Since 1994, IICRD has developed the foundations of a practical and culturally grounded approach to children’s rights that makes a positive difference in children’s lives. Our approach respects the natural resilience of children, as well as their families, communities and cultures. IICRD puts its approach into action with tools that use a Child Rights Ecology grounded in the universally endorsed UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and build on the strengths of children and their lives.

This training will help build international, national and local expertise in children’s rights by:

- Exploring IICRD’s child centred and strength-based child rights models, strategies and tools;
- Sharing international and local child rights experiences and practices;
- Working with participants to integrate child rights approaches and tools into existing program and child policy development; and
- Building stronger networks of child centred specialists and youth.

Read on for a sneak preview of the training agenda and a list of current international and local presenters that will be joining us.

Please note that all training days will draw on the experience of the participants and contain a mixture of formats including plenary presentations, experiential activities, workshops/group activities and discussion.

**Sunday February 25**

**Setting the Stage for Child Rights Practices**

**Welcome Dinner**

**Introduction: The Challenge of Implementing Child Rights**

**Keynote: The Opportunity and Responsibility of Bridging the Gap between Child Rights Rhetoric and Practice**
Monday February 26
Child Rights in Context

- Child Rights and Human Development
- Child Rights Programming
- IICRD’s Child Rights Ecology Approach
- Child Rights in Practice Examples – Local and International
- Challenges and Opportunities of a Child Right’s Ecology Approach
- Applying a Systems Approach to Children’s Rights
- Creating a Critical Mass of Understanding and Practice: Education of Professionals - The CRED-PRO Model

Tuesday February 27
Children as Partners and Agents of Change

- IICRD’s Approach: Children as Partners
- Children as Agents of Change Across the Lifespan: Meaningfully Supporting Children’s Evolving Capacity for Engagement
- Creative Examples of Success
- Workshops
  - Children as Partners in Policy and Practice
- IICRD Youth Café

Wednesday February 28
Strength-Based Approaches to Children’s Rights

- A Developmental, Child Rights Approach to Child Protection
- Keynote: Children’s Resilience, Assets and Protective Factors
- Strength-Based Approaches to Children’s Rights: Tools and Examples in Practice
Workshops
Strength Based Assessment Tools
Working with Communities for Action Using the Triple "A"
Participatory Child Rights Strategy
Restorative Justice, Family Group Conferencing and Family Law

Thursday March 1
Supporting the Rights of Indigenous Children

Panel Discussion: Child Rights in the Context of Culture
Culturally Appropriate Tools for Child Protection and Family Support
Supporting the Rights of Indigenous Children: Examples in Practice

Workshops
Supporting Children’s Rights within First Nation Communities and Families
Building on Cultural Strengths
Civil Society: Examining Child Protection Policy

Friday March 2
Creating a Culture of Children’s Rights

The Application of the Child Rights Ecology in Policy and Front Line Practice

Panel Discussion: Human Rights Mechanisms and Alternative Dispute Resolution as Tools for Social Change

Implementing Systems Change

Workshops
Building Accountability, Strengthening Assets, Reinforcing Protective Factors and Promoting Advocacy
Strengthening the Child Rights Ecology Within and Across Sectors
IICRD Team

Dr. Philip Cook, Executive Director, IICRD
Dr. Stuart Hart, Deputy Director, IICRD
Suzanne Williams, Deputy and Legal Director, IICRD
Dr. Natasha Blanchet-Cohen, Research Director, IICRD
Michele Cook, Program Director, IICRD
Jocelyn Helland, Community Liaison, IICRD
Derek Peterson, Assets and Community Capacity Facilitator, IICRD
Bill White (Xelimux, Kasalid), Coast Salish, Nanaimo
Dr. William Myers, Adjunct Professor, University of California at Davis

Other Guest Speakers (TBC)
(In alphabetical order of last name)
(Formal invitations forthcoming)

Dr. Sedfrey Candelaria, Human Rights Centre, Ateneo University, Manila, Philippines
Dr. Louise Chawla, International Coordinator for Growing Up in Cities, UNESCO
Kim Recalma Clutesi (Ogwilogwa) Kwagiulth
Jennifer Corriero, TakingITGlobal
Adam Dick (Kwaxistala), Kwagiulth elder
Jaap E. Doek, Chair, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child
Lesley du Toit, Deputy Minister, British Columbia Ministry of Children & Family Development
Jeff Goldhagen, MD, Child Rights Specialist, American Academy of Pediatrics
Nicole Herbert, Director of Programs, Federation of BC Youth In Care Networks

Dr. Cindy Kiro, Children’s Commissioner, New Zealand
Gerison Lansdown, Expert on Child Participation
Dr. Victor Karunan, Senior Advisor, Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP) Programme Division, UNICEF Headquarters, New York
Dr. Maureen Maloney, Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution, University of Victoria
Dr. Landon Pearson, Director, Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights
Brent Parfitt, Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child
Dr. Ann Skelton, Centre for Child Rights and the Law, Pretoria, South Africa
Chief Judge Hugh Stansfield, Provincial Court of British Columbia
Stan Williams, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee, British Columbia Ministry of Children & Family Development