



Canadian Friends Service Committee

E-Newsletter



Join us to learn about Indigenous rights and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

CFSC has been hard at work with partners to prepare a symposium happening April 6th-7th. You can join virtually to learn about Indigenous peoples' human rights and ecological knowledge, hearing from experts on the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the Sustainable Development Goals. See the full schedule and register for free at: <https://DeclarationCoalition.ca/sdgs>

You can also check out these brief videos on the topic of Indigenous peoples' human rights and sustainability:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9ZJioICAsM&list=PLOXsEwBYTL2cL4cmZYqBda nKTiLQJxJQf>



CFSC endorses Jerusalem Declaration on antisemitism

CFSC is deeply concerned by rising hate movements in Canada and other countries. These movements have multiple targets including Jewish people. While unequivocally condemning antisemitism, we've also [expressed our concerns](#) with the [confusing and deeply flawed IHRA "working definition"](#). CFSC has decided to use the clearer and more meaningful *Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism*. Its [website](#) explains:

The Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism is a tool to identify, confront and raise awareness about antisemitism as it manifests in countries around the world today. It includes a preamble, definition, and a set of 15 guidelines that provide detailed guidance for those seeking to recognize antisemitism in order to craft responses. It was developed by a group of scholars in the fields of Holocaust history, Jewish studies, and Middle East studies to meet what has become a growing challenge: providing clear guidance to identify and fight antisemitism while protecting free expression.

Also see [this statement](#) from multiple anti-Zionist Jewish organizations that expressed both support for, and some concerns with, the *Jerusalem Declaration*.



Newest blog post covers humour and humiliation

Following a surprise act of violence at the Oscars this year, our newest blog post for *Psychology Today* covers the research on humiliation and on humour. Find out how to use humour nonviolently to deescalate (instead of fueling) conflicts:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/are-we-done-fighting/202203/humor-and-humiliation>