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***Nascent Sanctuary City-hall  
Actions: Activism Within  
Institutional Settings***

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# INTRODUCTION

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*working as activist-  
scholars*

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# TODAY'S GOALS

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- **Sharing definitions and meanings of Sanctuary Cities | Access without Fear concepts**
- **Clarifying who we are talking about**
- **Learning about what different sectors can do to support non-status individuals**
- **Work on potential recommendations if you decide to move forward in the implementation**



# **Disclaimer! regarding the sensitivity of the subject matter**

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- a. Safe spaces are empowering. we need to be brave but sensitive.**
- b. We need to talk openly and engage in active listening**
- c. Understanding will only emerge from collaboration**
- d. Please help us tackle these issues and injustices by being considerate towards one another and taking care of oneself with these heavy subject material**



# SHARED UNDERSTANDING

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**What are the common narratives about “sanctuary city”?**  
**How do people usually feel about “sanctuary city”?**



# FACT CHECKING SANCTUARY CITY: THREE MAIN INTERPRETATIONS

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1. Cities where community based organizations and especially churches play the main role in protecting asylum seekers
2. Cities where local authorities and local Police services limit their cooperation with the federal Police effort to enforce immigration law
- 3. Cities where local authorities and/or community organizations push for a full acknowledgement and support of those without status, with the local authorities struggling to implement the consequent policies (immigration status = federal level; socio-economic integration = community & municipal matter)**

# **FACT CHECKING SANCTUARY CITY: WHO ARE NON-STATUS INDIVIDUALS?**

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- **First entrance through authorized legal channels: *refugee claimants, sponsored immigrants, or as individuals with valid temporary resident visas.***
- **Then, they lose the status for several different reasons related to bureaucratic struggles in renewing or changing their status and not to the intentional attempt to disappear.**
- **The number of migrants smuggled into Canada remains low.**
- **No official data. The estimation is 50,000 to 500,000 across Canada.**





# Vocabulary / Definitions

Personal

Impersonal



**Irregular**

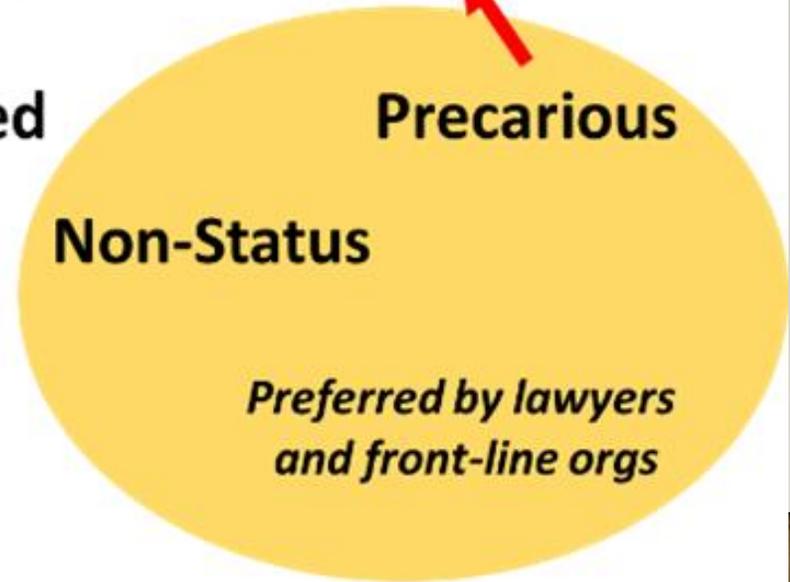


*Too general*



**Uninsured**

*Crucial in Health System*



*More specific but still large*



*Preferred by lawyers and front-line orgs*

# **CONTEXT: WHAT'S GOING ON ACROSS CANADA and SCHOLARLY LITERATURE / RESEARCH**

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- **Multiple cities are exploring or have declared to be a Sanctuary City/Access to Services without Fear. Cities include:**
  - **Toronto, Hamilton, Vancouver, Montreal, London, Ottawa, Ajax**
- **No yet full implementations that can be studied to provide good practices**
- **Absence of specific budget (i.e. for city staff training)**
- **Not yet full buy-in from the Police Services**
- **In some cases, too much focus on influx from abroad**



# CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE - Canada v. USA

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- **Exceptionality and Territorial Zoning**
- **Delegated Private Sovereignty**
- **Policy Inaction as a Policy Choice**
- **“local immigration policy”**
- **“immigration federalism”**

# LOCAL LEGAL ACCESS POINTS – CANADIAN LAW

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- **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) data collection and retention**
- **Canada Border Service Agency warrants**
- **Healthcare billing**
- **Employer supervision**
- **Individuals reporting non-status people**

# CASE STUDIES

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- **MARIA - International Student with visa problems**
- **LAURA - Asylum claimant given contradictory instructions**
- **RICHARD - Indigenous person without a passport**
- **JOHN - Homeless and still jobless due to stolen ID**
- **MIGUEL - Temporary worker applying for residency**



# QUESTIONS

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- 1. From your professional position, which aspect(s) of these cases concern your expertise, or relate to your work?**
- 2. How would you advise a colleague who wants to be involved with the Sanctuary City Movement?**
- 3. Where do you feel powerless in this situation?**

# Grandfather facing deportation from Penelakut Island released

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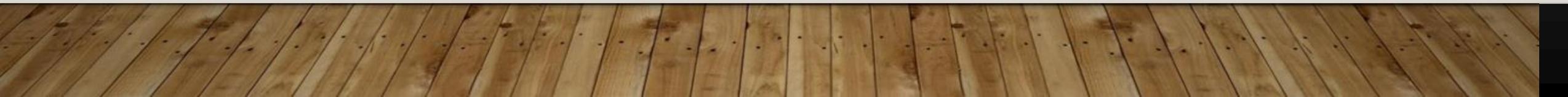
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## Pro Bono law students help the homeless get their IDs

University Of Windsor law students help homeless obtain ID

CBC News Posted: Oct 25, 2017 9:46 PM ET | Last Updated: Oct 25, 2017 11:26 PM ET



# CANADIAN ASSET MAPPING - a

Sectors	STATUS	CONCERNS	BENEFITS
Health			
Law Enforcement			
Employment			
Housing			
Education			
Municipal Services			

# CANADIAN ASSET MAPPING - a

Sectors	STATUS	CONCERNS	BENEFITS
Health	Ok as long as insured	Uninsured, only specific (overwhelmed) clinics	More control on public health
Law Enforcement	Maybe Don't Ask, for sure they Tell	Carding, Fear, Lack of protection	More likely to seek Police assistance and report crimes
Employment	Basic services provided, but formal support no	Vulnerability reinforced. Irregular jobs	Stabilization. Legal jobs
Housing	No access to subsidized housing	Shelters are not a suitable answer. Vulnerability reinforced	Decreased vulnerability, even in other areas
Education	Birth certificate / immigration papers requested. Differences across Boards	Against laws. Vulnerability reinforced	Fully integration and stability
Municipal Services	No formally requested, but informal practices	Huge differences among and within services	Full access and participation