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NCA News

1. Update

The NCA has had a busy September. We have focussed primarily on youth in issues in the many meetings we have had with government and other officials. You would like more information about any of these please let us know.

September 6: Nathaly Lachance, Policy Advisor Prime Ministers office

September 8: Carolyn Harrison, First Nations and Inuit health branch Health Canada

September 14: Canadian Association of Chiefs of Policy Advisory Committee on social development

September 15: HRSDC re: labour market issues and youth poverty

September 16: Laurie Kilpatrick and John Murphy, National Council on Welfare

September 21: pre-meeting re: Finance committee

September 26: Kristin Hines, Special Advisor, Minister of Heritage

September 28: NAPO Anti-Poverty Campaign Launch

2. Dates to Remember

- ❑ October 13: Toronto Members Feasibility Study meeting, 1700-180 Dundas St. W., 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
- ❑ October 14: Deadline to return Feasibility Study questionnaires to NCA
- ❑ October 24: Deadline for E-digest submissions
- ❑ October 31: E-digest
- ❑ November 21: NCA Retirement Party for Senator Pearson
- ❑ November 24: School-aged Children Think Tank, Vancouver, BC

3. NCA Feasibility Study

The NCA has conducted two of three Feasibility Workshops with its members. The third will take place October 13 in Toronto. If you were unable to participate in one of the workshops and are available for a phone interview let us know. If an interview is not possible please complete the member questionnaire attached and return it by October 14.



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4. NCA Brief to Finance

The NCA Brief to the Standing Committee on Finance will be presented on October 5, 2005. Special thanks to steering committee members Alfred Gay (NAFC) and Janis Douglas (BGCCAN) for presenting the NCA Brief.



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5. Retirement Party for Senator Pearson

The NCA is hosting a retirement party in honour of Senator Landon Pearson to celebrate the work that she has done for children in Canada and around the world! Join us at the Lone Star Ranch (670 Cedarview Dr.) on Monday, November 21. Reserve your tickets now - \$50 (\$30 for youth) – this includes a fabulous fajita bar, line dancing and in lieu of a gift a contribution toward the newly established 'Senator Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights'. barbara@nationalchildrensalliance.com

This is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate Senator Pearson's work as well as our collective work for children and youth with colleagues, staff, volunteers and youth in our networks.

6. School Aged Children Think Tank

The NCA has been working with the United Way of Lower Mainland, B.C. on their initiative regarding Middle Childhood. We are planning a collaborative one-day Think Tank on November 24 in Vancouver. Mark your calendar – more information to come. We do not have any travel subsidies available but we hope that some of you will be able to attend.

Member News

1. Dates to Remember

- ❑ October 16-22: YWCA Week Without Violence
- ❑ October 20: The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada Seminar, 281 Lanark Ave., Ottawa 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- ❑ November 17: CICH *Crayons and Cravats Gala*

2. Letter of Support for CALC

The Canadian Association for Community Living has asked the NCA to support an open letter to the F/P/T Ministers of Social Services regarding the need for an investment in disability supports. The letter is attached below. The NCA will offer its support unless there is dissent from member organizations



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3. The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada

LDAC is hosting “Empowering Yourself or Your Child to Interact with the World” on October 20th at the Centre Jules Léger. Dr. Robert A. Weaver III, of the Weaver Clinic in Boston is the guest presenter. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Please call 238-5721 for more information.

4. YWCA Week Without Violence

October 16 – 22 is the *YWCA Week Without Violence*. The *YWCA Week Without Violence* is organized by YWCA Canada to unite all Canadians against the violence that exists in our communities. The campaign encourages individuals and communities to identify realistic and sustainable alternatives to violence. The support and involvement of schools, community organizations, politicians, law enforcement agencies, faith groups and individuals is at the heart of the campaign.

For information on how to get involved visit: <http://www.weekwithoutviolence.ca>

5. CICH Crayons and Cravats Gala

Celebrate National Child Day on November 17 with the Canadian Institute of Child Health at the *Crayons and Cravats Gala*, Ottawa Congress Centre. The Gala is an annual fundraising event that supports CICH's efforts to promote and protect the health and well-being of children and youth in Canada. Tickets are available online at www.cich.ca or by calling (613)230-8838.

Youth

1. Proceedings from Regional Workshops

Our pilot workshops in Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg were a great success resulting in strong policy recommendations that have been reflected in the NCA Brief to the Finance Committee (attached above). We hope to continue to meet with more youth from other regions of the country over the next year.



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2. Facilitator's Guide

As a result of the very successful regional youth workshops in June, NCA is preparing a workshop facilitator's guide. Due to funding cutbacks the NCA is unable to travel to as many cities as we would like but this will enable our members and others to present a youth policy workshop in their communities. The guide will follow the format established at our June workshops and will include a report-back mechanism. The guide will be available in late November. If your or your organization would like to present the youth policy workshop please let us know and we will be glad to provide the information and help you get started. There is no fee to use the workshop guide.

3. From the Youth

In this section of the e-digest we are hoping to provide a forum for the youth we have met to let our network know what is happening in their communities. If you would like your upcoming event or conference posted or have a website to promote please send us the information. Our e-digest goes out the last day of the month and the submission deadline is the week before.

This website was provided by some of our Winnipeg workshop participants:
www.youthactivistretreat.org

4. Beyond Kyoto –It's Us! International Youth Summit

Beyond Kyoto taking place just prior to the UN Conference on Climate Change, is looking for youth participants (ages 18-26). The conference takes place November 24-28 in Montréal. The UN conference is also accepting applications for youth delegates. For further information visit www.beyondkyoto.org

Other

1. Imagine Canada Brief to Finance

Below is Imagine Canada's Brief to the Standing Committee on Finance.



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2. Futures: The Social Policy Agenda and Governance to 2015

The Policy Forum, School of Policy Studies at Queen's University is hosting this conference October 19 –21, 2005. The topics for discussion include “the Coming Social Policy Agenda” and “the Governance Framework”. For registration details visit: http://www.queensu.ca/sps/queens_international_institute_on_social_policy