee Hearing Guide available at: <http://www.kinbrace.ca>

READY Tour is hosted by the Coalition of Service Providers for Refugee Claimants in Southern Ontario and the Canadian Red Cross First Contact program in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.



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IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE TRAINING

Workshops on issues related to legal protection of immigrants and refugees as they impact Ontario's settlement and integration sector, refugee claimants and non-status people:



The workshops can cover the following issues :

- Introduction to refugees changes
- Overview of the new Regulations on the refugee process, new timelines, etc
- Voluntary Return Program: how it works.
- Refugee Health Cuts: consequences and alternatives
- How to fill out the new refugee forms
- How to prepare a client for a refugee protection hearing
- Pre Removal Risk Assessment (PRRA)
- Humanitarian and Compassionate application: level of establishment, hardship, stages in the application.
- Parents and grandparents super-visa
- Sponsorship breakdown
- Work permit extension
- Violence against women
- Mechanism of regularization and alternatives for precarious migrants.

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ANTI-TRAFFICKING TRAINING



THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TRAINING INITIATIVE AIMED AT EDUCATING TEAMS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS ACROSS ONTARIO TO BETTER SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

FACTS

- The Temporary Resident Permit (TRP) program is the only federal service available specifically to secure immigration status for victims / survivors of human trafficking in Canada.
- Experiences of human trafficking not only have serious impacts on survivors' physical well being, but also integrally affect their psychological and emotional well being. As a result, mental health support is an essential component of recovery and to regaining a sense of control.

BENEFITS WORKSHOP

- Access to crucial training material
- Identify and provide better services to women and girls who had been trafficked
- Increase access to legal education
- Learn the ins and outs of the TRP application process, the advantages and disadvantages, the services covered and obstacles encountered.
- Offering Mental Health Support to Victims/Survivors of Human Trafficking.

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INFORMATION TRAINING FOR ESL TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF ACROSS ONTARIO

The trainings are for English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers and support staff, to better equip them to respond to issues related to immigration and human rights, including the refugee process. As a result, migrant populations studying English will gain greater access to legal information and resources as they navigate Canadian systems.



The workshops can cover the following issues identified by ESL students:

- Right to work (obtaining a work permit, labour regulations, etc)
- Housing (landlord/tenant, homestay, etc)
- Immigration (renewing visas, regularizing, sponsorship, etc)
- Health (access to health, payment, IFHP/OHIP, etc)
- Volunteering (finding volunteer work, police checks, etc)
- Criminal law (Canadian law, fighting tickets, petty crimes, etc)
- Violence (experiences of abuse, child welfare, access to family law, etc)
- Discrimination (information for LGBTQ, fighting racism, discrimination, etc)

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Workshops

A service provided by:
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Responding to community needs, this is a training for frontline workers in Toronto that serve non-status and precarious migrant populations.

Following the City motion that was passed last year to open up City services to anyone regardless of status, several gaps and disservices have been identified. Through the workshops you can have up-to-date information about those services



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ENGLISH CLASSES

AULAS DE INGLÉS - CLASES DE INGLÉS
COURS D'ANGLAIS - ENGLISH KLASÉ
ANGOL OSZTÁLYOK - LEZIONI DI INGLESE -
ΑΓΓΛΙΚΑ ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΑ - انگلش کی کلاسیں



FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE

208 OAKWOOD AVENUE

**SATURDAYS
11:15AM - 1:15PM**

TO REGISTER CONTACT DIANA AT (416) 469-9754 X 223

SMALL CONTRIBUTION OF \$5 FOR 12 WEEKS



**BUILD YOUR DIVERSE EXPERIENCE
WITH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT
THE *FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE*:**

**Administration, front desk, ESL class, social
events, public education etc.**

Contact Diana Da Silva at (416) 479-9754 Ext. 223

PRIMARY CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

FREE



Clinic runs every Saturday
(except long weekends)
from 10- 2 pm
Location: FCJ Refugee Centre
208 Oakwood Ave. Toronto
Phone: 416 - 469 9754

Alternatives to DETENTION

To be released from detention on Provision of a **guarantor**:

- Toronto Bail program... in this regards, the FCJ Refugee Centre provides supporting housing and other services for people that are released from immigration detention (support, applying for work permits and health coverage, accompaniment to appointments, encouraging reporting to CBSA, etc).
- Family member, friends, NGO, community group, faith group.
- Sometimes... **Shelters, Refugee Houses, Refugee Centres** and other similar organizations which are one good alternative with the concept of home-residences served by social service workers.



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Thank you!



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