



Canadian Friends Service Committee

E-Newsletter



We need to hear from you!

We send information, events, and action opportunities your way, but now we'd like to hear from you. We've launched a [short survey](#) that takes only a few minutes to complete. We want to find out how we're doing and what resources, communications, and events you'd like from us. Your feedback is extremely valuable for our future work.



Joint statement delivered at the UN

My name is Sheryl Lightfoot. I am Anishinaabe from the Lake Superior Band and an associate professor at the University of British Columbia. I am the North American member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It is my honour today to make this intervention on behalf of the [Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#).

Earlier this month, the Coalition, the University of British Columbia, and Canadian Friends Service Committee hosted an expert symposium on the interconnections between *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the human rights of Indigenous peoples, including the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. [Keep reading this joint statement](#).



UN asks Canada about children of incarcerated parents

Earlier this month CFSC joined other members of civil society in meeting with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. We took the opportunity to highlight the situation of children when their parents come into contact with the criminal justice system.

Questions that we drew to the attention of the UN have now been asked of Canada: How many children with incarcerated parents are living in Canada? How does Canada ensure the rights of these children? Good references were made to interrelated and vitally important issues including Truth and Reconciliation and Jordan's Principle as well. Read more [on the UN website](#).



Emotions in conflicts and difficult situations

Our [newest post for Psychology Today](#) looks at the crucial role that emotions play in conflicts. You'll find some interesting insights about what emotions are and how to engage with them effectively to build understanding during difficult conversations.