



## *IN ALLIANCE WITH CANADA WITHOUT POVERTY*

### **Who We Are**

CWP Advocacy Network is an Ottawa-based, federally incorporated, not-for-profit, and non-partisan organization, founded in 2010 and working in alliance with Canada Without Poverty.

### **Our Name and Logo**

The acronym in our name is derived from “Canada Without Poverty” which in turn expresses the end that both organizations seek – a Canada in which no person need suffer what Gandhi called “the worst form of violence.” Our logo (the same as that for Canada Without Poverty) symbolizes rising above one’s poverty line towards a brighter future.

### **Our Mission (same as Canada Without Poverty)**

To eradicate poverty in Canada by promoting income and social security for all Canadians, and by promoting poverty eradication as a human rights obligation

### **Our Values (same as Canada Without Poverty)**

The volunteers and staff of the CWP Advocacy Network value conducting ourselves with humility, honour, integrity and a generosity of spirit. We value being caring, inclusive and respectful of others, and being responsible and accountable for our decisions and actions.

*Poverty is a human condition characterized by sustained or chronic deprivation of the resources, capabilities, choices, security and power necessary for the enjoyment of an adequate standard of living and other civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights.*

**UN Committee on  
Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

### **What We Do**

1. Advocate for government decisions, policies and legislation that are favourable to low-income Canadians
2. Credit and criticize elected officials regarding government action on poverty
3. Represent the interests of the poor in Canada and critique Canada’s performance on poverty before the United Nations and other international bodies
4. Undertake select court challenges to promote and defend the legal rights of low-income Canadians
5. Support access to legal and social services for all Canadians

### **Funding**

The CWP Advocacy Network depends on funding from individuals and organizations concerned with social justice.

### **Board of Directors**

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