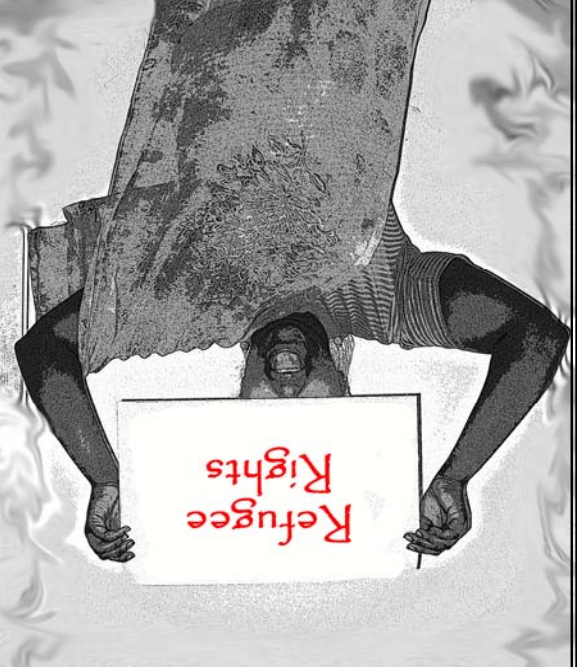


MARCH 30TH – APRIL 3RD, 2009

REFUGEE RIGHTS WEEK TORONTO



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St. Christopher House
Supporting Our Youth (SOY)
The Salvation Army Immigrant & Refugee Services
Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office
Toronto Refugee Affairs Council
YMCA of Greater Toronto

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Youth and Adults Social Evening and Discussion in Celebration

of Refugee Rights Day

Snacks and Refreshments will be served

St. Christopher House, 248 Ossington Avenue

March 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

In partnership with Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office

Contact: Mahassen Mahmoud at 416-532-4828 Ext 115

Refugee Rights Week Prayer Service

Coffee, tea, muffins to follow

Romero House at 1558 Bloor St. W.

April 1st from 7:30 - 8 a.m.

Contact: Sarah Fuller, Sarah Villiger or Esther at 416-763-1303

Refugee Rights Day Celebration & Reflection:

Community Fair and Panel Discussion

No Right to Appeal (a rejected refugee claim)

1 Danforth Ave. (south side, just west of Broadview) - Cafeteria

April 1st Community Fair: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Panel: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Organizers: Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office, TNO Youth Centre & CCR

Youth Network

Contact: Leo Zuniga at 647-296-7043 or lzuniga@thorncliffe.org

New Era: New Change | Dialogue among youth as vital force for

sustainable development

1 Danforth Ave. (south side, just west of Broadview) - Cafeteria

April 3rd from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Organizers: Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office Youth Centre, Canadian

Commission for UNESCO Youth Advisory Group, No One Is Illegal Stu-

dent Network, Toronto Youth Cabinet & Youth Action Network

Contact: Leonardo Zuniga 647-296-7043 or lzuniga@thorncliffe.org

Here To Stay: A Celebration of Newcomer and Refugee Youth

Youth-focused information on refugee rights, arts-based workshops for

youth, and a showcase of newcomer youth artists.

1267 Weston Rd. at Ray Ave., N of Eglinton

Saturday, April 4th from 5 to 7 or 8 p.m.

Learning Enrichment Foundation

Contact: Rodrigo Goller 647-203-0664 or 416-760-2566

International Romani Day

April 8th

For details, please visit the Roma Community Centre website:

<http://www.rcctoronto.org/>

EVENTS AT TORONTO CITY HALL

100 Queen Street West (Queen & Bay)

Week-long events in the Rotunda

Monday, March 30th – Friday, April 3rd
8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (6 p.m. on Friday)

Refugee Rights Art Exhibition

A diverse collection of art that speaks to issues of refugee rights or to other aspects of the refugee experience.

Curator: Michelle Clarke

Community Fair

Displays and information from community organizations working with refugees.

Special Events on Thursday, April 2nd

In the Rotunda

Meet the Artists & Reception

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Refugee Rights Week Proclamation

Councillor Janet Davis

6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

A panel discussion: "Fortress Canada"

The impact of the Safe Third Country Agreement and Canada's treatment of refugees
Perspectives from a lawyer, a refugee and a refugee advocate.

Speakers: Andrew Brouwer and others t.b.c

7 – 8:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS AT TORONTO CITY HALL

Workshop 1

Refugee Determination Process in Canada

Presenter: Francisco Rico-Martinez

When: Wednesday, April 8th, 1 - 4 p.m.

Location: Committee Room #3

Workshop 2

Promoting the Sponsorship of Refugees Overseas

An insightful look into Canada's private sponsorship program including a comparison of the inland and overseas process as well as information on how to sponsor as a group of five or community sponsor.

Presenters: Irmtraud Hutfless, Martin Mark, Yosief Araya

When: Thursday, April 9th, 1:30-4:30 PM

Location: Committee Room #4

**Strength and courage
without borders**

WHAT IS REFUGEE RIGHTS DAY IN CANADA?

April 4, 1985 was a milestone for refugee rights in Canada. On that day, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right of refugee claimants in Canada to life, liberty and security of the person, and that claimants are therefore entitled to an oral hearing, in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice and international law. This ruling has become known as the 'Singh decision' in recognition of Harnhajan Singh, Sadhu Singh Thandi, Paramjit Singh Mann, Kewal Singh, Charanjit Singh Gill, Indrani and Satnam Singh who brought their cases to the Court.

PARTY FOR REFUGEES & FRIENDS

Concord Café, 937 Bloor St. W.
(Ossington & Bloor)

Tuesday, April 7th at 7 p.m.

Music, Food and a Friendly Welcome

***RRDay Party is an all-ages and wheelchair accessible event.

Refugee Rights Day organizing committee would like to thank all volunteers who made valuable contributions to the events.