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WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS



CFSC helps launch Canadian Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents

The seeds of the Canadian Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents (CCCIP) were sown many years ago, influenced by Quaker work internationally. In January 2019, CFSC hosted the [Dialogue on Children of Incarcerated Parents](#) (PDF) in Toronto. This two-day event brought together individuals and organizations from across Canada to share knowledge, learn, and make connections.

After the meeting, the [Canadian Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents](#) emerged as the essential next step. CCCIP advocates for children's rights and seeks to create safeguards to ensure that the best interests of the child are a primary consideration in all decisions and at every stage of the justice system in Canada.

For the last year-and-a-half and as a founding member of CCCIP, we've worked with other members to create an active and sustainable Coalition. The new [CCCIP website](#) was launched at the end of September at an international conference on children with incarcerated parents.



March for Reconciliation, Ottawa, May 31, 2015.



CFSC office closed Sep 30 to honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th was the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, established by the federal government in response to **Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #80**. We encourage you to engage with the following resources to learn more about reconciliation:

- ***Indigenous Voices***—A video project where several of our Indigenous partners shared with us their answers to common questions about reconciliation.
- ***Truth and Reconciliation: Quakers in Action*** (PDF)—A guide to help Friends and others engage with the TRC's *Calls to Action*
- ***Truth and Reconciliation: A Guide for Canadian Quakers*** (PDF)—Developed at the close of the TRC in 2015, this guide offers many resources that continue to be relevant today.
- **Further resources on Indigenous peoples' human rights.**

We are also active members of the **Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples**, which has many other relevant resources to help you learn about Indigenous peoples' human rights and reconciliation.

You can also consider making a donation to the **Reconciliation Fund**.



Oil refinery.



New information on pension plan investments in fossil fuels

In our most recent edition of **Quaker Concern**, CFSC member Sara avMaat looked at **unethical investments held by Canada Pension Plan**.

Since that edition came out a **new report** has explored both the ethics and the financial inadvisability of investments by Canada Pension Plan in fossil fuels. The Quebec Pension Plan (which manages a \$390 billion portfolio) has announced that it will be Canada's first to pull investments out of oil production and pipelines. Other funds can and must do the same.

If so led, consider writing a letter to the Canada Pension Plan board (or the board of your provincial pension plan) using this tool: **<https://www.shiftaction.ca/take-action>**



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The rise of self-censorship

Peace Program Coordinator Matt Legge shares on [Psychology Today](#) how self-censorship appears to be on the rise. Fascinatingly, people with moderate beliefs, more extreme ones, those on the left, and those on the right were all about equally likely to report not sharing their actual views.

Why do people self-censor and what are the implications for constructive conflicts?