



Peace For All Canada

PEACE BY PEACEFUL MEANS

Peace For All Canada (PFAC) is a community-based, conflict-transformation grassroots organization. PFAC utilizes the creative energy of individuals, communities, their imagination, skills and commitment to promote peace, safety, security and wellbeing. The vision is to build united and prosperous communities, living peacefully side by side. The mission is to empower individuals, families and communities, to confront physical, cultural and structural violence, and promote socio-economic empowerment and peaceful co-existence.

PFAC Objectives

1. Promote peace education, non violent conflict resolution and conflict transformation
2. Facilitate dialogues and actions to confront, poverty, violent extremism, racism and discrimination
3. Promote community based prevention and trauma healing practices and mechanisms for mental illness
4. Engage communities in reflection and actions on social cohesion and community wellbeing
5. Promote and facilitate social innovation entrepreneurship
6. Facilitate community round table (CRT), and manage community support centre (CSC)

According to statistic Canada, the racialized recent immigrants have higher unemployment rates (13 per cent), compared to racialized Canadian born (5 percent) and non-racialized Canadian born residents (3 percent). Racialized female recent immigrants have higher rates of unemployment rates (15 percent), compared to racialized male recent immigrants (11 per cent).

The deadly links between violent extremism and extreme poverty could be broken through the creation of jobs, and a reduction in inequalities and by building bottom up just and inclusive societies. This includes creation of structured and non-structured routine dialogues between policymakers, practitioners, community leaders and academic institutions. The central purpose of these dialogues is to mobilize communities, to find a common ground to work together and enhance their wellbeing.

An increasing amount of evidence confirms that the achievement of gender equality and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will not be possible without women's economic empowerment. Therefore, PFAC plans to introduce peace and social innovation entrepreneurship programs (PSIE). When the project is put to action, it will enhance family wellbeing and contribute to environmental sustainability. It will also contribute to reducing the impact of institutional, cultural and structural racism and discrimination against women, children, youth and minority communities. This includes contributing to enhancing community inclusion and collaborating to promote positive peace and unity.

Hence PFAC will mobilize and sensitize communities including their cultural and religious leaders, community professionals, governmental and governmental organizations, to develop a sense of urgency to mitigate vulnerable youth from falling prey to extreme poverty, crime and violent extremism and radicalization.

Proposed projects

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PFAC plans to establish an integrated community collaboration support centre (ICSC) which will be managed by a community council of elders and youth (CEY). PFAC will form community round table committees (CRTC), to address the following:

- (a) facilitate community dialogues on how to mitigate violent conflicts, and promote peace, safety and security.
- (b) Promote the use of culture, storytelling, art, sport, poem and drama to prevent spread of violent crimes, violent extremism and radicalization among youth.
- (c) collaborate and coordinate with academic institutions and publish educational materials for advocacy and public education and awareness.

Therefore we believe PFAC programs are a positive contribution to the realization of Canada's vision which seeks to foster and promote an inclusive society where everyone is able to fully participate in the economic, cultural, social and political spheres.

PFAC Philosophy

Our philosophy is based on listening to each other, enhancing our mutual respect, and working to bring the best out of every individual, family and community. With our shared purpose we dream together to support our mutual growth and our aspiration for peaceful co-existence and wellbeing. We are learning to celebrate and treasure our individual and collective qualities and talents and work together to improve them. We will walk together toward a path where we all feel that our humanity and diversity is recognized, cherished and celebrated.

We believe in inviting "otherness" into our lives, to nurture a belief that we are profoundly interconnected with one another. Together we learn how to acknowledge our dependence on each other and how to be accountable to one another. We find ways to bond together to confront our challenges and celebrate our blessings. We learn to work together and take practical steps that will help us enhance our appreciation for the value of "otherness". We inspire ordinary people with extraordinary passion for love, kindness, respect for diversity to find collective truth that we are part of otherness and otherness is part of us.

We learn to tap into our creative mind and soul and collectively learn to transform the contradictions that emerge from the gap between our aspirations and our perceptions, attitudes and behavior which run contrary to our convictions. This is an opportunity where we can learn to restrain our contradictions so that they cannot hold us back from our desire to live life fully, love passionately, care tenderly and respect generously.



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We learn to pursue the path of compassion and humility, to broaden our moral and ethical imagination in order to imagine someone else's life. We pursue a path that holds the potential to prevent violent conflicts. Together we build confidence in our own voices and in our power to make a difference. We generate a]

sense of personal and collective voice and urgency so that we shed light on our concerns and hopes. We reflect on each other's insights and energy, we speak truth to to each other and act together, so unity radiates hope and gives rise to new life of love and empathy.

PFAC is founded on the belief that a community allows us to exercise "the power of one". There is urgent need to mobilize ourselves to think and reflect on root causes of our social, cultural, economic and structural challenges, and so confront them. Indeed there is urgency to come together and discuss our problems while strengthening our capacity to create community and release our collective insights and energy. Together we discover our path to fairness and inclusion and think and launch our cooperative drive as we build a new space for citizenship. We will learn to share and use our talents, abilities and resources for the common good of our communities.