

The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Cc: MP Jenny Kwan (NDP Immigration Critic); MP Jasraj Hallan (Conservative Immigration Critic), Philip Somogyvari (Director General, Strategic Policy and Planning, IRCC)

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Honourable Minister Fraser,

The mandate letter that you received in December 2021, instructed you, among other key actions: to “Build on existing pilot programs to further explore ways of regularizing status for undocumented workers who are contributing to Canadian communities.”

The Migrant Rights Network is Canada’s largest cross-country, migrant-led coalition. Our membership is composed of people without permanent resident status - workers, students, undocumented people, refugees and families. We are Canada’s only coalition that ensures the leadership of migrants. Member organizations of Migrant Rights Network have a long-standing commitment to ensuring regularization, and have been at the forefront of organizing for it for over 20 years.

In June 2020, following a series of meetings, surveys and focus groups of and by migrants, we initiated our call for full and permanent immigration status for all. In a letter to the then Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Minister, we outlined the following key steps for a regularization program that are endorsed by 484 civil society organizations, with over 1.1 million members (listed below):

- First, the federal government should meet with migrant organizations like ours in order to develop an effective and appropriate plan;
- Second, a moratorium on detentions and deportations should be instituted to ensure undocumented people applying for status are protected;
- Third, a regularization process should be created where all migrants in the country get permanent residence status or citizenship, without any exclusions by work history, previous immigration status, health status, previous access to social assistance, criminality, or any other language, education or personal history reasons
 - During this time, all undocumented and migrant residents in Canada should get immediate and open work authorization and full access to basic entitlements;
- Fourth, all low-waged migrants arriving in Canada in the future should arrive with Permanent Resident status if they so choose.

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We have reiterated this position in multiple communications since, including in our letter to the new Cabinet in October 2021. Regularization is part of our broader calls for transformative change to ensure rights, justice and dignity for all residents. Please see our Letter to Cabinet here:

<https://migrantrights.ca/migrants-mandate-letter-to-federal-cabinet/>

As you move towards implementing the Mandate Letter, we would like to meet with you to discuss our proposals on regularization and our other pragmatic steps towards ensuring full and permanent immigration status for all, and rebuilding a more equitable society. Please contact us at info@migrantrights.ca to continue the conversation.

Sincerely,

Migrant Rights Network

Migrant Rights Network Members

Migrant Justice Coalition – Alberta

Association of Mexicans in Calgary
We're Together Ending Poverty (WTEP)
Kabisig Society of Fort Saskatchewan
Migrante Alberta

BC Migrants

Migrante BC
Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture
(RAMA)
Sanctuary Health Vancouver
Vancouver Committee for Domestic Workers
and Caregivers Rights

Migrant Rights Network – Atlantic Region

Cooper Institute (PEI)
No One Is Illegal – Fredericton (New
Brunswick)
No One Is Illegal – Halifax / Kjiptuktuk (Nova
Scotia)

Manitoba

Migrante Manitoba

Migrant Rights Network – Ontario

Butterfly – Asian and Migrant Sex Workers Project
Careworker Connections Education Support
Organization
Chinese Canadian National Council – Toronto
Collaborative Network to End Exploitation
FCJ Refugee Centre
GABRIELA-Ontario
IAVGO Community Legal Clinic
Income Security Advocacy Centre
Migrant Resource Centre Canada
Migrant Workers Alliance for Change
Migrante Ontario
Migrante Ottawa
No One Is Illegal – Toronto
Northumberland Community Legal Centre
OCASI – Ontario Council of Agencies Serving
Immigrants
Parkdale Community Legal Services
Sanctuary Students Solidarity & Support
Collective
South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario
Unifor
Vivimos Juntxs, Comemos Juntxs
Workers' Action Centre

Quebec Coordination

Collectif Ensemble avec les personnes
Migrantes Contre le Racisme
Immigrant Workers Centre – Montreal
PINAY Quebec
Solidarity Across Borders

Civil Society Organizations that have endorsed our call for Full and Permanent Immigration Status for All:

1. 350.org
2. 350Vancouver
3. Aamjiwnaang & Sarnia Against Pipelines (ASAP)
4. ACORN Canada
5. Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
6. Action Santé Travesti.e.s et Transsexuel.le.s du Québec
7. Afghan Association of Ontario Canada
8. African Caribbean Black Caucus for Health Equity, Alberta
9. African Communities of Manitoba Inc. (ACOMI)
10. AFRICAN STAGES ASSOCIATION OF BC
11. African Women Acting AWA
12. Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC
13. Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC Society
14. Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC
15. AGIR
16. AIDS ACTION NOW!
17. AIDS Committee of Ottawa
18. AIDS Community Care Montreal / Sida bénévoles Montréal
19. Albanian Canadian Association Kosova
20. Alberta Federation of Labour
21. Alberta Society for the Promotion of Sexual Health (ASPSH)
22. All Welcome Here/BIPOC of PEC
23. Alliance for Healthier Communities
24. Alternatives
25. Amnesty International Okanagan
26. Anakbayan Montreal
27. Anakbayan Ottawa
28. ANKORS AIDS Network Outreach & Support Society
29. Apatrides anonymes
30. Asian Heritage Society of NB
31. Asian Women For Equality
32. Assa
33. Association des locataires de Villeray (ALV)
34. Association des travailleuses et travailleurs d'agences de placement ATTAP
35. Association for the Rights of Household and Farm Workers
36. Association for the Rights of Household and Farm Workers (ARHW)
37. Association Latino-Américaine pour les Immigrant du Canada
38. Association Maraguiri Guinée
39. Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario
40. Association of Kenyans in Alberta
41. Association of Mexicans in Calgary
42. Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI)
43. Atlantic Regional Solidarity Network
44. Atlantic Regional Solidarity Network
45. Atlantic Regional Solidarity Network
46. Ayotzi68
47. B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA)

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48. Bangladeshi Students' Association
Scarborough
49. Bathurst St. United Church
50. BC Disability Caucus
51. BC Employment Standards Coalition
52. BC Federation of Labour
53. BC Government and Service Employees'
Union
54. BC Health Coalition
55. Black Legal Action Centre
56. Black Lives Matter - Toronto
57. Blue Green Canada
58. Bridges Not Borders - Créons des ponts
59. Brothers of the Christian Schools
60. Calgary Anti-Racist Action
61. Calgary Revival Church
62. Campaign 2000
63. Campaign for Adequate Welfare and
Disability Benefits
64. CANADÁ NOS UNE Organization
Multicultural
65. Canadian hospital
66. Canadian AIDS Society/Société
canadienne du sida
67. Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law
Reform
68. Canadian Association of Physicians for
the Environment
69. Canadian Centre for Language & Cultural
Studies, Inc.
70. Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
71. Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture
72. Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture
73. Canadian Centre on Statelessness
74. Canadian Civil Liberties Association
75. Canadian Federation of Students
76. Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network /
Réseau juridique canadien VIH/sida
77. Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector
Alliance - Alliance canadienne du sector
de l'establissement des immigrants
78. Canadian Union of Postal
Workers/Syndicat des travailleurs et
travailleuses des postes
79. Canadian Union of Public Employees,
Local 2424
80. Canadian Union of Public Employees
(CUPE)
81. Canadian Union of Public Employees
(CUPE) Ontario
82. Canadian Union of Public Employees
Local 1281
83. Canadian Women's Foundation
84. Cap City Cyphers
85. Car Free Vancouver Society
86. Caregiver action centre
87. Caregiver Connection Education and
Support Organization
88. Caregivers Action Toronto
89. Carrefour d'Action Interculturelle
90. Carrefour d'éducation populaire de
Pointe-Saint-Charles
91. Carrefour d'éducation populaire de
Pointe-Saint-Charles
92. Carrefour d'éducation à la solidarité
internationale - Québec (CÉSIQ)
93. Carrefour de solidarité internationale
94. Carrefour international bas-laurentien
pour l'engagement social (CIBLES)
95. CAYR Community Connections
96. CCESO
97. Centre de femmes, Femmes du monde à
Côte-des-Neiges
98. Centre des femmes d'ici et d'ailleurs
99. Centre des femmes de Laval
100. Centre des femmes solidaires et
engagées
101. Centre for Gender and Sexual Health
Equity (CGSHE)
102. Centre international de solidarité
ouvrière (CISO)
103. Centre justice et foi
104. Centre on Drug Policy Evaluation
105. CG Immigration

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106. Chelsea Green Neighbourhood Association
107. Child Care Now (Ottawa)
108. Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
109. Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic
110. Christian Peacemaker Teams Canada
111. Citizens for Public Justice
112. Citizens for Public Justice
113. Citizens for Public Justice
114. Clean Air Partnership
115. Climate Action Network Canada
116. Climate Justice Edmonton
117. Climate Justice Montreal
118. Climate Justice Ottawa
119. Climate Justice Ottawa
120. Climate Justice Ottawa
121. Climate Justice Toronto
122. Climate Justice Victoria
123. ClimateFast
124. Coalition Against Bigotry - Pacific
125. Coalition Against Bigotry- Pacific
126. Coalition of Black Trade Unionists
127. Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC
128. Coalition solidarité santé
129. COBP
130. Collectif Bienvenue // Welcome Collective
131. Collectif Ensemble avec les personnes migrantes contre le racisme
132. Collective RedLEGAL
133. Comité d'Action de Parc-Extension
134. Comité de Solidarité/Trois-Rivières
135. Comité pour les droits humains en Amérique latine CDHAL
136. Community Action Initiative
137. Community Legal Assistance Society
138. Community Legal Clinic Brant Haldimand Norfolk
139. Community Works Manitoba Inc.
140. Concordia Student Union
141. Confédération des syndicats nationaux
142. Confédération des syndicats nationaux
143. Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN)
144. Conseil central du Montréal métropolitain-CSN
145. Conseil régional FTQ Montréal métropolitain
146. Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson
147. COPE Local 343
148. COPE SEPB - Canadian Office & Professional Employees Union-Syndicat canadien des employees et employes professionnels et de bureau
149. Council of Canadians, Le Conseil Des Canadiens
150. Council of Canadians, Peterborough and Kawarthas chapter
151. Council of Canadians/Le Conseil Des Canadiens
152. Courage
153. CQSU-AFPC-Qc
154. Creating Healthy and Sustainable Environments (CHASE)
155. CUPE 2626
156. CUPE 3261
157. CUPE 3904
158. CUPE 3904
159. CUPE 3907
160. Cupe 474
161. CUPE 6364
162. CUPE Local 3902
163. CUPE MB
164. Cycle Toronto
165. Davenport Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre
166. Decent Work and Health Network
167. Dignidad Migrante Society (DIGNIDAD)
168. Diocese of Hamilton
169. Disability Education Empowerment Pride (DEEP)

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170. Disability Justice Network of Ontario (DJNO)
171. Divest McGill
172. Dominion nursing and homecare
173. Downtown Legal Services
174. DroitsTravailleursMigrants
175. Durham Injured Worker support group
176. Durham Region Labour Council
177. Edmonton & District Labour Council
178. Education and Support Organization
179. Eglinton-Lawrence NDP
180. Ekens Foundation International
181. Elders for Climate Sanity
182. Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario
183. Ending Violence Association of Canada
184. Environmental Defence Canada
185. Ernestine's Women's Shelter
186. Ethiopian
187. Expresco Food
188. Faculty for Palestine (F4P)
189. FAD Foundation; Friends of Africa Development Foundation
190. Femmes du monde à Côte-des-Neiges
191. Fight for \$15 and Fairness
192. Fight for 15 & Fairness Manitoba
193. Filipinas of HamOnt
194. Filipino Parents Association
195. First Unitarian Church of Victoria
196. Food Policy Council for Kingston Frontenac and Lennox-Addington
197. Food Secure Canada
198. FoodShare Toronto
199. Fridays for Future Calgary
200. Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain (FRAPRU)
201. Frost Centre Student Association
202. GHANAIAN-CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BC
203. Gillian's Place
204. Global Peace Alliance
205. Global Peace Alliance BC Society
206. Govern your life Style
207. Graceful Birth Doula Services Inc.
208. Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University
209. Green 13
210. Green Majority
211. Greenpeace Canada
212. Guelph Community Acupuncture
213. Haba Soccer Academy
214. Halifax Workers Action Centre
215. Hamilton and District Labour Council
216. Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
217. Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
218. Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
219. HAMSMaRT (Hamilton Social Medicine Response Team)
220. Hiba Khatkhat Multicultural Counselling
221. Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Durham
222. HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO)
223. HIV/AIDS Resources and Community Health
224. Hoodstock
225. IMAAW
226. IfNotNow Toronto
227. Illusion Emploi de l'Estrie
228. Illusion Emploi de l'Estrie
229. Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba Inc.
230. ImmigrantsCAN Canada Immigration Services
231. Indigenous Climate Action
232. Info-femmes
233. Injured Workers Community Legal Clinic
234. Institute for International Women's Rights - Manitoba
235. Inter Pares
236. Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development

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237. Islamic Social Services Association
238. Jamaican Youth and Cultural
Committee of Alberta
239. Jeunesse Lambda
240. John Humphrey Centre for Peace and
Human Rights
241. Justice For All Canada
242. KAIROS Canadian Ecumenical Justice
Initiatives
243. KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical
Justice Initiatives
244. Kwentong Bayan Collective
245. Law Union of British Columbia
246. Le Québec c'est nous aussi
247. Leadnow
248. Leap Montreal - Saut Montréal
249. LetsStopAIDS
250. Liberians United for Development in
Quebec
251. Ligue des droits et libertés
252. Little Mountain Neighbourhood
House
253. London and District Labour Council
254. Loretto Sisters Canada
255. Mabelle Arts
256. MADE IN EXILE
257. Maggie's Toronto Sex Workers Action
Project
258. Maison d'amitié
259. Manitoba Association of Newcomer
Serving Organizations
260. Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL)
261. Maritime -Guatemala Breaking the
Silence Network PEI Committee
262. MAWO
263. McGill University Student Transport
(MUSTBUS)
264. Melinda Markey
265. MGEU Equality and Human Rights
266. Migrant Farmworkers Project
267. migrant memory project/ trace press
268. Migrant Rights Network
269. Migrant Students United - MWAC
270. Migrant Students United – MUN
Chapter
271. Migrant Students United –
Newfoundland and Labrador
272. Migrant Worker Community
Program
273. Migrante BC
274. Migrante Ottawa
275. Mining Injustice Solidarity Network
276. MiningWatch Canada
277. Montreal in Action
278. Mount Dennis Community
Association
279. Mouvement contre le viol et l'inceste
280. Mouvement d'éducation populaire et
d'action communautaire du Québec
281. MoveUP
282. Moyo Health and Community
Services
283. My Sea to Sky
284. National Farmers Union
285. National Union of Public and General
Employees
286. Neighbourhood Legal Services
287. New Brunswick Federation of Labour
288. Niagara Community Garden Network
289. Niagara Community Legal Clinic
290. Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural
Centre
291. Niagara Region Anti-Racism
Association
292. Niagara Regional Labour Council
293. Niagara Regional Labour Council
294. NIGERIAN COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION OF GREATER SUDBURY
295. Nobel Women's Initiative
296. Noor Cultural Centre
297. North Peel & Dufferin Community
Legal Services
298. Northern Territories Federation of
Labour
299. Not Going Back (members of Climate
Strike Canada and Our Time)

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- 300. Nova Scotia Federation of Labour
- 301. OCADFA
- 302. Occupational Health Centre
- 303. Office of the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop
- 304. OHIP for All
- 305. Ontario Coalition Against Poverty
- 306. Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP)
- 307. Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA)
- 308. Ontario Federation of Labour
- 309. Ontario Humanist Society
- 310. Ontario Nurses' Association
- 311. Ontario Public Service Employees Union Region 5
- 312. Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation
- 313. OPSEU
- 314. OPSEU Disability Rights Caucus
- 315. OPSEU Indigenous Circle
- 316. OPSEU Rainbow Alliance arc en ciel
- 317. OPSEU RAINBOW ALLIANCE/ARC-EN-CIEL
- 318. Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW)
- 319. Ottawa Raging Grannies
- 320. Our Time Vancouver
- 321. Our Time Vancouver
- 322. Oxfam Canada
- 323. PACE Society
- 324. Pacific AIDS Network
- 325. Pacific Association of First Nations Women
- 326. Parkdale Community Legal Services
- 327. Parkdale Community Legal Services, Inc.
- 328. Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre
- 329. Peace And Justice Alliance
- 330. Peel Regional Labour council
- 331. PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women
- 332. PEI Chapter of the Council of Canadians
- 333. PEI Federation of Labour
- 334. People's Health Movement Canada - Mouvement populaire pour la santé au Canada
- 335. Peterborough AIDS Resource Network
- 336. PINAY
- 337. Pinay Organization
- 338. Pivot Legal Society
- 339. Planned Parenthood NL Sexual Health Centre
- 340. POPIR-Comité logement
- 341. Presbyterian Church in Canada
- 342. PROJECT PROTECH
- 343. Quebec Public Interest Research Group - Concordia (QPIRG Concordia)
- 344. Quest Community Health Centre
- 345. Radical Access Mapping Project
- 346. RadLaw McGill
- 347. Rainbow Faith and Freedom.
- 348. Rainbow Railroad
- 349. Rainbow Refugee
- 350. Ralph Thornton Community Centre
- 351. Refugee Health Coalition
- 352. Regina Public Interest Research Group (RPIRG)
- 353. Rencontre Interculturelle des Familles de l'Estrie
- 354. Retail Action Network
- 355. Rhema Chapel
- 356. Ripples of Kindness
- 357. Rising Tide Toronto
- 358. Romero House
- 359. S.H.A.D.E. (Safe Housing And Directed Empowerment) Inc.
- 360. SafeSpace London
- 361. SAIMY'S Art
- 362. Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network
- 363. Sarancule

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364. Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA)
365. Saskatchewan Federation of Labour
366. Scarborough Co-op Market
367. Scarborough Youth United
368. Secteur Vivre ensemble du Centre justice et foi
369. SeedChange
370. SEIU Local 2
371. Service jésuite des réfugiés Canada
372. SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES POUR REFUGIES ET IMMIGRANTS
373. Services juridiques communautaires de Pointe-Saint-Charles et Petite-Bourgogne
374. Sex Professionals of Canada
375. Sex Professionals of Canada
376. Shift Action for Pension Wealth and Planet Health
377. Showing up for Racial Justice - Toronto
378. Sidetracks Screenprinting Collective
379. Sierra Club BC
380. Single Mothers' Alliance BC
381. Sky Theatre Group
382. Social Justice & Advocacy Committee, Anglican Diocese of Toronto
383. Social Planning Toronto
384. Solidarité Nord-Sud des Bois-Francs
385. Solidarité Nord-Sud des Bois-Francs
386. Solidarity K'jipuktuk/Halifax
387. Somali Canadian Association of Etobicoke
388. Sophia kk ndagire South africa
389. South Asian Allyship Network
390. South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario
391. South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy (SANSAD)
392. South Asian Women's Centre
393. South Asian Women's Rights Organization
394. South Asian Women's Centre
395. South House Sexual and Gender Resource Centre
396. South Riverdale Community Health Centre
397. South Riverdale Community Health Centre
398. South Shore Sexual Health
399. Southridge Community Church
400. Spring Magazine
401. St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Kingston
402. Stella, l'amie de Maimie
403. Studio for Media Activism & Critical Thought
404. Sudbury Community Legal Clinic
405. Sudbury Palestinian Solidarity Working Group
406. Sudbury Workers Education and Advocacy Centre
407. Sudbury Workers Education and Advocacy Centre
408. Sudbury Workers Education and Advocacy Centre
409. SumOfUs
410. Sunrise Movement McGill-Montréal
411. Sustainable Concordia
412. Syndicat des employés-es étudiants-es de l'UQAM (SÉTUE)
413. Table de concertation du mouvement des femmes de la Mauricie
414. Table des groupes de femmes de Montréal (TGFM)
415. Table des Organismes communautaires Montréalais de lutte contre le sida
416. Tea Base
417. Tea Base
418. The 519
419. The Canadian Center for Victims of Torture (CCVT)
420. The Capilano Review

Migrant Rights Network

421. The Caring for Social Justice
Collective/le Collectif Soignons la justice
sociale
422. The City of Human Rights Education
423. The Graduate Student Society
424. the Institute for International
Women's Rights - Manitoba
425. The Leap
426. The Local Community Food Centre
427. The Local Community Food Centre
428. The Neighbourhood Organization
429. The Obstetric Justice Project
430. The Salvē Initiative
431. The Socialist Project
432. The Windsor-Essex Bilingual Legal
Clinic
433. Toronto & York Region Labour
Council
434. Toronto CopWatch
435. Toronto Environmental Alliance
436. Toronto Local, Canadian Union of
Postal Workers
437. Toronto Prisoners Rights Project
438. Toronto350.org
439. Torontonians HongKongers Action
Group
440. Touch Youth Empowerment
441. Trade Justice Network
442. TUAC - SECTION LOCALE 501
443. TUAC SECTION LOCALE 501
444. UFCW Local 832
445. UNIFOR 2169
446. United Church of Canada
447. United Jewish People's Order
448. United Steelworkers
449. University of Toronto Environmental
Action
450. University of Toronto Law Union
451. University of Toronto Law Union
452. University of Toronto Law Union
453. Untold Unknown
454. Urban Alliance on Race Relations
455. Urban Alliance on Race Relations
456. Vancouver and District Labour
Council
457. Vancouver Committee for Domestic
Workers & Caregivers Rights
458. Vancouver Island Counselling Centre
for Immigrants and Refugees (VICCIR)
459. Vancouver Island Counselling Centre
for Immigrants and Refugees (VICCIR)
460. Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's
Shelter
461. Vancouver South NDP
462. Venezuelan Canadian Association of
Ottawa
463. Warehouse Workers Centre Peel
464. Waterloo Region Community Legal
Services
465. WellFort Community Health Services
466. Wenlido WEST
467. West Coast Environmental Law
Association
468. West Coast LEAF
469. West Kootenay EcoSociety
470. West Toronto Community Legal
Services
471. Wilderness Committee
472. Willowdale Community Legal
Services
473. Women's Health in Women's Hands
CHC
474. Women's Legal Education and Action
Fund Inc (LEAF)
475. Women's Network PEI
476. Women's Shelters Canada
477. Workers Action Centre
478. Working Women Community Centre
479. YMCA of Southwestern Ontario
480. Yoruba people of Canada
481. YouthCO HIV & Hep C Society
482. Yukon Federation of Labour
483. YWCA Canada