

# ICCRP Overview



## 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) **Vanessa Zufelt**, 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 **30 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.

## 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 Assessments (CRIA):** 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)

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# Governance & Advisory Groups



## 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, expert 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 CoAs and 14 young people from case study projects and partners. **Child and Youth IAC**

**Members:** Still to be recruited. **Adult IAC Collaborators:** Pearson (Carleton U), Greenwood (U Northern BC), Karunan (Thammasat U), Mezmur (U Western Cape), Myers (Independent Researcher), 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. **Confirmed Partners Include:** Families Canada, Learning for Well-being Foundation, Plan Canada, Terre des Hommes, Eurochild, IICRD, World Vision, & others.

## Knowledge Mobilization Committee (KMbC)

The KMbC includes 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 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 SSSHRC?

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).





# ICCRP Team & Timeline

## 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 Catolica 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 (22)

**Alana Kapell** - Save the Children Canada  
**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 Burchill** - Terre des Hommes  
**Landon Pearson** - Carleton University  
**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  
**Neziswa Titi** - University of Cape Town  
**Nicole D'souza** - McGill University  
**Noah Kenneally** - MacEwan University  
**Paul Stephenson** - World Vision  
**Vicky Johnson** - University of the Highlands and Islands (Millennium Institute)  
**Victor Prasad Karunan** - Thammasat University  
**William Myers** - No Institutional Affiliation

## Partners (30)

**Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children** - Canada  
**Casa da Crianca e do Adolescente** - Brazil  
**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  
**Equal Education** - South Africa  
**Equitas: International Centre for Human Rights Education** - Canada  
**Eurochild** - Belgium  
**Families Canada** - Canada  
**Government of New Brunswick** - Canada  
**International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood at Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)** - Brazil  
**International Child Protection Network of Canada** - Canada

**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  
**UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti** - Italy  
**UNICEF South Africa** - South Africa  
**University of Cape Town** - South Africa  
**University of Dundee** - Scotland  
**University of Edinburgh** - Scotland  
**World Vision International** - USA

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