

Refugee Rights Day



Join us on April 4th to commemorate Refugee Rights Day 2008

OCASI, together with community organizations, plans to commemorate Refugee Rights Days 2008 in Toronto with a series of community events across the city.

Refugee Rights Day is April 4, marking the 1985 Supreme Court of Canada decision 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.

Events will include a Celebration/Performance in solidarity with refugees on **Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Ethiopia House, 1231 Bloor Street West (Bloor & Lansdowne)**, a week-long community fair starting on **April 2, 2008 at City Hall Rotunda at 100 Queen Street West**, workshops on refugee issues on **April 4, 2008 at City Hall** for refugees and community workers, and other events.

To get involved in planning and for more information about this initiative, please contact Amy Casipullai, Policy and Public Education Coordinator at 416.322.4950 ext. 239 or email acasipullai@ocasi.org

For information about Refugee Rights Day, its history, and a virtual toolkit to help plan your own event, please visit the [Canadian Council for Refugees' website](#).