



"THE THREE GREAT ESSENTIALS TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING WORTHWILE ARE, FIRST, HARD WORK, SECOND, STICK-TO-ITTIVENESS, THIRD, COMMON SENSE." -ALBERT EINSTEIN

ICPNC Anniversary Newsletter

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2013: A Year of Reflection

By ICPNC

A year ago the [International Child Protection Network Canada \(ICPNC\)](#) was established to foster a spirit of collaboration and commitment to child protection. Believing in that Canada can play a leading role in advancing children's rights and child protection.

As a result, international child-centered organizations and individuals came together based on a shared interest and commitment to increasing the effectiveness of child protection programming. Our members of the network represent diverse international child-centered NGOs, academic institutions, and individual consultants/experts working in the field of child protection.

Since our first face to face meeting in February 2013, we have worked very hard, together, to move child protection issues forward. Through our ongoing collaboration and engagement with one another, we have drafted policy papers, participated in international forums, and have continuously engaged with the Government of Canada to bring forth issues of child protection and areas of concern to the table.

Moving forward into 2014, we strive to research, develop and evaluate tools and approaches regarding children's participation in monitoring and evaluation in emergencies; child safeguarding policies and strategies; engage in international policy dialogue on children and work; all while, continuously addressing how to define and measure "success" of children's participation in international child protection programs.

Indeed, building on our collective strengths and keen interest we can elevate our passion and collaboration to support innovative approaches to child protection. Leaning on trust, openness, and an inclusive environment, together we will lead this network towards sustainable concrete actions.

The ICPNC newsletter is the place for child rights/child protection experts and the nonprofit community to share best practices and innovative ideas related to children's participation, protection and rights.



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Achievements & Collaborations

It has been a busy year for members of ICPNC and together we have achieved great things:

- ∂ Presentation to the Government of Canada on the “**Child Protection, Seeing Children and Youth Thrive**” brief (developed by the Policy Engagement Working Group) on May 13th, 2013 – where we were provided constructive oral feedback.
- ∂ Representative of **Child Protection Roundtable with Minister Paradis** in September 2013.
- ∂ Participation in **Global ILO Conference on Child Labour** in Brazil, October 2013. As a representative of the civil society in the Canadian delegation along with government, and the presentation of a position statement on children and work that reflects our views on the issue.
- ∂ Submission of “**Defining, Monitoring and Advancing Child Participation in International Child Protection**” proposal to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) by



the Children’s Participation Working Group in December 2013 (results to be known in March 2014).

- ∂ Finalization of the “**Child Protection: Concrete Interventions for the Government of Canada**” proposal by the Policy Engagement Working Group (to be submitted in February 2014)
- ∂ Thus far, **three face-to-face meetings** where we have discussed and agreed upon relevant documentations, participation in technical working groups, membership criteria, proposal of fees, etc. Next face-to-face meeting to be determined.

With such a good spirit of engagement and a good range of institutional and individual experiences, ICPNC will continue to strive forward in 2014 towards initiatives that meet all our common goals.

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Latest & Greatest

Children, Youth and Security: Intersections of Research and Practice Graduate Student Research Symposium

March 6, 2014 – March 9, 2014
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, Nova Scotia

<http://www.childsoldiers.org/children-youth-security-intersections-research-practice-graduate-student-research-symposium/>

Anti-violence Efforts in Schools: Defining Child Rights-Based Approaches

March 13, 2014
University of Ottawa
www.irlrc.uOttawa.ca

ICPNC Groupspace Registration: Take advantage of this space and share your resources and tools, and email other members.

<http://groupspaces.com/ICPNC/>

Resources

Child Protection Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group providing the latest monitoring and evaluation news, resources and shared learning in the sector.
<http://www.cpmerg.org/>

Children’s Rights & Business Principles developed by UNICEF, the UN Global Compact and Save the Children. The Children’s Rights and Business Principles are a set of principles to guide companies on the full range of actions they can take in the workplace, marketplace and community to respect and support children’s rights.
<http://www.unicef.org/csr/12.htm>