

International Child Protection Network of Canada (ICPNC) Membership Streams

The ICPNC brings together Canadian agencies and individuals who are strongly committed to the realization of children's rights and child protection issues. Utilizing a strong collaborative spirit, the network consists of more than 20 organizations and consultants, ultimately to achieve the below objectives:

- 1) *To improve Child Protection programming among Canadian International Development NGOs with an emphasis on rights based approaches, participation and accountability to children.*
- 2) *To effectively engage key stakeholders on critical Child Protection issues*
- 3) *To improve Child Protection Policy, Systems and Procedures Organizationally among Canadian International Development NGOs.*

In order to realize these objectives, the network offers three types of membership streams: active, participating and individual memberships.

ICPNC Active Member

Criteria:

- Representing an **organization with strong child-centred programming** with explicit mission and/or interest in child protection programming or policy, and office(s) in Canada
- Committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and the active and meaningful participation of children at all levels.
- Attends at least two Face to Face Meetings (including virtually) on an annual basis.
- Member of at least one ICPNC Working Group.
- Agrees to terms of reference of the respective Working Group.
- Requires a signed letter from senior management on commitment to ICPNC Membership.
- Annual membership fee to access ICPNC resources, documentation, and learning/networking opportunities.

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In order to participate in official decision-making processes an active member must be engaged in network activities for a minimum of three months. When taking collective decisions, network members will attempt to come to a consensus that reflects the views of all network members. When it is not possible to reach a consensus any active member that has completed the three month (probationary) period is able to vote against a motion being put forward by other network members up to three times before losing their voting privileges within the network.

ICPNC Participating Member

Criteria:

- Representing an **organization with strong child-centred programming** with explicit mission and/or interest on child protection programming or policy, and office(s) in Canada.
- No explicit commitment to a work plan or being a member of one of the ICPNC working groups. However agrees to support and not compromise the network's ability to achieve its core objectives and promote child protection outcomes.
- Committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and the active and meaningful participation of children at all levels.
- As a participative member, one cannot block decisions of the working groups.
- Annual membership fee to access ICPNC resources, documentation, and learning/networking opportunities.

Participating members can change their status to become active members if above criteria are met and ICPNC membership is renewed on an annual basis.

ICPNC Individual Member

Criteria:

- Expert/Consultant with extensive experience in child protection and/or children's rights in a development context.
- Committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and the active and meaningful participation of children at all levels.
- Attends at least one Face to Face Meetings (including virtually) on an annual basis.
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