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The First Intergenerational Advisory Committee Joint **Meeting with Adults and Young People was a Success!**

This first joint meeting with the adults and young people of the ICCRP's Intergenerational Advisory Committee (IAC) took place on June 17, 2023. The meeting focused on opening a space for the adults and young people to introduce themselves, get to know one another, and start to have important discussions about children's rights and potential activities (e.g. virtual roundtables).

All IAC members were thrilled to finally meet one another and share what they have been working on to date in their adult-only and youthonly spaces. This meeting was a great start to the important and exciting intergenerational work that is to come!

Intergenerational Advisory Committee Roundtable Discussion

How adults can listen and engage with young people!

This virtual roundtable will feature young people and adults from the ICCRP's IAC. We warmly invite all young people, researchers, partner organizations, universities, human rights institutions, governments, and anyone interested in children's rights and respecting young people's participation in practice! Registration details will soon be posted on the ICCRP website and sent out to all ICCRP contacts.

Toronto	Rio de Janeiro	Edinburgh	Cape Town
11:00 am	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	6:00 pm

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Working Group Webinars Have Now Been Posted for Viewing on our Website!

In May 2023, three of the ICCRP's Working Groups hosted webinars on important topics related to children's rights. All webinars have been uploaded to the main partnership site! We encourage you to check them out.



Policy: Using Law and Policy for **Children's Rights**



Conceptual Interconnections: **Exploring International** Perspectives on **Decoloniality and Children's Rights**



<u>Participatory</u> Methodologies: Engaging with Participatory Methodologies to **Decolonise Research** with Children and Young <u>People</u>

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ICCRP's Sachi and Sheldon Travel to South Africa!

In May 2023, ICCRP research assistants Sachi Shukul and Sheldon Caruana travelled to Cape Town, South Africa for a month of immersive cross-cultural training and learning alongside ICCRP co-applicant and Senior Researcher Lucy Jamieson and her team. Many thanks to the wonderful support from our valued ICCRP partner: Children's Institute at the University of Cape Town. We also appreciate the financial support from Toronto Metropolitan University, including TMU Global and the Office of the President and Provost, that made this trip possible.

Read more about Sachi and Sheldon's extraordinary experience here on our website.

ICCRP at International Summer Course on the Rights of the Child, Moncton, June 2023,

Intergenerational Advisory Committee (IAC) Presentations:

To engage in and contribute to this year's conference, ten IAC young people created a total of five posters in relation to child rights. Topics included: the right to participation in Bolivia, Child Rights Impact Assessments, child activism, and mental health. To prepare for the online presentation, these young people took part in peer evaluations and feedback sessions with fellow IAC peers, Kalee Kiluu-Ngila (ICCRP Research Assistant), Tara Collins (Project Director), and Sachi Shukul (Child and Youth Participant Coordinator). During her time in Moncton, Tara showcased the young people's posters in the venue for all to see in person while Sachi helped facilitate the presentations online as the conference's closing session! The young people did a fabulous job sharing their learnings and experiences with in-person and virtual attendees from around the world. This was a great way to show how much our partnership values young people's participation and to support young people in their constant engagement inside and outside of the partnership. You can see the young people's posters here on our website.

Steering Committee and Research Assistant Presentations:

Tara Collins, co-investigator Laura Wright (University of Edinburgh), Amy Cooper (Research Assistant and doctoral candidate at Concordia) along with virtual participation by co-investigators Irene Rizzini (CIESPI/PUC-Rio) and Lucy Jamieson (Children's Institute, UCT) provided an overview of our ongoing work.

Silvia Battaglia who recently graduated from TMU's Law program also presented her ICCRP work, supported by Monica Ruiz Casares (TMU) on Child and Youth Activism in Canada: Legal Frameworks of the Right to Protest. Her presentation was also well received.







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Call for Papers: Special Issue of Child Abuse and Neglect Journal - Children's Right to **Participation in the Context** of Child Abuse and Neglect

Much of the knowledge about child maltreatment today is based on the perceptions of adults, while children's voices have been excluded from the discourse. The current special issue asks to fill in this gap. The special issue seeks empirical and theoretical papers that deal with the interaction between children's right to participation and child maltreatment.

There is a revised submission date for 250-word abstracts of October 15, 2023. For more information, visit: here or contact Guest Editor Dr. Hanita Kosher and submit abstracts to hanita.kosher@mail.huji.ac.il



Book Launch of A Handbook of Children and Young People's Participation with the contribution of a young member of the ICCRP CIESPI/PUC-Rio team!

We are happy to announce the launch of the book: A Handbook of Children and Young People's Participation, published by Routledge. The virtual book launch included the participation of ICCRP Steering Committee member Irene Rizzini and Lucas Almeida who is a young research assistant and member of the Youth Forum South Fluminense in Action (FJSFA/VR). Lucas is part of the ICCRP case study called: Participation and youth protagonism in Brazil: a study in the south of Rio de Janeiro. The work focuses on public policies and spaces aimed at protecting and promoting the rights of children and adolescents. They discussed the work on their chapter with other ICCRP young people and researchers. For more information, click here.



IAC Young Person Spotlight: Scotland

Arden and Omima, two members of valued ICCRP partner Children's Parliament (MCPs) and IAC members, travelled from Scotland to the United Nations in Geneva to watch and participate in the UN Committee of the Rights of the Child's questioning of the progress that the UK has made on children's rights in the last few years. The MCPs met and shared their views and ideas with UN committee members and watched the two sessions of questioning with the UK government. It was really insightful and exciting to be involved in this stage of the feedback process. Both MCPs came away feeling excited that their ideas were included by the committee members, but felt there is more work for the Scottish **Government to do!**

They also enjoyed exploring Geneva with other members of #TeamScotlandUN, and especially enjoyed a well-deserved ice cream in the sunshine after their final session.









ICCRP's Intergenerational Advisory Committee (IAC) Young Person Spotlight: Bolivia

On April 12th, the Plurinational Committee for children and adolescents in Bolivia wrapped up its 3rd General Assembly with an extraordinary session in the Senate. On the final day, Juan Angel, the committee's Vice President and one of the ICCRP's IAC members, gave an inspiring speech about the increasing involvement of children and adolescents decisionmaking processes that benefit them and help create a more equitable society.

His speech has been very inspiring for the authorities and organizations because it is the result of the work that has been done intergenerationally in favour of the participation of

children and adolescents.



ICCRP Colleagues' Recent Publications

Click here to view the ICCRP's Zotero page

*Publication hyperlinks provided where available



Forbes, B., Smith-Brake, J., Wallace, T., Stephenson, P. (2023). Children's participation in transformational development: reflections emerging from praxis. In Percy-Smith, B., Thomas, N., O'Kane, C., & Imoh, A. (Eds.), A Handbook of Children and Young People's Participation. Routledge.



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