

INTERNATIONAL & CANADIAN CHILD RIGHTS PARTNERSHIP (ICCRP)



SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of all of us at the International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a safe, joyful, and restful holiday season. May this time bring you peace, happiness, and cherished moments with family and friends.

*Thank you for your continued commitment to advancing child rights.
We look forward to working together in the new year!*

*Warmest wishes,
Tara Collins & the ICCRP Team*

For Your Holiday Reading & Viewing: ICCRP Recent Outputs

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Listening, Learning, and Growing Together: Insights from ICCRP's Participatory Evaluation

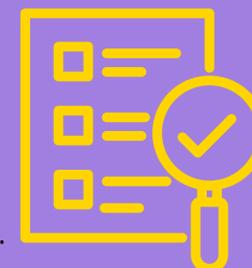


Earlier this year, the **Data and Evaluation Working Group (DEWG)** collected **stories, feedback, and ideas**, from ICCRP members as part of our **participatory evaluation**. Through 15 online conversations, we took the time to **reflect on what we have learned as a partnership**, what we are doing well, what has been challenging, and where we can grow.

Emilia Gonzalez (DEWG lead and PhD candidate) and **Elisar Haydar** (graduate research assistant) had the opportunity to speak with **39 ICCRP members from across the research partnership**, including Steering Committee members, Intergenerational Advisory Committee (children, young people and adults), Staff members, the Research Assistant Community, Chaperones, and Case Study and Working Group leads. These conversations brought together people from Africa, Europe, North and South America, ranging in age from 12 to over 70 years old, reflecting the international and intergenerational spirit of the partnership and of this evaluation. For those unable to join, we also shared a short survey with the same questions.

Together, we explored:

- What it takes to build equitable intergenerational and international partnerships;
- How different members experience the ICCRP culture and ways of working together;
- How structures, systems, and resources can support (or sometimes get in the way of) collaboration; and
- How participation in the ICCRP has shaped the learning, growth, and practices, of individuals, groups, and the partnership as a whole.



Thank you to everyone who joined in these conversations! In every session, we felt your warmth, care, and commitment to the ICCRP. **We are also grateful for all of the constructive feedback and creative ideas you shared with us;** they are helping us grow as a partnership. Together with the Steering Committee and other ICCRP groups, we are integrating your insights into the partnership's next steps. We look forward to sharing updates in future newsletters and other spaces: stay tuned!

International Child & Family Conference

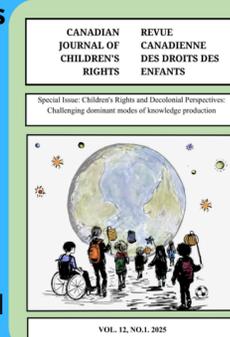
The **International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership (ICCRP)** participated in the first **International Child and Family Conference** at the **University of Bristol** (June 17-19, 2025), hosting **two panels** that showcased their global, collaborative research on advancing children's rights. The first panel focused on child supervision in low- and middle-income countries, exploring diverse perspectives on non-adult supervision, sibling care, and the role of mothers' education.

The second panel highlighted **intergenerational relationships, decolonial approaches, safeguarding children in research, and discourses on parents' rights**. Together, these panels reflected ICCRP's commitment to cross-cultural dialogue and interdisciplinary collaboration to strengthen children's rights worldwide.



The Canadian Journal of Children's Rights: Special Issue on Decolonial Perspectives

Congratulations to the ICCRP's **Conceptual Interconnections Working Group** for their **special issue** published in **The Canadian Journal of Children's Rights**. This special issue aims to contribute to decolonizing research about childhood and children's rights and accentuate the value of creative, participatory methodologies to explore problems faced by young people. It comes after a year of cross-cultural discussions regarding children's rights from **decolonial and intergenerational perspectives**. The objective of this Special Issue is to further academic and practitioner discussions, presenting interdisciplinary approaches and understandings based on decolonial research projects and practices with children and youth from different countries and contexts. [Click here to read the open access special issue!](#)



Talented Research Assistant Valeria Millan Assists CIESPI Research Team in Brazil!

In May 2025, **Valeria Millan**, a Research Assistant for the ICCRP, travelled to **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, as part of the ICCRP & Centro Internacional de Estudos e Pesquisas sobre a Infância (CIESPI) **Placement**.

With valuable support from a Toronto Metropolitan University's **(TMU) Global Learning Scholarship**, this two-week placement offered Valeria a chance to engage in cross-cultural research and deepen her understanding of global children's rights issues alongside Director Dr. Irene Rizzini and her team at CIESPI. Valeria has recently graduated with her undergraduate Psychology program at TMU!

[Click here to read more about Valeria's special experiences!](#)



Steering Committee Members at the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology

Several of the ICCRP Steering Committee members attended the **5th ISA Forum of Sociology in Rabat** (July 6-11, 2025), **hosting engaging panels** focused on ethical practices in co-research with children and young people and participatory research with children and young people.



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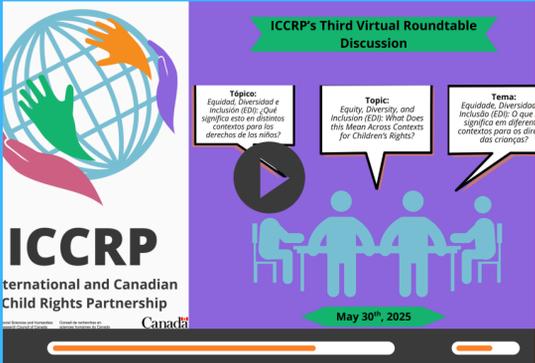


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IAC Roundtable: Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Across Contexts for Children's Rights

On May 30, 2025, the **Intergenerational Advisory Committee (IAC)** of the ICCRP hosted their third engaging global roundtable exploring **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI): What Does this Mean Across Contexts for Children's Rights?**

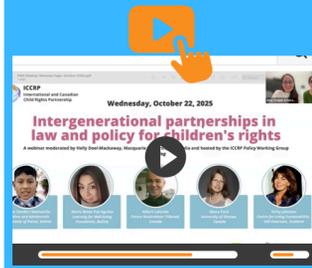


Children, young people, and adults, from South Africa, Canada, Scotland, and the U.S. shared perspectives on creating fair, inclusive spaces and challenging systemic barriers. Key findings emphasized the need for education and awareness to counter resistance, integrating EDI into research and policy from the start, and addressing cultural norms that reinforce power imbalances. Panelists also highlighted mentorship, active listening, and valuing lived experiences alongside data, as essential for meaningful change.

These conversations underscored that inclusion is not just about hearing voices, it is about acting on them. Keep an eye out for the next ICCRP newsletter, wherein we will share the text-based report to go with this exciting recording. Thank you to all the participants for advancing intergenerational dialogues and action on EDI!

[Click here to view the full roundtable recording on YouTube](#)

Policy Working Group New Webinar Recording & Infographic



How can **law and policy** create space for meaningful **intergenerational collaboration**? On October 22, 2025, the ICCRP's **Policy Working Group** hosted a global webinar to explore this question, featuring positive examples from Bolivia, Scotland, and beyond. Panelists shared powerful insights on challenging adultism, building trust across generations, and ensuring young people's participation in decision-making.



The **accompanying infographics (in English and Spanish)** highlight key strategies, such as embracing radical participation, confronting bias, and supporting empowerment, alongside inspiring quotes from experts and youth advocates. Viewing the webinar is a great opportunity to hear the full conversation with real-world examples of children's rights advocacy and innovative approaches to intergenerational partnership.

- [Watch the recording on YouTube](#)
- [Read the Infographic in English](#)
- [Read the Infographic in Spanish](#)

With Thanks & Best Wishes to ICCRP Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Sarah Ciotti



THANK YOU

A heartfelt goodbye to our greatly valued colleague **Dr. Sarah Ciotti**. Sarah served as the ICCRP's Postdoctoral Fellow from January 2024 - July 2025. We are **incredibly grateful** for Sarah's contributions to the ICCRP in her role, and we are excited that she will continue to be involved with the ICCRP through her **new exciting faculty position**. We will sorely miss working with Sarah day-to-day but **wish her the very best with her new endeavours**. Your students at Martin Luther University College at Wilfrid Laurier University are lucky to have you as their professor, Sarah!

ICCRP Welcomes New Postdoctoral Fellow Edward van Daalen

The ICCRP is very pleased to welcome **Dr. Edward van Daalen** to our team as the ICCRP's postdoctoral fellow. Edward is a socio-legal researcher working on the intersections of international law, critical children's rights studies, and international development. He holds a PhD in law from the **Centre for Children's Rights Studies at the University of Geneva**, and formerly worked at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism (CHRLP) and the Labour Law and Development Research Laboratory (LLDRL) at McGill University. His research interests include children's political agency and participation, children's liberation and, most recently, situating 'family abolition' in critical children's rights scholarship. **Welcome to the team Edward!**



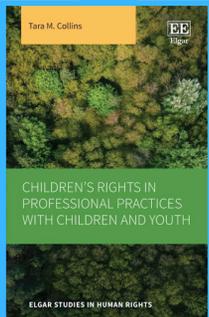
Celebrating Tara Collins' Book Launch



Gerison Lansdown
International Child Rights Consultant



Tara Collins
International & Canadian Child Rights Partnership



Recorded on June 2, 2025 and now available on YouTube, this special event celebrated the launch of **Dr. Tara Collins'** new book, **Children's Rights in Professional Practices with Children and Youth**. In conversation with **Gerison Lansdown**, Dr. Collins explores compelling examples of children's rights issues and advocacy from around the world, offering fresh insights into how professionals can champion meaningful change. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a thought-provoking discussion on equity, participation, and practical strategies for advancing children's rights globally.

[Watch the full recording here!](#)

Congratulations to Cheryl Perera on her Honorary Doctorate at TMU!

Congratulations to ICCRP Intergenerational Advisory Committee member **Cheryl Perera** on receiving an **honorary doctorate from Toronto Metropolitan University** in June 2025! Cheryl is an international children's rights advocate, social entrepreneur, and founder of OneChild, the first organization empowering youth to combat the sexual exploitation of children (SEC). Her journey began at 17 with a solo mission to Sri Lanka, where she partnered with authorities in an undercover sting that led to over 40 arrests. Since then, Cheryl has pioneered prevention education in Canadian schools, supported child victims in Asia, and earned over 35 global awards, including a 2025 Nobel Peace Prize nomination.



[Read more about Cheryl's inspiring work here!](#)



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