



Wisdom2Action: Best Practices to Support Young Refugees

Event Details

Date: March 2, 2016

Time: 9am-5pm

Location: Artscape Wychwood Barns, 601 Christie St, Toronto ON.

Hashtag: #W2AYoungRefugees

Registration Fee*: \$50 (before February 10th), \$65 (after February 10th)

Register Here: <http://www.cyccnetwork.org/wisdom2action-events/refugees/>

- *Please contact cycc@dal.ca if the registration cost is a barrier to you.
- Breakfast and lunch will be included.
- Cet événement sera bilingue (français / anglais)/This event will be bilingual (French/English)
- The venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is hosted by the [Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts \(CYCC\) Network](#) in collaboration with:



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Event Summary

On March 2nd, 2016, the CYCC Network will bring its Wisdom2Action (W2A) model of **knowledge mobilization and community engagement** to Toronto to support the settlement and integration of young refugees.

This W2A event will bring together initiatives from across the country to share best practices for the settlement and integration of refugee children and youth. It will also lay the groundwork to **build a national community of practice**, helping service providers and coordination initiatives stay connected and respond together to emergent trends and issues over the coming months and years as tens of thousands of refugees resettle in Canada.

While the event will place particular focus on the settlement challenges facing incoming young Syrian refugees, it will also be a space to share best practices for supporting displaced persons from countries and contexts around the world. Wisdom2Action will highlight evidence-based best practices in working with traumatized young people in community settings, promoting resiliency, integration and community attachment.

Who's Invited?

- Do you work with children and youth?
- Do you want to build your capacity to address the needs of young refugees?
- Do you want to learn about promising practices for supporting young refugees?
- Do you work in settlement and want to connect with other service providers both inside and outside settlement services?

This event is for you!

W2A welcomes organizations who have experience in resettlement, as well as those who provide the broader web of supports and programs for vulnerable young people and have less experience in settlement work.

We aim to include representatives of local and provincial resettlement coordination projects to look at different models from across Canada.

Participants may include: non-profit organizations, health care organizations, government agencies, youth, educators, researchers, and others working to support refugee children and youth in Canada.

The Wisdom2Action Event Series

The goal of W2A events is to facilitate cross-sectoral connection and knowledge sharing between a diverse group of participants, including researchers, academics, community based organizations, policy makers, and youth themselves. The events provide a unique opportunity for participants to meet face to face, share practice-based evidence, evidence-based knowledge, and local knowledge, and promote promising practices with each other and with their wider networks so that they may better serve the needs of vulnerable children and youth in their region.

Our workshop style format offers plenty of opportunity for small group discussion, connection, and knowledge exchange between participants, and can be tailored to respond to any issue and meet the needs of various groups and individuals.

To date, we've hosted nine Wisdom2Action events across Canada that have engaged hundreds of participants. The results of W2A events have been documented in reports and videos that can be found on our website <http://www.cyccnetwork.org/wisdom2action-events/>.

Event Format

1. A local planning team, including representation from across the sector, is formed to identify the local need and context for the event.
2. The planning team develops the agenda, identifies important event criteria such as location, and a selective invitation process - allowing the CYCC Network to bring together diverse participants.
3. Prior to each event, a planning day is held with the planning team who then take on leadership and facilitation roles during the event. This helps ensure the event is grounded in the local context.
4. On the day of the event, we use participatory methods and tools from the [Art of Hosting and Harvesting Meaningful Conversations](#) approach (such as World Cafe and Open Circle).
5. Conversations from the day are captured using various creative techniques, and used to create videos and reports that can be shared widely.

The CYCC Network

The Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts (CYCC) Network is a knowledge mobilization network created to improve the mental health and well-being of vulnerable and at-risk children and youth. It promotes the use of research, best and promising practices, and local knowledge in mental health programming for children and youth in challenging contexts. The Network was established with the goal of strengthening the connection between evidence and practice, and facilitating cross-sectoral and in-

terdisciplinary knowledge sharing and collaboration between those working to improve the lives of vulnerable young people from across Canada.

Our Network Members include over 200 groups and individuals from community-based organizations, health care organizations, government agencies, academics, researchers, and more. We supports their work by providing them with KMb and evaluation tools, services, and opportunities that are easy to use, accessible, and tailored to their particular needs. We help them capture and share their best practices, evaluate their work, strengthen their case for funding, build valuable relationships across sectors, get their research into action, and improve their programming so that they can better support the needs of the young people they serve.