



The Muttart Foundation



16th Annual Child Rights Academic Network Meeting

Theme: “*Reconciliation and Places Where We Belong*”

April 26-27, 2024

2017 Dunton Tower, Carleton University

Welcoming Remarks **4:15 - 4:25**

Hilary Pearson, Chair, Landon Pearson Centre

Special Guest: **4:30- 4:40**

Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society; child welfare and Indigenous children’s rights activist.

Shaking the Movers Workshop Series: **4:45 – 5:10**

(With thanks to Hilary Pearson, 2023-24 STM Series funder)

Shaking the Movers, Kitigan Zibi

Molly Rasmussen, Reconciliation and Research Coordinator
First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, Ottawa

Jessica Raby, Education and Public Engagement Coordinator
First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, Ottawa

Shaking the Movers, Val d’Or

Ève Custeau-Wiscutie, *Danyka Gravelle-Dumont*,
Véronique Picard, youth participants

Natasha Blanchet-Cohen, Associate Professor, Department of Applied
Human Sciences, Concordia University

Student Awards Presentations **5:10 - 5:25**

Dr. Joy Calkin \$5,000 Student Awards
Presented by **Tara Stang**, Senior Program Officer
The Muttart Foundation (funder)

Francine and Gerison Lansdown Student
Essay Prizes
(Funded by the Landon Pearson Centre)

Everyone is welcome to join us for a reception at 5:30

CRAN DAY 2
2017 Dunton Tower
Saturday, April 27, 2024

Breakfast **8:30 - 8:55**

Welcome: Virginia Caputo **8:55 - 9:00**

SESSION 1: Shaking the Movers 2023-24 Organizers Panel 9:00 - 10:15

(order may change in final programme)

Shaking the Movers Early Childhood, MacEwan University, Edmonton

Shaking the Movers, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

Shaking the Movers, King's University College Western, London

Shaking the Movers, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto

Discussion: Learnings from the 2023-24 STM workshops, 2024-25 Theme Announcement

NUTRITION BREAK: 10:15-10:40

SESSION 2: *Reconciliation and CRAN: Knowing, Acting and Practice for Child and Youth Rights and Participation* 10:45 - 12:15

***The format for this session is presentation of tweets, large group discussion followed by five speakers.**

Drawing on children's and young people's perspectives noted in the STM reports, we invite you to share with the group a 75-word tweet that captures what is/can happen within your sector to foster reconciliation, belonging and promoting culturally based equity. **We'll read them aloud and discuss during the CRAN meeting.** The tweet might describe something you have attempted to do, a project you aspire to undertake, a strategy for addressing systemic barriers and/or social inequalities, a recommended action or practice for your sector, for example.

Following the tweets and discussion, we will hear from five colleagues who have volunteered to speak for 5 minutes to what they perceive are the connections between knowing, acting, and practice for fostering reconciliation in children's rights contexts.

Speakers: Debra Pepler, Lisa Lachance, Valerie Michaelson, tba

‘LUNCH 12:15 -1:15 (provided in DT 2017)

SESSION 3:

1:15 - 2:30

Reflecting on Children's Rights in a Dynamic Global World: Accelerating Action on the UN Convention On The Rights of the Child

***The format for this session is small group discussions. This is not a speakers panel.**

As the world changes and presents new and ongoing challenges to children's lives and children's rights, it is crucial for CRAN to discuss, stay informed, and to proactively address some of these challenges across research, policy, advocacy, and professional contexts.

In small groups we will discuss and share knowledge and expertise regarding what we perceive to be connections between what young people have told us in the STM reports, what is happening within your sector, and what is happening in the world with children's rights and the UNCRC more broadly. Possible topics to discuss include: accountability and responsiveness in upholding children's rights, evolving challenges faced by children in Canada and/or globally, and strategies for accelerating action on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

NUTRITION BREAK 2:35 – 3:00

SESSION 4:

3:05 - 3:55

From Reflection to Action: What Happens Post-CRAN?

***The format for this session is open discussion.**

This closing session moves from reflecting to activating ideas, however big or small, post-CRAN. We welcome your input to formulate an action(s) to happen following this meeting, and to ask if you would commit to reconvening at the Centre's National Child Day event on November 20, 2024 to update everyone. We will mark the 35th anniversary of the UN-CRC adoption at the NCD event.

Please consider the following questions:

1. What concrete action(s) can you commit to pursuing in your research, policy, advocacy, or professional roles post-CRAN to amplify the concerns raised by STM participants? What strategies are necessary? What can be achieved within 6 months/12 months and what resources are needed?
2. Within your sector, is there a key decision-maker(s) to whom we could send the Shaking the Movers reports? Can we collaborate on a list of potential 'movers' to engage with CRAN/STM?"

***STM 2024-25 Organizers' Meeting following CRAN**

Time: 4:30 - 5:00

<https://carleton-ca.zoom.us/j/93372793427?pwd=SFM2NUR2VisrdnNPWkRIKzNmNU9nZz09>

Meeting ID: 933 7279 3427

Passcode: 92954

**Dinner on your own*