



# Canadian Friends Service Committee

## E-Newsletter

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Rachel Singleton-Polster, Haana Edenshaw, Jennifer Preston, and Keira Mann at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

## Report back from the UN

We were at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues again this year, and were thrilled to be joined by 15-year-old Haana Edenshaw of the Haida Nation. Haana participated in the CFSC delegation with the support of a grant from CFSC's [Reconciliation Fund](#).

She was involved in presenting at two side events (one presentation was [entirely in her Haida language](#)) and gave [an intervention on behalf of the Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#).

She also received multiple invitations to meet with different Indigenous and state delegations from around the world - including a personal invitation from Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, to attend a meeting at the Canadian Mission.

It was a real pleasure for all of us to have Haana with us! Below is the media coverage Haana's visit to the UN generated:

*Coast Mountain*

<https://www.coastmountainnews.com/news/haida-youth-travels-to-new-york-for-un-forum-on-indigenous-issues/>

*CBC Radio*

(Haana's interview at 55 minutes) <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-109-daybreak-north/clip/15695849-full-episode-for-friday-may-3-2019-daybreak-north>

*The Northern View*

<https://www.thenorthernview.com/news/haida-youth-travels-to-new-york-for-un-forum-on-indigenous-issues/>

*Terrace Standard*

<https://www.terracestandard.com/news/haida-youth-travels-to-new-york-for-un-forum-on-indigenous-issues/>

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**Breaking  
the Silence:**  
Dialogue on Children  
of Incarcerated Parents



***Breaking the Silence: Dialogue on Children of Incarcerated Parents***

CFSC is pleased to release for public circulation **Breaking the Silence: Dialogue on Children of Incarcerated Parents** (PDF), a report on the first of its kind dialogue CFSC hosted in January, which brought together over 35

organizations and individuals to discuss children of incarcerated parents in Canada.

The report provides an overview of the dialogue presentations, policy discussions, and final recommendations of the group about Canada's role and responsibility to children of incarcerated parents.

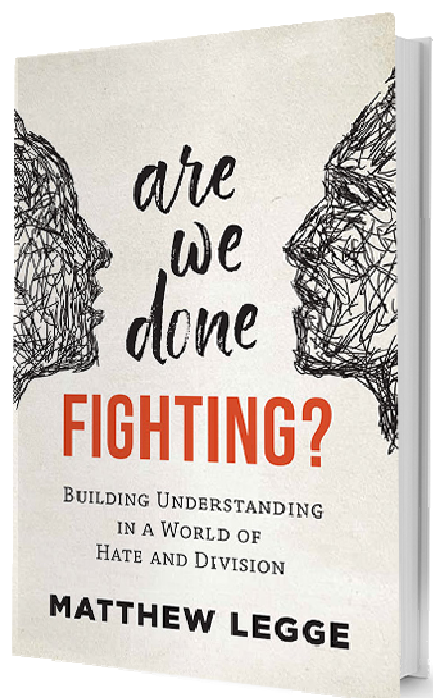
The report and its recommendations are important contributions to the literature and research on children of incarcerated parents in Canada, and hopefully will propel action and change around this critical issue.

Download [Breaking the Silence: Dialogue on Children of Incarcerated Parents](#) (PDF).

Read [an article by CFSC member Daisie Auty](#) about her experience at the dialogue.

Listen to CFSC criminal justice program coordinator Verena Tan's [CBC radio interview](#) about this issue.

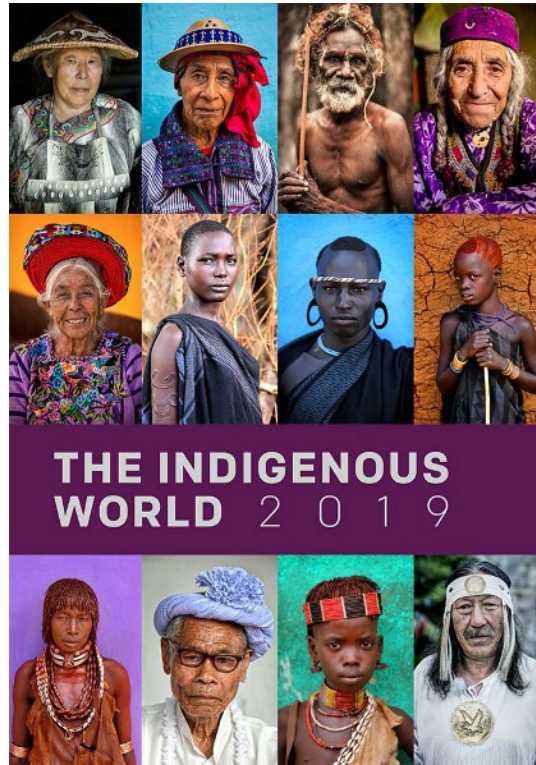
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### Check out our blog on *Psychology Today*

CFSC's peace program coordinator Matt Legge has been given an [on-going blog on Psychology Today's website](#). Matt will be posting periodically about peace-related issues, with a focus on some of the many factors that drive us apart and practical ways to overcome this polarization and hatred. The blog offers brief tidbits of content explained more thoroughly in CFSC's new book: [Are We Done Fighting? Building Understanding in a World of Hate and Division](#). The first two posts on the blog deal with evidence that our [expectations and behaviours can spread to others](#), and with [how language can polarize us](#).

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## ***The Indigenous World 2019***

*The Indigenous World* is a “one-of-a-kind documentation tool, that offers a comprehensive yearly overview of the developments Indigenous Peoples experience around the world. The book also serves as inspiration to raise global awareness of the rights of Indigenous Peoples, their struggles, their worldviews, and their resilience.”

For many years now CFSC’s Indigenous rights program coordinator Jennifer Preston has written the entry on Canada for *The Indigenous World*. We’re pleased to announce that *The Indigenous World 2019* is now available for free download. The section on Canada starts on page 65.

Download [The Indigenous World 2019](#) (PDF).

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Kathleen Schmitz-Hertzberg (left) in a photo clipped from the *Toronto Star*



Murray Thomson

## **Giving thanks for two former Coordinators of CFSC**

This year we've lost two people who were trailblazers for Canadian Friends Service Committee, both making immense contributions to Friends' service work and witness for justice and peace. **Kathleen Schmitz-Hertzberg** died in January, just before her 103rd birthday. She had not only coordinated the work of CFSC, but also worked for Toronto Monthly Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting. She was also deeply involved in many community service projects. **Murray**

Thomson died in May at age 96. In addition to coordinating CFSC's service work, Murray helped to found many peace groups, including Project Ploughshares (of which CFSC is still a member today). Right before his final trip to the hospital, Murray was still actively working to ban nuclear weapons.

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