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ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

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INTRODUCTION

Global problems like gender inequality and climate change affect people of all ages everywhere. These complex problems require holistic inter-generational approaches, diverse mindsets, multi-disciplinary methods and multi-sectoral dialogue. OCIC recognizes the wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership that youth leaders bring to the international cooperation sector in Ontario and beyond. We want to help enable the active participation of youth at local, national and international policy-making tables to inform decisions that concern their lives, future and the planet.

OCIC's Youth Policy-Makers Hub (YPH) seeks to engage diverse youth from across Ontario in international cooperation policy processes in support of Gender Equality, Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) action areas, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In doing so, we also hope to increase the awareness and interest of Ontarians, especially youth, in international cooperation and key global issues, and to offer opportunities for meaningful participation in advocacy and policy-making processes, meetings and delegations.

This toolkit is prepared by members of the OCIC's Youth Policy-Makers Hub (YPH) 2022 - 2023 Cohort. As the final project of the Youth Policy-Makers Hub, we developed a resource with the objective to create a toolkit that is accessible to future YPH members or anyone wishing to learn more about advocacy and policy making. We hope to do so through exploring a collection of a variety of curated online resources and ways to get involved in advocacy organizations and groups. While every effort was made to provide accurate and up-to-date information at the time of writing (May 2023), it is important to recognize that our toolkit only represents a small portion of the vast amount of useful information available. We encourage you to view this toolkit as a launching pad, using it as a foundation to enhance your knowledge and support you on your own journey of continuous learning.

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YPH 2022-2023 COHORT

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OCIC recognizes and honours the Indigenous peoples who have historically, and do presently, live and work on the traditional, both treaty and unceded territories that we operate on. These include the Huron Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishnaabe, the Mississaugas of the Credit River First Nation, and many others.

We acknowledge that our staff, Board, volunteers, members and broader community operate on the treaty and unceded territories of these and numerous other Indigenous peoples and nations. As we reflect on our role within a settler-colonial context, we acknowledge the importance of naming the Indigenous peoples and nations on whose lands we live, work and play, and understand the importance of framing our engagement in the international cooperation sector and beyond through the lens of reconciliation and decolonization. We recognize that we have a responsibility to stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples who have and continue to fight for social justice on their own lands.

OUR GOALS

The primary goals of this project are:

- To provide resources and information that will help individuals better understand key concepts related to advocacy;
- To encourage individuals to engage in citizen action by providing them with opportunities to get involved and connect with local advocacy groups and organizations.

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1. Glossary

Definitions and resources for key advocacy concepts.

1.1 Key Terms Glossary:

Browse the definitions and resources in the key terms glossary to deepen your understanding of advocacy.

1.2 More Glossaries of Advocacy Terms:

Explore additional key terms in advocacy by browsing additional glossaries prepared by other advocacy groups.

2. Resources

Collection of online educational resources related to advocacy; Resources to facilitate communication with members of Parliament, and to learn how to engage effectively through social media for advocacy.

2.1 Educational Resources:

Use the educational resources list to access tools (policy toolkits, training guides, video playlists, podcasts, books, and websites) to enhance your comprehension of advocacy.

2.2 How to Contact Your Elected Representatives:

Use the "How to contact your elected representatives" section to gain knowledge on communication with members of Parliament.

2.3 How to use Social Media for Advocacy:

Use the "How to Use Social Media for Advocacy" to gain knowledge and the skills you need to engage effectively through social media to advocate and promote your causes

3. Advocacy & Community Engagement

Collection of advocacy organizations and groups to get involved with. Consists a selection of organizations and platforms featuring advocacy and volunteering events.

3.1 Get Involved

Make use of the "Get involved" to get connected with organizations doing advocacy work in Canada.

3.2 Other Ways to Get Involved

Make use of the "Other Ways to Get Involved" to navigate and connect with volunteer opportunities with local organizations

3.3 Community Calendars

Keep track of advocacy organizations' event calendars to stay informed about events happening in Canada.



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GLOSSARY:

Definitions and resources for key advocacy concepts.

1.1 Key Terms Glossary

Advocacy holds significant influence in effecting change and shaping public perception regarding different causes and matters. To navigate this realm successfully, it is crucial to comprehend the vocabulary employed by advocates and participants in the policymaking procedure. Presented below are definitions and explanations of key advocacy terms, aiming to enhance your knowledge and active involvement in the realm of advocacy (Countable, 2023)

Advocacy: Advocacy is the process of supporting, promoting, or defending a particular cause or issue. It involves raising awareness, influencing public opinion, and working to shape policy decisions. Advocacy can occur at the local, national, or international level.

Advocacy Avenues: The four paths of advocacy. These are administrative advocacy, litigation advocacy, legislative advocacy and electoral advocacy.

Agency: Semi-autonomous public organization that operates at arm's length from the government, usually reporting to a ministry and mandated to carry out public tasks (e.g. regulation, service delivery, policy implementation) in a relatively autonomous manner (i.e. with less hierarchy and political influence in daily operations and with more managerial freedom).

Boycotts (Boycotting): To engage in a concerted refusal to have dealings with (a person, a party, an organization, etc.) usually to express disapproval or to force acceptance of certain conditions.

Capacity Building: The process of growing the ability to act effectively. Any successful social change group requires structures, resources, knowledge, skills, practices, and vision to achieve its goals, and by getting stronger in these areas over time, the group can act more effectively. The abilities to forge and strengthen relationships, create strategic alliances, manage a base, and sustain the organization are some vital capacities.

Civic Engagement: The active participation of individuals and communities in the political, social, and economic processes that affect their lives. This may include voting, volunteering, attending public meetings, participating in protests or demonstrations, or advocating for specific causes or issues.

Coalition: Usually a group of two or more organizations that are working together jointly on a specific issue or cause.

Collaboration: A recognized relationship among different sectors or groups, which have been formed to take action on an issue in a way that is more effective or sustainable than might be achieved by a specific sector acting alone.

Constituents: The members served by an organization and/or those who will be impacted by a particular advocacy or other organizing outcome. Example: community members served by a health clinic or a segment of the population in need of healthcare.

Community Building: The process by which community members come together to enhance their environment and create meaningful connections to one another.

Community Participation: Procedures whereby members of a community participate directly in decision-making about developments that affect the community. It covers a spectrum of activities ranging from passive involvement in community life to intensive action-oriented participation in community development (including political initiatives and strategies).

Decision Makers: Individuals in positions of power to make policy-related changes. E.g.: legislators and legislative staff in legislative work, agency heads and staff in administrative work, judges in litigation, elected officials, business leaders in work with corporations, or the voters themselves in elections and ballot measures.

Diversity: Differences in the lived experiences and perspectives of people that may include race, ethnicity, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical disability, mental disability, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, class, and/or socio-economic situations.

Empowerment: The process of increasing the capacity of individuals or groups to make choices and to transform those choices into desired actions and outcomes. Central to this process are actions, which both build individual and collective assets and improve the efficiency and fairness of the organizational and institutional context which govern the use of these assets.

Equity / Equitable: Equity refers to achieving parity in policy, process and outcomes for historically and/or currently underrepresented and/or marginalized people and groups while accounting for diversity. It considers power, access, opportunities, treatment, impacts and outcomes, in three main areas: Representational equity: the proportional participation at all levels of an institution; Resource equity: the distribution of resources in order to close equity gaps; and Equity-mindedness: the demonstration of an awareness of, and willingness to, address equity issues.

Grassroots (Organization): Refers to a bottom-up approach in which ordinary people, rather than established organizations or leaders, drive change. Grassroots movements often involve community-based initiatives, local activism, and decentralized decision-making processes.

Inclusion: Inclusion is an active, intentional, and continuous process to address inequities in power and privilege, and build a respectful and diverse community that ensures welcoming spaces and opportunities to flourish for all.

Intersectionality: The interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity as they apply to a given individual or group. Intersectional identities create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage.

Implementation: The processes and actions that need to be taken, once a new policy and/or law has been adopted, in order to ensure that the policy or law is given concrete effect. Can also be called operationalization, reflecting the fact that policies have no effect unless and until they are made operational.

Legislation: Legislation is a law or set of laws enacted by a governing body, such as parliament or a provincial legislature. The legislation provides a framework for regulations, policies, and procedures that govern various aspects of society.

Litigation (Legal Advocacy): A lawsuit, judicial contest, or any dispute brought to court to enforce a particular right.

Lobbying: The act of influencing or attempting to influence the decisions of policymakers, through direct communication, advocacy campaigns, or other means. Lobbyists may represent various interests, including corporations, nonprofits, trade associations, or individuals.

Mobilize: To engage others in an activity to obtain a solution. Community mobilizing is categorized as issue-oriented, its process is driven by action, and it can be a confrontational process.

Partnerships: Collaboration between individuals, groups, organizations, governments or sectors for the purpose of joint action to achieve a common goal. The concept of partnership implies that there is an informal understanding or a more formal agreement (possibly legally binding) among the parties regarding roles and responsibilities, as well as the nature of the goal and how it will be pursued.

Public Policy: Refers to a set of guidelines, principles, or courses of action that are adopted by governmental entities to address specific societal issues. Public policies can take the form of laws, regulations, or programs, and are designed to achieve certain objectives or outcomes. The development of public policy involves research, analysis, and input from various stakeholders, including the public, interest groups, and government officials.

Regulation: A rule or order that has the force of law that originates from the executive branch (usually from an agency), and deals with the specifics of a program.

Stakeholder: An individual or group with a vested interest in the outcome of a decision, policy, or project. Stakeholders can include employees, customers, investors, government agencies, and community members. In public affairs, stakeholders often play a key role in influencing policy decisions and shaping public opinion through advocacy, lobbying, and other means of communication.

Strategic Planning: A tool for identifying short-, medium-, and long-term priorities and goals (e.g. 'improve education' or 'achieve energy security') and laying out a set of present and future (collective) actions for achieving them.

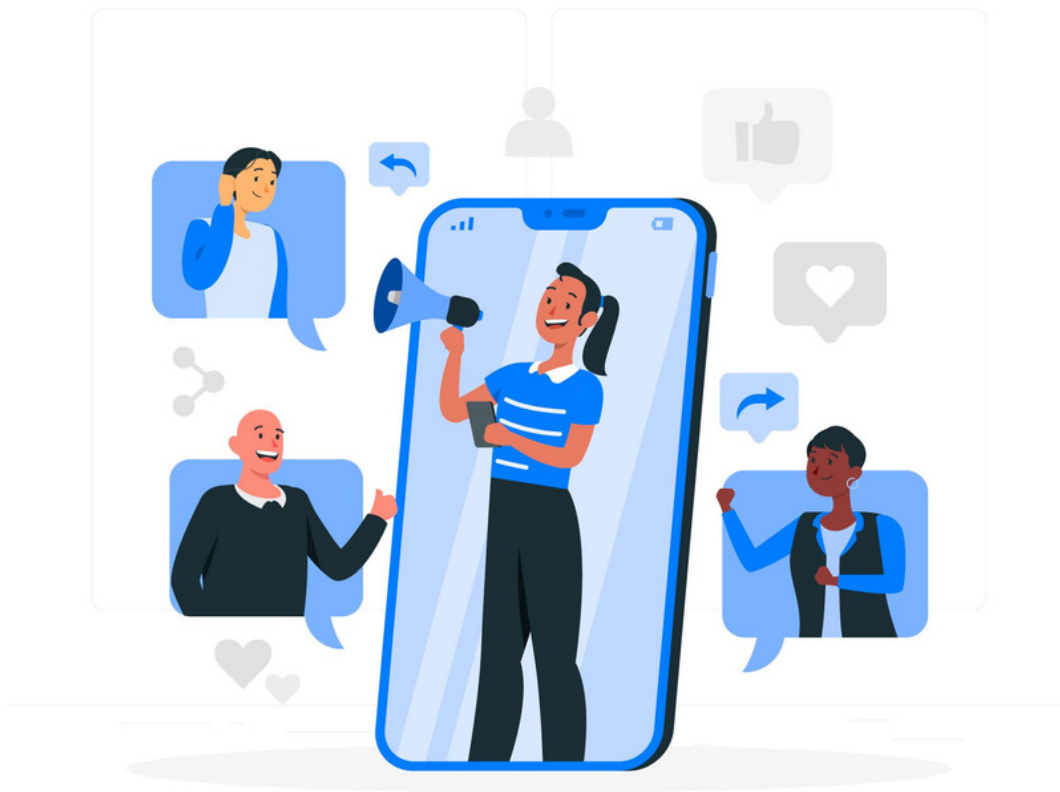
Sustainable Development: The use of resources, investments, technology and institutional development in ways that do not compromise the health and well-being of future generations. There is no single best way of organizing the complex development-environment-health relationship that reveals all the important interactions and possible entry points for public health interventions.

Target / Target Audience: The person or people to whom an organization is advocating or trying to address through their organizing campaign. This may include legislators, administrative officials, the courts, voters, candidates for public office, corporations, segments of the public, etc.

1.2 More Glossaries of Advocacy Terms

For additional definitions and explanations of the essential advocacy terms you can check other glossaries:

- American Association for Cancer Research (AACR): [Advocacy Dictionary](#)
- American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders (APED) : [Advocacy Glossary of Terms](#)
- Bolder Advocacy: [Terminology](#)
- Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ): [Glossary of Terms](#)
- Countable: [Advocacy Glossary: Definitions to top Advocacy Terms](#)
- Government of Canada: [Glossary of Terms](#)
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): [A to Z of Public Governance Terms](#)
- The University of British Columbia: [Equity & Inclusion Glossary of Terms](#)



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RESOURCES:

Collection of online educational resources related to advocacy; Resources to facilitate communication with members of Parliament, and to learn how to engage effectively through social media for advocacy.

2.1 Educational Resources

Here is a collection of valuable, accessible and open resources geared toward people who are interested in advocacy to help get the knowledge and the skills to become more informed and engaged in the world of advocacy.

The resources have been arranged below into different accessible categories to help learn about advocacy in the best convenient way that suits your educational desires such as webpages, PDF textbooks, videos and podcasts.

Official Websites

- Government of Canada, [Get ready for advocacy](#)
- Toronto Police, Official forms, [Notice of Demonstration](#)

Advocacy Resources Pages

- Canadian Advocacy Network, [Useful resources](#)
- Citizens for Public Justice, [Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- CNIB Foundation, CNIB works alongside Canadians who are blind or partially sighted to smash social and systemic barriers and advocate for an inclusive society. [Training & Resources](#)
- DSMN8: The All-in-One Employee Advocacy Platform, [Employee Advocacy Resources Hub](#)
- National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, [Advocacy Information Packet](#)
- National MPS Society, [Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- Ontario Nonprofit Network, [ONN Resource Centre: Advocacy](#)
- World Vision, [World Vision Advocacy Platform](#)

Online Training

- Philanthropy University, [Online advocacy course](#)
- American Academy of Pediatrics, [Advocacy Training Modules](#)

Toolkits & Advocacy Training (PDF)

- Canadian Federation of Medical Students, [Advocacy Training Toolkit](#)
- Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, [Advocacy and Communications Toolkits](#)
- Dying With Dignity Canada (DWDC), [Advocacy Toolkit and Action Guide](#)
- Mending the Sacred Hoop, [The Principles of Advocacy: A Guide for Sexual Assault Advocate](#)
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), [Advocacy Training](#)

- Ontario Library Association, [Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- Ontario Non-Profit Network, [Advocacy Toolkit – A Guide for Non-Profits to Meaningfully Engage Your Community](#)
- Plan International, [Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- SACN: South Africa Cities Network, [Policy Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- SARA, Support for Analysis and Research in Africa, [Academy for Educational Development: An introduction to advocacy](#)
- UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund, [Advocacy Toolkit: A guide to influencing decisions that improve children's lives](#)
- US National Parent Teacher Association, [Advocacy Training](#)
- VALOR (formerly California Coalition Against Sexual Assault), [“Support for Survivors: Training for Sexual Assault Counselors/Advocates” Training Manual](#)

Educational Videos

- American Alliance of Museums, [Advocacy Training](#)
- Be The Match, [Advocacy and Public Policy](#)
- CNA TV - NAHCA Broadcasting Network, [Grassroots Advocacy](#)
- Fair Districts PA, [Advocacy Training and How to Track a Bill](#)
- Global Encryption Coalition, [Advocacy Training](#)
- Internet Society, [2020 ICS Policy and Advocacy Training](#)
- Social Policy Education, Advocacy, and Knowledge (SPEAK), [Digital Advocacy Training](#)
- The Art of Advocacy, [The Art of Advocacy](#)

Podcast

- The Advocacy Podcast, [The Advocacy Podcast](#)

eBooks

- PDF drive, [Advocacy Books](#)



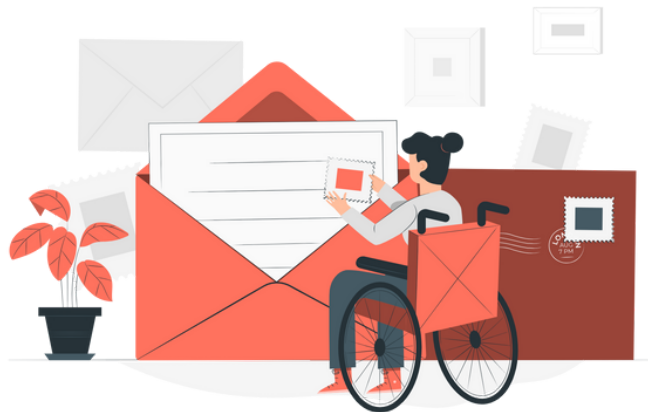
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2.2 How to Contact Your Elected Representatives

Sending a letter to your elected officials is a simple and impactful method to express your desire for action on a particular matter. These representatives possess tools that can raise awareness about a wide range of local, national, and global concerns that affect constituents like yourself. They can present petitions, make statements, and ask questions during the daily question period when parliament is in session. (Save the Children, 2021).

Furthermore, elected representatives play a crucial role in proposing and shaping legislation, which influences government policies and regulations concerning Canada's activities both domestically and internationally. Crafting a personalized and persuasive letter is an effective means to capture your elected representative's attention and address your concerns. Below, you can find valuable resources to assist you in writing an engaging and individualized letter to your elected officials. (Save the Children, 2021).

- Guidelines How to write a Letter to a Politician, (An Article) - Share4Rare: EU.
- How to Communicate Effectively with Members of Parliament, (An Article) - Canadian Psychological Association.
- How To Write a Letter To Your MP, (An Article) - The Voice of the Martyrs Inc.
- How to write an effective letter to your MP, (An Article) - Climate Council.
- How to write to your MP, (An Article) - Results Canada.
- Sample letter to your MP/MPP, (An Article) - York Region District School Board.
- Secrets to writing an effective letter to your MP, from a former MP, (An Article) – Broadview.
- Write or email your Member of Parliament, (An Article with a sample letter) - Canadian Council for Refugees.
- Write to Your Local Member of Parliament, (An Article with a sample letter) - 215+ Pledge.
- Writing a Letter to Your MP, (An Article with a sample letter) - Citizens for Public Justice.
- Styles of address, (Official website) - Government of Canada
- Organize a meeting with your Member of Parliament, (An Article) - Canadian Council for Refugees



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2.3 How to Use Social Media for Advocacy

Utilizing social media platforms can significantly enhance advocacy endeavors by leveraging their potential to reach a larger audience in multiple locations, at a faster pace than ever before. When employed effectively, it can also aid in expanding one's sphere of influence, fostering trust, and potentially motivating more individuals to engage in the cause.

To effectively communicate our message through social media, it is essential to have a clear understanding of our target audience, identify the most suitable social media platforms for reaching that audience, and define the desired outcomes we aim to achieve. Below, you will find a compilation of valuable resources that can assist you in addressing these questions and provide guidance on constructing and implementing a social media advocacy campaign. (Community Tool Box, 2014).

Academic Articles

- Advocacy Through Social Media: Exploring Student Engagement in Addressing Social Issues, University of Georgia
- Using Social Media as a Tool to Complement Advocacy Efforts, Global Journal of Community Psychology Practice

Tips and Guidelines

- Best Practices: Using Popular Social Media Platforms for Effective Human Rights Advocacy, (PDF Article) - The Advocates for Human Rights
- Create engaging and effective social media content, (Web Article) - Hootsuite Blog
- How to Create a Strong Social Media Advocacy Program, (Web Article) - Hootsuite Blog
- Social Media 101 for Advocates, (PDF Publication) - American Society of Clinical Oncology
- Social Media Advocacy guide, (PDF Publication) - Results Canada
- Social Media for Advocacy, (PDF Publication) - Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection
- Social Media Guide for Advocates, (PDF Publication) - World Vision
- Social Media Strategies for Advocacy and Targeted Communications, (PDF Publication) - International Rivers – Internews
- Tips for Using Social Media for Advocacy, (PDF Article) - National MPS Society
- Using Social Media for Advocacy, (PDF Publication) - The Food Action Research Centre (FoodARC)
- Using social media in Ads, Outreach and Advocacy, (PDF Publication) - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Using Twitter for advocacy, (PDF Publication) - Parents as Teachers

Resources Pages

[Social Media: resource guide](#), Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal District

Videos

[10 Tips to be a Social Media Advocacy Guru](#), (YouTube) – Results Canada

[Social Media Advocacy guide](#), (YouTube) - Global Changemakers

[Using Social Media for Effective Advocacy](#), (YouTube) – Positive Women's Network - USA



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ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Collection of advocacy organizations and groups to get involved with. Selection of organizations and platforms featuring advocacy and volunteering events.

3.1 Get Involved

Members of the YPH have a variety of interests and are passionate for different causes. We hope this section is a helpful example in demonstrating a wide range of organizations. Beyond this list, there are many types of organizations dedicated to support a specific cause, including but not limited to: arts, political, labour rights, peace & anti-war, youth, senior, education, housing, animal rights, human rights, women, disability, poverty and economic inequalities, Indigenous rights, health, BIPOC, 2SLGBTQ+ and accessibility. The links below will help you learn more about each organization, their focus area, recent projects, operating location(s) and social media channels.

ACT (AIDS Committee of Toronto) is a leader in efforts to end AIDS in Toronto. Through HIV and sexual health education, prevention and outreach, they are working towards a city with zero new HIV infections, zero HIV-related stigma and discrimination, and zero AIDS-related deaths.

Contact Info: ask@actoronto.org

Location: Toronto, Canada

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [YouTube](#)

Type: 2SLGBTQ+

Recent Projects:

- [Community Health Forums](#)
- [Outreach and Community Education](#)

Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) is a member-driven alliance of 16 mental health groups comprised of health care providers and organizations that represent people with mental illness, their families and caregivers.

Location: Canada

Contact Info: [Web Form](#)

Type: Health

Social Media: [Facebook](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance 2023 Pre-budget Consultation Process](#)
- [Open letter to The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, M.P., P.C.](#)

Canadian Women Foundation is Canada's public foundation for gender equality for women, girls, and gender-diverse people to move out of violence, out of poverty, and into confidence and leadership.

Location: Canada

Contact Info: info@canadianwomen.org

Type: Women

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) & [YouTube](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Resetting Normal: Building Gender Equality in the Pandemic Recovery](#)

CanAge generates actionable steps by utilizing expert insights and member voices to bring about change for seniors in Canada.

Location: Toronto, Canada

Contact Info: info@canage.ca

Type: Seniors

Social Media: [Twitter](#)

Recent Projects:

- [A Roadmap to an Age-Inclusive Canada Policy Book](#)

Climate Justice Toronto is a grassroots group of young people across the Greater Toronto Area who seeks to build a powerful movement to stop the climate crisis by confronting its root causes: capitalism, colonialism and white supremacy.

Location: Toronto, Canada

Contact Info: climatejusticeto.on@gmail.com

Type: Environmental

Social Media: [Twitter](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Stop Fairy Creek - stop all old growth logging in BC](#)

Migrant Rights Network is a cross-Canada alliance to combat racism and fight for migrant justice.

Location: Canada

Contact Info: info@migrantrights.ca

Type: Labour

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Amplify Migrant Worker Actions](#)

Conservation North is a science-based, volunteer-run, and donation-supported organization located in Lheidli T'enneh territory, advocating for nature in central and northern BC

Location: Prince George, BC. Canada

Contact Info: info@conservationnorth.org

Type: Environmental

Social Media: [Twitter](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Send a message to BC: protect primary forests now](#)

Ecosource, inspires our community to be personally accountable for the environment through creative education

Location: Peel Region, ON, Canada

Contact Info: info@ecosource.ca

Type: Environmental

Social Media: [Instagram](#)

Recent Projects:

[Centering Indigenous Perspectives in the Classroom](#)

Environmental Defense is a leading Canadian environmental advocacy organization that works with government, industry and individuals to defend clean water, a safe climate and healthy communities.

Location: Canada

Contact Info: info@environmentaldefence.ca

Type: Environmental

Social Media: [Twitter](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Kicking out Toxic Chemicals](#)
- [Ending Plastic Pollution](#)

Fashion Takes Action, promotes sustainability in the fashion industry through education, awareness, research, and collaboration.

Location: Toronto, Canada

Contact Info: info@fashiontakesaction.com

Type: Environmental

Social Media: [Instagram](#)

Recent Projects:

- [ReMode is an event that focuses on how to keep your clothes in use for long](#)

For our Kids is a network of parents, guardians, grandparents, and allies fighting for a better world for our kids and grandkids.

Location: Canada

Contact Info: ruth@forourkids.ca

Type: Youth

Social Media: [Facebook](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Electric School Bus Campaign](#)
- [Fossil Finance 101: How regulating banks can help us cut emissions](#)

Good Neighbors Canada is an international humanitarian organization that believes in empowering people.

Location: Canada

Contact Info: hello@gncanada.ca

Type: Human Rights

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [LinkedIn](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel](#)

Human Rights Watch Canada Human Rights Watch safeguards global human rights and established Human Rights Watch Canada in 2002 for education and support purposes.

Location: Canada

Contact Info: canada@hrw.org

Type: Human Rights

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#)

Recent Projects:

- [20th Annual Human Rights Watch Canada Film Festival](#)

Results Canada is a grassroots advocacy organization that believes in mobilizing everyday people to generate the political will to end extreme poverty.

Location: Ottawa, Canada

Type: Political

Contact Info: communications@resultscanada.ca

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [LinkedIn](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Health Equity](#)
- [Quality Education](#)
- [Economic Opportunity](#)

The 519 is committed to the health, happiness and full participation of the 2SLGBTQ+ communities. A City of Toronto agency with an innovative model of Service, Space and Leadership, we strive to make a real difference in people's lives, while working to promote inclusion, understanding and respect.

Location: Toronto, Canada

Type: 2SLGBTQ+

Contact Info: info@The519.org

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [YouTube](#)

Recent Projects:

- [Building Power: Youth Advocacy Project](#)
- [Anti-Violence Initiatives \(AVI\)](#)

Toronto Arts Foundation, envisions a creative city where every community benefits from the arts through their programming and initiatives.

Location: Toronto, Canada

Type: Art

Contact Info: michelle@torontoartscouncil.org

Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [LinkedIn](#)

Recent Projects:

- [The Evening for the Arts](#)
- [Arts in the Parks](#)



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3.2 Other Ways to Get Involved

If you want to get involved in your community and help others by volunteering, there are websites that can help you find opportunities for additional community engagement and volunteering opportunities. Below is a list of different websites that offer information and listings of volunteer opportunities:

<p>The City of Toronto is Canada's largest city and a world leader in such areas as business, finance, technology, entertainment and culture. Its large population of immigrants from all over the globe has also made Toronto one of the most multicultural cities in the world.</p>	<u>Public Consultations</u>
	<u>Public Engagement Review</u>
	<u>Community Initiatives</u>
	<u>Public Appointments</u>
	<u>Volunteer with the City</u>
<p>Volunteer Toronto is Canada's largest volunteer Centre with over 40 years of experience connecting volunteers to the organizations that need them.</p>	<u>Volunteer Opportunities</u>
<p>Volunteer Match connects with the communities and each other through service they can find their passion and purpose, build camaraderie and hope, and experience joy and gratitude. Every person deserves an opportunity to be a part of the greater good.</p>	<u>Find Volunteer Opportunities with Nonprofit Organizations</u>
<p>Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), as enabled through the provincial Conservation Authorities Act, has taken action to enhance our region's natural environment and protect our land, water and communities from the impacts of flooding and increasingly extreme weather events.</p>	<u>Many ways to get involved</u>
<p>Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area, is a local nonprofit housing organization with a global vision of a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.</p>	<u>Volunteer Opportunities</u>
<p>CharityVillage is a career resource to over 170,000 charitable and nonprofit organizations across Canada.</p>	<u>Volunteer Opportunities</u>
<p>Idealist's mission is to help build a world where all people can lead-free and dignified lives by inviting people everywhere to imagine, connect, and act.</p>	<u>Volunteer Opportunities</u>
<p>Climate Justice Toronto is a grassroots group of young people across the Greater Toronto Area who seek to build a powerful movement to stop the climate crisis by confronting its root causes: capitalism, colonialism and white supremacy.</p>	<u>Sign up for the next Orientation</u>
<p>Migrant Rights Network, which is a cross-Canada alliance to combat racism and fight for migrant justice.</p>	<u>Take Action</u>

3.3 Community Calendars

For additional community engagement opportunities, below is a list of community event calendars that share the upcoming community events such as symposiums, training, workshops, conferences and more.

Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) , is an expanding community of Ontario-based international cooperation and global citizenship-focused organizations, institutions, and individual associate members committed to working for global social justice, human dignity and participation for all.	<u>Upcoming Events</u>
Bolder Advocacy , are lawyers, coaches and nonprofit experts with one big goal: to make advocacy easy and accessible for you, the nonprofit and foundation leaders who want to be great fighters for your cause.	<u>Training and Events</u>
Results Canada helps people take action and to realize their potential to make a difference.	<u>News and Events</u>
Eventbrite is a global self-service ticketing platform for live experiences that allows anyone to create, share, find and attend events that fuel their passions and enrich their lives. From music festivals, marathons, conferences, community rallies, and fundraisers, to gaming competitions and air guitar contests.	<u>Advocacy Events</u>
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) , as enabled through the provincial Conservation Authorities Act, has taken action to enhance our region's natural environment and protect our land, water and communities from the impacts of flooding and increasingly extreme weather events.	<u>Community Learning Events</u>
CharityVillage is a career resource to over 170,000 charitable and nonprofit organizations across Canada.	<u>Upcoming Events</u>
Climate Justice Toronto is a grassroots organisation of young people across the Greater Toronto Area who seek to build a powerful movement to stop the climate crisis by confronting its root causes: capitalism, colonialism and white supremacy.	<u>Upcoming Events</u>
Good Neighbors Canada is an international humanitarian organization that believes in empowering people.	<u>Upcoming Events</u>

IN SOLIDARITY

Through building the Advocacy Toolkit, we hope to inspire and motivate individuals to engage with their communities and become active members in building a better world for all.

We want to empower you with the necessary tools and resources to make a positive impact and encourage you to take courageous steps towards creating meaningful change for global social justice, human dignity and participation for all.

If you harbor a desire to support future YPH cohorts in their continuous efforts to enrich and refine the Advocacy Toolkit, please reach out to OCIC at info@ocic.on.ca.



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