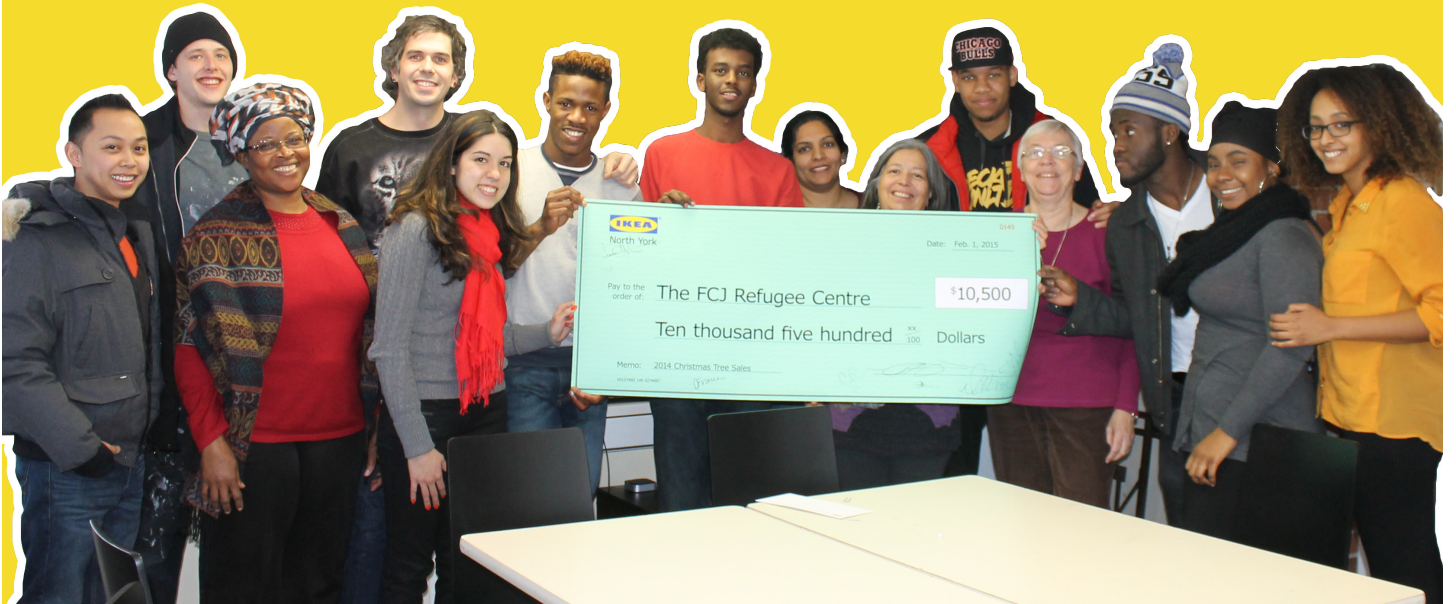


FCJ Refugee Centre

CENTRAL HUB // GREATER TORONTO AREA

CUSTOMIZED EVALUATION
SUPPORTS (CES) PROFILES



ORGANIZATION NAME

FCJ Refugee Centre

PROGRAM NAME

Uprooted U

STEPPING UP THEMES

- Education, Training & Apprenticeships
- Civic Engagement & Youth Leadership

PROGRAM TARGET POPULATION

Racialized Youth
Newcomer Youth
Youth living in poverty

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Provide weekly classes and community lectures
- Pairing students with a mentor in their identified fields of interest
- Assigning students specific assignments to improve their academic skills

“I never thought that I would ever sit in a class and learn again. But being part of Uprooted U made me feel like I was in school again, sitting in class and learning again; having classmates and lots of homework and essays to write.”

- FRANCOIS RÉGIS DUSHIMIYIMANA,
PARTICIPANT



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FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE helps up-rooted people overcome the challenges of rebuilding their lives in Canadian society. With an open door approach, the Centre offers an integrated model of refugee protection, settlement services and education, including shelter for women and their children.

🔍 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This educational program is designed specifically to address the current gaps in access to post-secondary education for precarious status youth. This innovative project introduces students to university-level academic standards with respect to critical thinking, reading and writing.

💡 WHAT ARE YOUR EVALUATION HOPES AND DREAMS?

This project started two years ago thanks to the generous funding from the Counseling Foundation. Since its initial development we have had several informal evaluations that have helped us to modify and adapt the delivery of the program to better meet the needs and desires of the students. A more formal and final evaluation would really help us as we transition into an institutionalized environment. As no project of this kind has been tried before in Toronto, the evaluation will also help us to inform others who may want to undertake similar initiatives

🚀 WHAT ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESSFUL EVALUATION?

The students have been eager so far to share their experiences in the program as they want it to meet specific expectations of higher education. This is a great opportunity as it lets them determine what they want from the classroom experience. While we cannot replicate post-secondary institutions in every way, allowing the students to determine what is most important to them provides exciting opportunities for learning.

⊕ HOW IS YOUTH LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT TO THE EVALUATION?

Youth leadership is crucial in all our youth activities. The project developed out of the need youth identified regarding limited access to post-secondary education. Since the youth themselves wanted this project, it is important to us that their voice is heard in every step of the evaluation process.