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Former British child migrants

Earlier this century, several thousand British children mainly in the care of voluntary organisations were emigrated to former Dominions - mainly Australia, Canada and New Zealand - under several schemes involving the British Government, the Governments of the receiving countries and the voluntary organisations who operated the schemes.

The measures set out were to help former British child migrants were set up as part of the Government's response to the report by the Parliamentary Select Committee for Health into the Welfare of Former Child Migrants, following an enquiry in 1998. These provisions apply only to those children who were migrated from institutional care in the UK under Government approved schemes. They do not apply to wartime evacuees or to those migrated under other assisted schemes.

The UK Government recognised that the priority for most children who were separated from their families through these schemes was to re-establish contact and - where possible - to reunite with their family. The Government therefore offered two new kinds of help:

- a. an Information Index to help those who wish to find their family;
- b. a Support Fund to help those without means who have found their family to reunite.

In addition, the Government has also made available extra funding for the Child Migrant Trust, which offers an independent, specialised service for former child migrants and their families.

These pages tell you about these new measures and how they might help you. It also gives some extra information about other groups or organisations that might be able to offer assistance, including details of useful contacts in Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

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Former British child migrants: the Information Index and recent changes

In 1999 the Government funded the NCVCCO to set up and manage the Central Information Index.

The Index contains basic information from the UK Sending Agencies of those child migrants who were sent primarily to Australia, Canada and New Zealand between 1920 and the late 1960s on assisted schemes. The Index is **not** a complete list of all the children who were migrated. This is because some of the records of some of the Sending Agencies may no longer be available. They may, for example, have been destroyed in the War, or when Agencies closed down or merged with others. In such cases some further information might be available in the country to which the child was migrated.

"Where do I go from here?" Please look below ...

- [Tracing the Sending Agency by date of migration and home](#)
- [Background information about the Sending Agencies](#)
- If you know your Sending Agency you can check the ["At a Glance" contact list](#)
- [Addresses which may be helpful](#) in the three main countries to which the majority of children were migrated.

The Index is not available for general reference or information. However, if you require specific information from the Index (for example, to demonstrate nationality), please contact either Mr Ilan Katz (Section Head) or Deidre Correa (Deputy Section Head) at the Department of Health who will be more than happy to assist. Their details are:

Mr Ilan Katz
Section Head
Area 119
Wellington House
133 –155 Waterloo Road
London SE1 8UG
Tel: 020 7972 1356

Deidre Correa
Deputy Section Head
Area 119
Wellington House
133 –155 Waterloo Road
London SE1 8UG
Tel: 020 7972 4086

Fax: 020 7972 4179
e-mail: childmigrants@doh.gsi.gov.uk

You may also find the following addresses useful:

Ian Thwaites
Child Migrants Trust
28A Musters Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 7PL
Tel: 0115 982 2811
Fax: 0115 981 7168

Sue Cotton
South Pacific Section
NEAPD
Foreign & Commonwealth Office
Room WH 301
King Charles Street
London SW1A 2AP
Tel: 020 7008 3263
Fax 020 7008 2828
E-mail: sue.cotton@fco.gsi.gov.uk

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Former British child migrants: Tracing the sending agency

YEAR	INFORMATION ON THE SENDING AGENCY
1914	From 1914 (First World War) no migration took place from Great Britain
1920	The British care societies recommenced child migration to Canada
1923	The first Barnardo's child migrants were sent to New South Wales. Kingsley Fairbridge, having received assistance from the Overseas Settlement Board (London), placed his farm school at Pinjarra on a permanent footing.
1924	Sir Richard Linton founded the Big Brother Movement (Sydney)
1926	Catholic leaders in Perth plan for a farm school at Tardun, west of Geraldton, as an extension of Clontarf Orphanage (staffed by the Christian Brothers).
1930	Child migration to Canada ceases other than to the Fairbridge Farm School in British Columbia. Although migration to Australia was severely curtailed, children continued to be admitted into Pinjarra farm school and Barnardo's children were sent to Mowbray Park, Picton, New South Wales.
1937	New farm schools on Fairbridge principles were established at Molong, near Orange (New South Wales) and at Lady Northcote Farm School, Bacchus March near Melbourne..
1938-39	The first 114 child migrants under Catholic auspices arrived in Western Australia as part of the Tardun scheme.
1939	The outbreak of war in Europe in 1939 led to the suspension of child and youth migration schemes.
1940	577 children sent to Australia due to a fear of a German invasion in Britain.
1945	War ended. For two years no ships were available to send migrants to Australia.
1947	First post-World War II child migrants sent to Australia. The majority were placed in Western Australian institutions (about one-half having been sent by the Catholic auspices). The Big Brother Movement renewed its youth migration to Australia and during the 1950s sent about 400 young men per year (aged between 15 – 18), to Australia. Since its inception in 1925, about 12,500 teenagers were sent to Australia under this scheme.
1950	Maltese child migrants (all boys), were sent to Australia. All were placed in the Christian Brothers institutions in Western Australia. In total about 280 Maltese child migrants were sent to Australia.
1956	The British Catholic care institutions terminated all plans to send further children to Australia.
1957	The Commonwealth Settlement Act was renewed by the British Parliament. Few child migrants were sent to Australia, although small numbers arrived under Barnardo's and Fairbridge auspices. About 3,500–4,000 child migrants were sent to Australia after World War II.

1967

The last nine child migrants were sent to Australia (by air) under the auspices of Barnardo's.

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If you require any specific information from the Sending Agency, contact details are noted below:-

- [Barnardo's \(Dr Barnardo's\); Liverpool Sheltering Homes, MacPherson Homes and Marchmont Homes](#)
- [Catholic Agencies and Orders](#)
- [Fairbridge \(Fairbridge Society, Fairbridge Farm Schools\)](#)
- [Children's Friend Society](#)
- [The Children's Society \(formerly The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society\)](#)
- [National Children's Homes \(NCH\) formerly known as National Children's Homes and Orphanages](#)
- [Middlemore \(Middlemore Homes\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army](#)
- [Fegan's Child and Family Care \(formerly Fegan's Homes\)](#)
- [Quarriers \(formerly The Orphan Homes of Scotland and Quarriers Homes\)](#)

Barnardo's (Dr Barnardo's)

Barnardo's was involved in migrating 30,000 children and young people to Canada between 1882 and 1939. This agency sent around 2,784 children and young people to Australia between 1921 and 1967.

Australia: In 1921 the first party of 47 boys migrated, followed in 1923 by the first party of 32 girls. The migrated children settled in New South Wales on individual farms and homes. And in Western Australia children were settled on the Fairbridge Farm School. Barnardo's sent no children to Western Australia after 1939. The last pre-war party of 36 boys and 18 girls arrived in 1938 with two further girls arriving separately in 1939, bringing the pre-war total of child migrants sent by Barnardo's to 2,340. After the war migration continued on a diminished scale until 1967.

Canada: The first party of 51 boys aged 14-17 left for Canada in August 1882 followed by 100 boys in June 1883 and 72 girls in July of the same year. By the beginning of the twentieth century Barnardo's were sending over 1,000 children a year to Canada reaching a peak in 1905 of 1,300 children. During 1905 - 1915 between 600 and 1,000 children per year were migrated. The scheme was suspended until 1920. In 1921 Barnardo's began to send girls over 13 only to Canada and in 1925 the Canadian Government barred all children under 14 and without parents from entry for three years. In 1928 this ban was made permanent. A total of 30,000 children were sent to Canada between 1882 and 1939.

Barnardos contact details are as follows:

Barnardos (formerly Dr Barnardo's)

After Care Centre

Tanners Lane

Barkingside

Ilford

Essex IG6 1QG

United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0)20 8550 8822

Fax: +44 (0)20 8498 7017

Email: aftercare@barnardos.org.uk

Website: <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/whatwedo/aftercare>

Barnados also hold 20,000 records for **Liverpool Sheltering Homes, MacPherson Homes and Marchmont Homes.**

Catholic Agencies and Orders

The Catholic Church and its agencies were involved in two main periods of child migration, to Canada and Australia. Children and young people were sent to Canada from about 1870 to 1930. It is estimated that more than 10,000 Catholic children and young people went to Canada through a variety of different Catholic organisations.

Australia: Children were sent to Australia, from 1938-1963. During this period Catholic agencies in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland co-operated with the British and Australian governments in nominating children for migration to Australia under the Government scheme. It is understood that the total number of children sent under this scheme was approximately 3,000 of whom at least 1,200 came from Catholic children's homes and agencies. Two thirds of these went to Western Australia; the remaining third were sent to the other States.

The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) has a central record for many, but not all, of the Catholic child migrants. Individual agencies or religious orders who looked after the children in this country may also hold records. Most children were sent either by the diocesan childcare agencies or by religious orders, such as the Sisters of Nazareth. A few individual children were sent at the request of their families. Some were recruited by Australian institutions in direct contact with Catholic children's homes in the UK and some of these children became known to CCWC later. The CCWC records relating to child migration to Australia are housed at the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

The following is a list of Catholic agencies and orders that were involved in migrating children abroad:

Catholic Care North East	Father Hudson's Society
Catholic Children and Family Care Society (Wales)	Birmingham
Catholic Children's Rescue Society Salford	Father Nichols
Catholic Children's Society (Nottingham)	Father Nugent Liverpool
Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)	Lancaster Rescue Society
Clifton Catholic Rescue	Nazareth House
	St Francis Children's Society

For more information please contact:

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) (formerly Crusade of Rescue)
73 St Charles Square
London W10 6EJ
UK
Tel: +44 (0)20 8969 5305
Fax: +44 (0)20 8960 1464
Website: <http://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

Fairbridge (Fairbridge Society, Fairbridge Farm Schools)

In 1909 Kingsley Fairbridge set up the Child Emigration Society and established his first farm school in 1912 in Pinjarra (Western Australia). The first children arrived in 1913. From the shipping manifest records held by Fairbridge, the figures for child migrants between 1913-1960s are as follows:

Pinjarra Farm School, Western Australia	2,515
Molong Farm School, NSW	929 (includes children and parents)
Adelaide, Victoria	120
Tasmania	193
Total	3,362
Canada, Vancouver	374

These figures include parents who either accompanied or followed their children to Australia after the introduction of the Parent Migration Scheme in the late 1950s.

Contact:
Fairbridge
207 Waterloo Road
London SE1 8XD
Tel: 020 7928 1704
Fax: 020 7928 6016
Email: info@fairbridge.org.uk

Children's Friend Society

The Children's Friend Society was founded in 1830 under the name of The Society for the Suppression of Juvenile Vagrancy. Captain Edward Pelham Brenton, the founder of the society, opened the Brenton Juvenile Asylum in Hackney Wick. The girls' home "The Royal Victoria Asylum" (Chiswick) was established by Lady Murray and her daughter the Hon. Miss Amelia Murray.

- From 1832 the society sent the first party of children to the Cape of Good Hope and later children were also sent to the Swan River Colony in Australia.
- In August of 1833 the first party of children was sent to Canada with 3 further groups in 1834, 1835 and 1836.

As many as 230 children arrived in Canada through the auspices of the Children's Friend Society. They went to Ontario and New Brunswick.

Further Information can be sought from:

- The [British Library](#)
- The *Hardwicke Papers*, found in the Gloucestershire Record Office, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 3DW
- Publication *The Children's Friend Society (1993)* which contains the names of many of the child migrants. A copy of the book can be obtained from Access Press, P.O. Box 132, Northbridge, Western Australia. Also, Marjorie Kohli (Author) has made available the names of the children on her [website](#).

The Children's Society (formerly The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society)

The Children's Society was involved in child emigration schemes to Canada (1883-1937), Australia (1925-c1955) and Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe (1949-c1955).

From the late nineteenth century through to the early 1960s the British Government, through the Poor Law Authorities, and many British child care agencies were actively engaged in emigrating children to Canada, Australia and the former Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Along with other national voluntary childcare organisations, The Children's Society was involved in the child emigration movement from 1883 to the late 1950s. This involvement comprised two phases. The first spanned the years 1883 to 1937 and concerned emigration to Canada via the receiving homes the Society maintained there. The second phase centred on emigration between 1925 and the 1950s when the Society used other agencies to emigrate children in its care to Australia and Southern Rhodesia.

The Children's Society sent approximately 3,940 children to Canada, Australia and Southern Rhodesia between 1883 and the 1950s. During the period the Society was active in Canada it maintained six receiving homes: Gibbs' Home, Sherbrooke, Quebec (girls' home 1884-97, boys' home 1897-1933); Benyon Home, Sherbrooke, Quebec (boys' home 1884-97), Our Western Home, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario (girls' home 1897-1921), Elizabeth Rye Home, Toronto, Ontario (girls' home 1924-32), Winnipeg Babies' Home, Winnipeg, Manitoba (home for boys and girls aged 0-5, 1909-11).

For more information contact:
The Children's Society
The Post Adoption and Care Counselling and Research Project
91 Queen's Road

Peckham
London SE15 2EZ
Tel: +44 (0)20 7732 9089
Fax: +44 (0)20 7277 5760
Email: Julia.feast@thechildrens-society.org.uk
Website: <http://www.the-childrens-society.org.uk>

National Children's Homes (NCH) formerly known as National Children's Homes and Orphanages

The charity known today as National Children's Homes (NCH) was established as National Children's Homes and Orphanages, and was founded by a Methodist Minister, the Reverend Thomas Bowman Stephenson and two friends, in 1869. Under the name of National Children's Homes and Orphanages, the charity developed a significant child migration scheme to Canada between 1873 to 1931. Under the name of the National Children's Home, the charity was involved in a much smaller child migration scheme to Australia, between 1950 to 1954. It also sent a small number of children to Australia under the auspices of the Fairbridge Farm Schools (1937-39).

Canada: In 1873, one of the three original founders of the charity, Frances Homer, left England for Canada with the first group of 34 boys and 15 girls. The archives of NCH Action For Children contain a series of registers and case files documenting sailings and details of individual children who migrated to Canada. These include copies of certificates signed by the parents or guardians of the children concerned, agreeing to their emigration. In 1989, an employee of the National Archives of Canada undertook a study of the files of children sent to Canada by National Children's Homes and Orphanages. He found that the children went initially to the Home in Hamilton, before being moved to placements within Canada. In the years after 1873, the Home in Hamilton was expanded and developed into a training and reception centre. A further home is stated to have been opened in Montreal some time after 1873. Records show that between 1873 – 1931 a total of 3,600 children migrated to Canada from Britain through the National Children's Homes and Orphanages child migration scheme.

Australia: The charity was far less involved in child migration to Australia than to Canada. The first children from the charity went to Australia in the period 1937-39, under the auspices of the Fairbridge Farm Schools. The total of 37 children who migrated was sent to the Lady Northcote Farm in the State of Victoria.

During 1949 - 1954, 91 children in the care of the National Children's Home in Britain migrated to Australia under the charity's child migration scheme. Their initial placements in Australia were as follows:

Dalmar Children's Home, Carlingford (Sydney) - 15 children
McGill Children's Home, Adelaide (South Australia) - 16 children
Methodist Home for Girls, Victoria Park (Perth) - 8 children
Methodist Peace Memorial Home, Burwood (Melbourne) - 37 children
Dr Barnardos Farm Training School, Picton (Sydney) - 15 children.
With the exception of the Dr Barnardo's Home, all the other establishments were part of the Methodist Church in Australia.

For more information please contact:
National Children's Homes (NCH)
85 Highbury Park
London N5 1UD
Tel: 020 7704 7094
Fax: 020 7704 7172
Website: <http://www.nch.org.uk>

Middlemore (Middlemore Homes)

John T. Middlemore founded the Children's Emigration Homes, St. Luke's Road, Birmingham. The emigration of children to Canada began in 1873 and the first receiving home was *Guthrie Home* in London, Ontario. These children were placed around the London area.

After the closure of Guthrie Home in 1893, children were to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and in 1895, Middlemore established a receiving home in Fairview, Nova Scotia, not far from Halifax.

Some 5,000 children came to Canada with Middlemore. They came from Middlemore's home in Birmingham as well as from local workhouses and reformatories. Some children were also sent by Guildford Union.

From 1922 – 1955 around 259 Middlemore children were sent to Australia, in association with Fairbridge Farm Schools, Holy Trinity School, and the Lady Northcote School.

For more information please contact:

Middlemore Homes
55 Stevens Avenue
Bartley Green
Birmingham B32 3SD
Tel: 0121 427 2429
Fax: 0121 427 8752

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army (founded by William Booth, a Methodist minister) assisted people to migrate to Canada late in the nineteenth. The numbers grew substantially and by the turn of the century this organisation was playing a major role in the emigration of children and continued to do so until World War I.

After the war and during the 1920s, the Salvation Army directed migrants to Australia. By this stage its efforts were directed to assisting families and settling farm boys, especially in Queensland. The Army worked closely with the Royal Colonial Institute and the Overseas Settlement Department within the Dominions Office. In Queensland, it established a special training camp at Riverview (near Brisbane). In the late 1920s the Salvation Army, on four separate occasions, chartered the vessel *Vedic* to transport its emigrants from Britain to Australia.

During the 1950s fewer than one hundred children passed through Riverview.

Further information

Records at the [National Archives Australia](#) provide some idea of the range of Army activities, but probably understate their impact. The main emphasis is on policy, finance, training and after-care; there is little to assist genealogists.

To contact the Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army
101 Newington Causeway
London SE1 6BN
Tel: 020 7367 4924
Fax: 020 7367 4712

Fegan's Child and Family Care (formerly Fegan's Homes)

Around 3,166 boys migrated to Canada between 1884 to 1938.

James William Condell Fegan (b. 27 April 1852) established his first home in 1872 at the High Street, Deptford, followed by The Little Wanderers' Home (Greenwich), the Southwark Home and The Red Lamp (Westminster). Fegan also established a home in Brandon, Manitoba and Toronto.

Fegan's Child and Family Care can be contacted at:

Mr. Fegan's Homes Inc.
160 St. James Road
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent, TN1 2HE
England

Tel: +44 1892-538288
Fax: +44 1892-515793
email: info@fegans.org.uk
Website: www.fegans.org.uk

Records from the Fegan Canadian home are held by Mr. Douglas Fry. There is a fee of \$10 for undertaking a search. Contact details are:

Mr. Douglas Fry
503 King George
Brantford
Ontario N3T 5L8
Canada

Quarriers (formerly The Orphan Homes of Scotland and Quarriers Homes)

On July 2, 1872 the first children from Quarrier Homes of Scotland were sent to Canada with the Macpherson organisation. These children were sent on the ship *St. David* with a destination of *Marchmont* in Belleville, Ontario.

In 1888 William Quarrier established *Fairknowe* in Brockville (Ontario). Children from the Quarrier home (Scotland) and the Douglas Industrial Home (Isle of Man) were sent to Fairknowe.

Some records for this organisation can be found in the [National Archives of Canada](#). You may also write to Quarriers Homes at the following address:

Quarrier Homes
Bridge-of-Weir
Renfrewshire PA11 3SX
Scotland
Email: enquiries@quarriers.org.uk
Website: www.quarriers.org.uk

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Former British child migrants: 'At a glance' contact list for sending agencies

There are a number of different ways in which you can choose to look for your family. Your personal records are most likely to be held by the agency that sent you abroad ("the Sending Agency"). If you already know the Sending Agency in your case then you can contact the agency direct if you wish. The addresses of the main agencies involved are given below.

So that you can be sure exactly what they can offer, the agency will give you a clear written statement of what level of service they provide. Some of the Sending Agencies can offer more tracing and counselling services than others. Their statement will help you to decide whether you wish to use them or an alternative tracing and counselling service.

Father Hudson's Society

Coventry Road
Coleshill
Birmingham B46 3ED
Tel: 01675 463187
Email: enquiries@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) (formerly Crusade of Rescue)

73 St Charles Square
London W10 6EJ
Tel: 020 8969 5305
Fax: 020 8960 1464
Website: <http://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

The Nugent Care Society

99 Edge Lane
Liverpool L7 2PE
Tel: 0151 261 2000
Fax: 0151 261 2001
Email: info@nugentcare.org

Barnardos (formerly Dr Barnardo's)

After Care Centre
Tanners Lane
Barkingside
Ilford
Essex IG6 1QG
Tel: 020 8550 8822
Fax: 020 8498 7017
Email: aftercare@barnardos.org.uk
Website: www.barnardos.org.uk/whatwedo/aftercare/

Barnardo's also holds records for Annie Macpherson Homes, Marchmont Homes and Liverpool Sheltering Homes.

The Salvation Army

101 Newington Causeway
London SE1 6BN
Tel: 020 7367 4924
Fax: 020 7367 4712

Fairbridge

207 Waterloo Road

London SE1 8XD
Tel: 020 7928 1704
Fax: 020 7928 6016
Email: info@fairbridge.org.uk

The Children's Society (formerly known as the C of E Waifs and Strays Society)

The Post Adoption and Care Counselling and Research Project
91 Queen's Road
Peckham
London SE15 2EZ
Tel: 020 7732 9089
Fax: 020 7277 5760
Email: Julia.feast@thechildrens-society.org.uk
Website: <http://www.the-childrens-society.org.uk>

National Children's Homes (NCH)

85 Highbury Park
London N5 1UD
Tel: 020 7704 7094
Fax: 020 7704 7172
Website: <http://www.nch.org.uk>

Family Care Society

511 Ormeau Road
Belfast BT7 3GS
Tel: 02890 691 133
Fax: 02890 649 849
Email: email@family-caresociety.co.uk

Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption society working alongside Social Services in providing adoption services throughout Northern Ireland. It offers a range of high quality services in the field of adoption and this includes counselling and support for former Australian child migrants and their extended families. Family Care Society operates from office bases in Derry and Belfast.

Middlemore Homes

55 Stevens Avenue
Bartley Green
Birmingham B32 3SD
Tel: 0121 427 2429
Fax: 0121 427 8752

Quarriers Village (formerly The Orphans Homes of Scotland)

Bridge of Weir
Renfrewshire
Scotland PA11 3SX
Tel: 01505 616000/612224
Fax: 01505 613906
Email: enquiries@quarriers.org.uk
Website: www.quarriers.org.uk

Fegans Child and Family Care

160 St James Road
Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN1 2HE
Tel: 01892 538288
Fax: 01892 515793
Email: info@fegans.org.uk
Website: www.fegans.org.uk

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Addresses that may be helpful in the three main countries to which the majority of children were migrated - Australia, Canada and New Zealand

This list is not exhaustive and there may be many others that you will find helpful.

AUSTRALIA

Western Australia Referral Index (can be accessed through various agencies, including those marked* on these pages)
The Department of Family and Children's Services*
189 Royal Street
East Perth
Western Australia 6004
Tel: (8) 9222 2662

PHIND*

PHIND is a personal history index for former child migrants to Catholic homes in Western Australia from 1938 to 1965. It can be accessed through various agencies, including those marked * on these pages.

Sisters of Mercy - Adelaide

Congregation Office
34 Angus Street
Adelaide SA 5000
Australia
Tel: (8) 8212 5456
Fax: (8) 8231 5175
E-mail: somercy@inet.net.au

Sisters of St Joseph

PO Box 1150
Burwood North
New South Wales
Australia
Tel: (2) 9745 3444
Fax: (2) 9744 3040
E-mail: joswsw@werple.net.au

Sisters of Mercy - Perth (Amal) Inc

PO Box 74
Catholic Migrant Centre
25 Victoria Square
Perth
Western Australia 6014
Tel: (8) 9382 1477
Fax: (8) 9388 2978

C-BERS Services*

PO Box 1172
Subiaco
Western Australia 6904
Office address:
12 Avvan Street
Western Australia 6008
Subiaco
Tel: (8) 9381 5422

Tel: (8) 1800 621805 (Freephone)
Fax: (8) 9382 4114
E-mail: cberss@iinet.net.au

Poor Sisters of Nazareth

PO Box 3247
Bluff Point
Geraldton
Western Australia 6530
Tel: (8) 9923 1205
Fax: (8) 9923 2585

Barnardo's Australia

Head Office
60-64 Bay Street
Ultimo
New South Wales 2007
Tel: (2) 9281 7933
Fax: (2) 9281 0441

Catholic Migrant Centre *

25 Victoria Square
Perth
Western Australia 6000
Tel: (8) 9221 1727
Fax: (8) 9221 3793

CANADA

National Archives of Canada

Genealogy Unit
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0N3
Tel: (613) 996 7458
Website: <http://www.archives.ca>

The National Archives hold immigration records prior to 1936. They can assist you to search the indexed records.

Home Children Canada

Mr David Lorente
107 Erindale Avenue
Renfrew ON K7 V 4G3
Tel: (613) 432 2486
Fax: (613) 432 2486
E-mail: lorente@renc.igs.net

HCC - the only such body to "liaise" with major sending agencies which actually have the records child migrants seek - since 1991 has assisted inquirers, erected plaques, instigated Canada's National Archives database, held dozens of reunions across Canada, and invited social workers from sending agencies to talk and conduct private sessions.

The Canadian Centre for Home Children

PO Box 2601
Charlottetown PE1 C 1 A 8C3
Telephone: 1 800 207 0071
Fax: 1 902 368 2815
E-mail: willow@auracom.com

Founded in 1990 and incorporated in 1991, this is a non-profit organisation devoted to helping child migrants and their descendants locate their roots and attempt to locate living relatives in the UK, Canada, Australia as well as other countries.

Young Immigrants to Canada

<http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/homeadd.html>

This is an extensive website with many links to other sources of information.

NEW ZEALAND

Children, Young Persons and their Families Agency (CYPFA)

Stuart Young,
Private Bag 21
Postal Centre
Wellington
Tele: (4) 916 3134
Fax: (4) 916 3144
E-mail: stuart_young@dsw.govt.nz

The CYPFA hold a complete list of British children migrated to New Zealand and where they went to after their arrival.

British Child Migrants Society (NZ) Incorporated

Chairman: Len Oliver
62a Corinna Street
Welcome Bay
Tauranga 3001
New Zealand
Tel: (07) 544 7148
Fax: (07) 544 8024
Email: leonard_o@xtra.co.nz

Secretary: Jean Pickering
166 Seaview Road
New Plymouth
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Support Fund

On 13 May 2003, the Australian government tabled its response to the 2001 report of the Senate Community affairs Reference Committee on child migration. If you would like further information about the fund and the eligibility you can either access

www.immi.gov.au/ggeneral/child_elig.htm

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