ICCRP Overview

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About

The International & Canadian Child Rights Partnership (ICCRP) was formed in 2015. Through our prior work on the interconnections of children's rights to participation and protection, the ICCRP identified a critically overlooked element in realizing child rights: **intergenerational relationships**. The expanded ICCRP is focusing on this new, innovative research direction to examine how intergenerational relationships can transcend current barriers to implementing **children's rights**, through intergenerational partnerships, in research, policy, and practice.

The Expanded ICCRP

Alongside project director (PD) **Dr. Tara Collins**, project manager (PM) **Steven Gibson**, and Child and Youth Participation Coordinator **Sachi Shukul** from Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) [formerly Ryerson University], the ICCRP includes **young people** with lived experience, **38 researchers**, and **29 partner organizations** from universities, NGOs, major human rights institutions, and governments in Canada and in multiple countries across the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia, and Oceania.

Primary Research Question

How can intergenerational relationships contribute to, challenge, and transcend barriers to realizing child rights?

Research Objectives

1. Expand conceptual models for intergenerational partnerships;
2. Investigate processes for fostering intergenerational partnerships to support child rights, including youth activism;
3. Identify and develop relational practices (intergenerational, decolonial, cross-national, cross-cultural, ethical) that can reform and stimulate research, public policy, and practice to support child rights; and
4. Explore and analyze child rights education environments and how they support or hinder understanding of child rights among children, as well as intergenerational partnerships.

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Research Streams (RSs) & Case Studies (CSs)

RS 1: EXPANDING INTERGENERATIONAL CONCEPTUAL MODELS
- **CS 1a Intergenerational partnerships While Growing up on the Streets**: Led by van Blerk (CoA, U Dundee)
- **CS 1b Intergenerational Relationships, Lived Experiences, and Ontario Child Welfare Policy and Practices**: Led by Kovarikova (CoA, Independent Researcher) and Collins (PD, TMU)

RS 2: CHILD AND YOUTH ACTIVISM
- **CS 2a(i) ACT2gether for Children's Rights in Palestine/Israel**: Led by Herczog (CoA, ELTE U) and Bird (CoL, Learning for Well-being Foundation)
- **CS 2a(ii) Multi-Country Case Studies World Vision**: Led by Stephenson (CoL, World Vision International)
- **CS 2b International & Canadian Child Rights Partnership (ICCRP): Child and Youth Activism Projects (CYAPs)**: Led by Jamieson (CoA, U Cape Town), Rizzini (CoA, PUC-Rio), Ruiz-Casares (CoA, TMU), Tisdall (CoA, U Edinburgh), Wright (CoA, IICRD), and Whalen (CoA, NB Child & Youth Advocate)

RS 3 DEVELOPING RELATIONAL PRACTICES IN RESEARCH AND PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES
- **CS 3a Child Rights Focal Points in South Africa**: Led by Jamieson (CoA, U Cape Town)
- **CS 3b Child Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) Tool Project**: Led by Whalen (CoA, NB Child & Youth Advocate)
- **CS 3c Child Rights Activism in Brazil**: Led by Rizzini (CoA, PUC-Rio)

RS 4 CHILD RIGHTS EDUCATION AND INTERGENERATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
- **CS 4a Shaking the Movers: A Model for Exploring Intergenerational Relations and Children's Rights**: Led by Caputo (CoA, Carleton U) and Wright (CoA, IICRD)
- **CS 4b Children's Right to Education and Well-Being**: Led by Di Santo (CoA, TMU) and Osachoff (CoL, Equitas)
- **CS 4c Safe, Inclusive Participative Pedagogy (SIPP)**: Led by Tisdall (CoA, U Edinburgh)

Case studies are led by international co-applicants (CoAs) & collaborators (CoLs)

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Visit our website: torontomu.ca/iccrp

Governance & Advisory Groups

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Steering Committee (SC)

The SC is the ICCRP's **primary decision-making body** where all key information related to RSs, WGs, and ACs is received and communicated across the project. It visions and **leads partnership activities** including: research development, implementation, and assessment, operations, budget management, resource allocation, hiring staff, dispute resolution, monitoring process and progress, and timely production of deliverables.

SC Members: Blanchet-Cohen (CoA, Concordia U), Collins (PD, TMU), Cuevas-Parra (CoA, U Edinburgh), Jamieson (CoA, U Cape Town), Rizzini (CoA, PUC-Rio U), Ruiz-Casares (CoA, TMU), Tisdall (CoA, U Edinburgh), and Wright (CoA, IICRD).

Working Groups (WGs)

Our **four WGs** are integral to the **research processes in all RSs**, as key vehicles for **synthesis of case-study data** and incisive application of our theoretical approach of relational child rights. Each RS and WG has been discreetly developed to include young people, experts and emerging researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and a diverse mix of co-applicants, collaborators, and partners, as well as geographies and generations. **WGs guide case studies in relation to the following four themes**: ethics, participatory methods, conceptual interconnections, and policy.

Intergenerational Advisory Committee (IAC)

IAC members have been carefully chosen to augment ICCRP expertise, perspectives, and best practices for **intergenerational partnerships**. Members are Canadian and international **young people and adults**, who meet biannually, to provide intergenerational advice to the SC on directions and processes of the ICCRP. The IAC includes 8 adult CoLs and 14 young people from case study projects and partners. **Child and Youth IAC Members** from South Africa, Brazil, Bolivia, Scotland, & Canada. **Adult IAC Collaborators**: Greenwood (Senate of Canada from UNBC), Karunan (Thammasat U), Mezmur (U Western Cape), Myers (Independent Researcher), Perera (OneChild), Vergara (U Santiago), Johnson (U of the Highlands & Islands [Millennium Institute]), and Strickland (ITESO).

Partners Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC works closely with the SC to advise on research directions to ensure that the ICCRP maintains its focus on research, policy, and practice and **remains responsive to partner contexts and priorities**. It plays a crucial role in supporting the interpretation and relevance of findings from **the perspectives of national and international organizations** directly involved in children's rights research, policy, and practice. See partners listed below.

Knowledge Mobilization Committee (KMbC)

The KMbC will include team members with extensive relevant expertise and access to stakeholder networks, who **facilitate multidirectional, national and international flow of knowledge** across academia and society, furthering intellectual exchange with partners, researchers, young people, and practitioners. At any given moment, at least 5 IAC youth members and 5 partners will also sit on the KMbC to inform KMb approaches to **advance academic, practitioner and youth-accessible KMb**.

Intergenerational Partnerships (IPs)

IPs are about adults and young people **working together** to learn from each other's expertise, knowledge and experiences. The ICCRP believes that we need **both adults and children** to address and understand children's rights.

What is SSHRC?

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (**SSHRC**) is the federal research funding agency of Canada that promotes and supports research and research training in the humanities and social sciences. **Partnership Grants** support formal partnerships between academic researchers, businesses and other partners that will advance knowledge and understanding on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance. In 2021, the ICCRP officially began work on its seven-year SSHRC partnership grant (PG).

Conceptual Interconnections Working Group — Rizzini
Data and Evaluation Working Group — Gonzalez
Ethics Working Group — Ruiz-Casares, Tisdall
Partners Advisory Committee — Partner Organization Representatives
Steering Committee — Collins, Blanchet-Cohen, Cuevas-Parra, Jamieson, Rizzini, Ruiz-Casares, Tisdall, Wright
Participatory Methods Working Group — Wright, Jamieson, Cuevas-Parra
Intergenerational Advisory Committee — Representation of Experts
Policy Working Group — Blanchet-Cohen, Doel-Mackaway
Knowledge Mobilization Committee — Collins

Research, Policy, and Practice | Research | Policy | Practice | Data and Evaluation

ICCRP Team & Timeline

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Co-Applicants (16)

Aurelia Di Santo - Toronto Metropolitan University
Christian Whalen - New Brunswick Office of the Child and Youth Advocate
E Kay M Tisdall - University of Edinburgh
Holly Doel-Mackaway - Macquarie University
Irene Rizzini - Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro
Jane Kovarikova - Independent Researcher
Jennifer Martin - Toronto Metropolitan University
Judy Finlay - Toronto Metropolitan University

Laura Wright - International Institute for Child Rights and Development
Lorraine van Blerk - University of Dundee
Lucy Jamieson - University of Cape Town
Maria Herczog - Eötvös Loránd University
Mónica Ruiz-Casares - Toronto Metropolitan University
Natasha Blanchet-Cohen - Concordia University
Patricio Cuevas-Parra - University of Edinburgh
Virginia Caputo - Carleton University

Collaborators (20)

Alana Kapell - Save the Children Sweden
Alan Leschied - Western University
Ana Vergara - Universidad de Santiago de Chile
Angie Osachoff - Equitas: International Centre for Human Rights Education
Benyam Dawit Mezmur - University of the Western Cape
Darren Bird - Learning for Well-being Foundation
Jessica Taft - University of California, Santa Cruz
Kathryn Underwood - Toronto Metropolitan University
Kristen Hope Burchill - Terre des Hommes
Laura Lee - International Institute for Child Rights and Development
Lisa Wolff - UNICEF Canada

Margo Greenwood - University of Northern British Columbia
Mary Ann Powell - No Institutional Affiliation
Mona Paré - University of Ottawa
Nicole D'souza - McGill University
Noah Kenneally - MacEwan University
Paul Stephenson - Independent Consultant
Vicky Johnson - University of the Highlands and Islands (Millennium Institute)
Victor Prasad Karunan - Thammasat University
William Myers - No Institutional Affiliation
In Memoriam
Landon Pearson - Carleton University
Yolanda Corona Caraveo - Metropolitan Autonomous University Mexico

Partners (29)

Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children - Canada
Children's Institute, **University of Cape Town** - South Africa
Children's Parliament - Scotland
Child Rights Connect - Switzerland
Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada - Canada
Commissioner for Children Western Cape - South Africa
Concordia University - Canada
ECPAT - Thailand
Equitas - Canada
Eurochild - Belgium
Families Canada - Canada
Government of New Brunswick - Canada
International Center for Research Policy on Childhood at Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (CIESPI, PUC-Rio) - Brazil

International Institute for Child Rights and Development - Canada
Learning for Well-being Foundation - The Netherlands
McGill University - Canada
People for Education - Canada
Plan International Canada - Canada
Public Health Agency of Canada - Canada
Save the Children Canada - Canada
SHERPA University Institute - Canada
Southern Cross University - Australia
Terre des Hommes - Switzerland
Toronto Metropolitan University - Canada
UNICEF Office of Research Innocenti - Italy
UNICEF South Africa - South Africa
University of Dundee - Scotland
University of Edinburgh - Scotland
World Vision International - USA

ICCRP Timeline

Activities	Timeline	Year 1 (Oct 2021- Mar 2022)	Year 2 (Apr 2022- Mar 2023)	Year 3 (Apr 2023- Mar 2024)	Year 4 (Apr 2024- Mar 2025)	Year 5 (Apr 2025- Mar 2026)	Year 6 (Apr 2026- Mar 2027)	Year 7 (Apr 2027- Mar 2028)
Research Streams	Lit review							
	Ethics protocol & ethics approvals							
	Recruitment & data coll.							
	Data analysis							
	Dissemination							
Working Groups	Communities of Practice (COP)	Research Current COP		Gather & Analyze Data		Data Sharing		
	Particip. Methods/ Ethics training							
	Conceptual interconnections	Identify Connections			Training		Dissemination	
	Policy analysis							
Evaluation	Participatory evaluation		Develop Criteria	Data Analysis		Analytical Project Sessions		
Kmb	Kmb activities			Engagement Conference			Sharing Conference	
Youth Involved (N=675)	Intergenerational Advisory Committee, Child and Youth Activism Projects & Research Participants		N= 220 (IAC, YP, RP)	N = 205 (IAC, YP, RP)	N = 64 (IAC, YP, RP)	N = 64 (IAC, YP, RP)	N = 61 (IAC, YP, RP)	N = 61 (IAC, YP, RP)