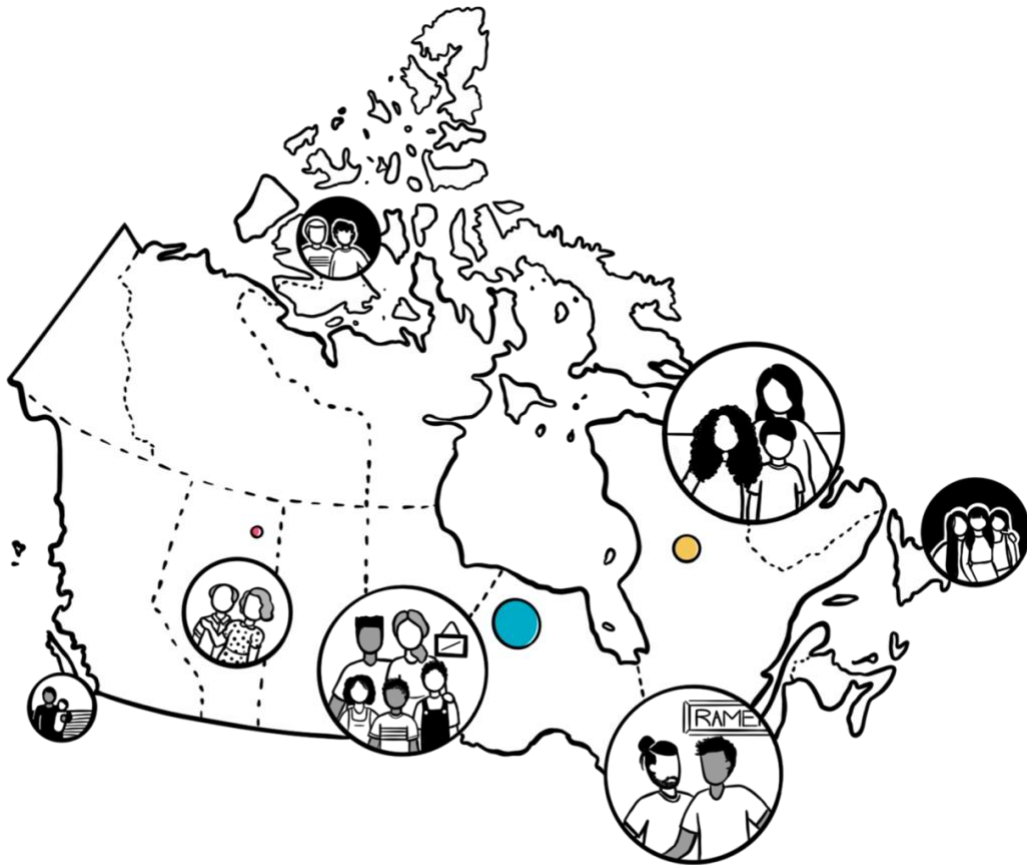




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Reimagining Care/Work Policies (RC/W) Newsletter 6 (December 2024)



Hello colleagues and friends,

It's the end of another stellar year for the RC/W Partnership Project and we wanted to share some of our news since our last spring/summer newsletter.

We have had a busy autumn season with research, writing, advocacy, and events. We are pleased to say that our team continues to expand in expertise and enthusiasm with new partners, researchers, and students.

We are delighted to announce that we are now on social media! ([Bluesky](#), [Twitter/X](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#)). We have hired a part-time student Knowledge Mobilization Coordinator, **Nick Erwin-Longstaff**, from Toronto Metropolitan University, to assist with our social media platforms. You can read more below.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of our news and events from the past few months. We look forward to collaborating with many of you again in 2025!

Andrea Doucet, Project Director

Jennifer Turner, Project Manager



1. EVENTS

(i) Cluster Meetings

As a follow up to the June 19th strategy session that we hosted in Montréal with partners and researchers, we have been holding research planning meetings (focused on our three inter-connected policy areas and clusters: child care, parental leave, and employment) throughout November and December. The goal of these cluster meetings is to plan projects, research strategies, and advocacy plans. We will share more about these projects and research agendas developed at these meetings in our spring newsletter.

(ii) Who Owns Child Care? Who Should Own Child Care?

The video-recordings from the [“Who Owns Child Care? Who Should Own Child Care?”](#) symposium are now available on our website and on our [YouTube channel](#), in addition to downloadable copies of the powerpoint presentations. The videos are separated by speaker and session. Thank you to our MA student research assistant, Marco Sasso, for his help with these videos.

Please subscribe to our new YouTube channel!



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2. TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to:

Martha Friendly (Childcare Resource and Research Unit) who has been honoured with a [key to the city of Toronto](#) for her dedication to families and the child care sector. Martha was also awarded a King Charles III Coronation medal for her contributions to child care for more than 50 years.



Leila Sarangi (Campaign 2000) received a King Charles III Coronation medal for her work in eliminating child and family poverty.

Rianne Mahon (Carleton University) has been honoured with the [Ursula Franklin Award in Gender Studies from the Royal Society of Canada](#), for her research on the politics of childcare policy development and how governments and organizations are responding to women's rising labour force participation rates.

Kim de Laat (University of Waterloo) who has been awarded a SSHRC Insight Development grant with Erin Reid and **Andrea Doucet** to explore hybrid work arrangements and cognitive labour and the implications for gender inequality at work and home.

Vanessa Watts (McMaster University) who has been awarded [\\$2M from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and SSHRC](#) to examine the experiences of Indigenous residents of the Mohawk Institute Residential School and the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium.

Shellie Bird (Child Care Coordinator, Canadian Union of Postal Workers) on her upcoming retirement! We attribute the beginning of the partnership to Shellie, as CUPW funded an event in 2016 (alongside Child Care Now and the Child Care Resource and Research Unit) on parental leave and child care which brought many of us together. We also welcome **Ariane Hotte** who will be taking over for Shellie in the new year. We wish you all the best in this next chapter, Shellie!

Katherine Scott (and co-editors Laura Macdonald and Stuart Trew) and the **Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives** on the publication of [The Trudeau Record: Promise v. Performance](#) which includes chapters by some of our team members: **David Macdonald**, **Martha Friendly**, and **Susan Prentice**.

Several of our team members have joined [The Vanier Institute of the Family's Affiliates Network](#), including **Kim de Laat**, **Andrea Doucet**, **Eva Jewell**, **Donna Lero**, **Lindsey McKay**, **Susan Prentice**, **Yue Qian**, **Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay**, and **Lisa Wolff**. Each member of the Affiliates Network brings expertise that the Institute relies upon to inform discussions, reports, and information-sharing related to family life and family wellbeing. Thanks to **Margo Hilbrecht** and **Sophie Mathieu** for launching this important initiative.

You can read more about our team news [here](#).

Welcome to our new co-investigators:

- **Adrienne Davidson**, Assistant Professor, **McMaster University**
- **Rachael Pettigrew**, Associate Professor, **Mount Royal University**

Welcome to our new collaborators:

- **Christopher Smith**, Associate Executive Director, **The Muttart Foundation**
- **Lisa Wolff**, Director, Policy and Research, **UNICEF Canada**

Welcome to our new postdoctoral fellow and students:

- **Natasha Stecy-Hildebrandt**, Postdoctoral Fellow, **Brock University**
- **Nick Erwin-Longstaff**, Post-Baccalaureate Student, **Toronto Metropolitan University**
- **Chris Greencorn**, PhD Student, **Queen's University**
- **Lu Hu**, MA Student, **Toronto Metropolitan University**
- **Jamie Huggins**, MA Student, **Brock University**
- **Shauna Hughey**, PhD Student, **McMaster University**

We are continuing to expand our student cohort and are excited to have these new-generation researchers as part of our team.

3. Social Media

With the assistance of our student knowledge mobilization team (**Nick Erwin-Longstaff, Marco Sasso** and **Kenya Thompson**), we are amplifying our knowledge mobilization efforts through social media. We are now on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter/X, and Bluesky. Please like, follow, and subscribe to our Reimagining Care/Work Policies social media channels. We look forward to conversing with you there!



If we have missed any significant achievements from our team, please let us know and we will include them in our next newsletter and on our website.

Please check out our website for updates on [publications and outputs](#), and [events and opportunities](#).

A big thank you to Diana Tzinis for the beautiful illustrations included in our newsletters and on our website and Jocelyne Tougas for all French translations.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and restorative holiday season.



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