



AN OPEN
CONVERSATION ON
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
THROUGH AN ANTI-
OPPRESSIVE LENS

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WINTER NEWSLETTER

2019

JOIN OUR TEAM
February 28

ART EXHIBITION COMING SOON

Please save the date!

On the evening of Friday, April 26th FCJ will host an exhibit featuring art by newcomers, refugee claimants and allied artists who are supporting the newcomer community.

Join us for an evening of live performances and celebration at the Matter Gallery in Toronto, 344 Westmoreland Avenue. Stay tuned for more details.



BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

If you want to learn and support refugees and other precarious migrants, join our team of volunteers and make a difference. Register for the session [here](#) and send your resume and volunteer form to Carolina Teves at cteves@fcjrefugeecentre.org

Volunteer Orientation Session
February 28

**JOIN
US
NOW**

Time: from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Address: 208 Oakwood Ave
(FCJ Refugee Centre location)

Sharing stories of our volunteers:

My name is J.P. and I am a 1st year law student at the University of Toronto

Volunteering at FCJ was undoubtedly one of the highlights of my first semester. I can truly say that I've never been in a place where so many people are helping others in such critical ways. Each Friday, I observe FCJ staff running educational workshops for youth, meeting with a seemingly constant stream of clients, and liaising over the phone with Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada to resolve client issues. It's easy to get disconnected from real world issues in law school, so I'm very grateful that I've been able to watch the staff at FCJ expertly help those with daunting immigration related problems.

Moreover, while other opportunities for beginner law students often only involve clerical work, at FCJ I've had the opportunity each shift to handle real files for real clients. While this prospect seemed overwhelming at first, the FCJ staff does an amazing job preparing volunteers. It started at orientation when Francisco thoroughly explained the ins and outs of refugee advocacy. Each week, Diana clearly explains to me the approach I should take on a file, and Devyn, the staff lawyer, expertly synthesizes case law that is always of great assistance. Finishing my first written appeal was an incredibly exciting and rewarding experience and I am very excited to continue volunteering in the coming months!



We did it!!

THANK YOU IKEA FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Special thanks for all of you for your support helping us selling or buying Christmas trees during the holiday season .



READY TOUR AND RAD INFO-SESSION

Ready Tour: Sign in and visit a refugee hearing room.

If you are a refugee claimant, this is a unique opportunity to be better prepared for your hearing, see an actual refugee hearing room and learn what happens during the hearing.

RAD Info session:

Do you want to learn the next steps after a negative decision in a refugee hearing?

Join one of the refugee appeal info sessions. This is a FREE opportunity to be better prepared for the preparation of their appeal before the RAD. Rejected refugees will learn the steps to follow and how to document your appeal before the Refugee Appeal Division (RAD).

READY TOUR AND RAD INFO-SESSIONS

CALENDAR MARCH to MAY 2019



MARCH	7	21
APRIL	4	18
MAY	2	16
JUNE	6	20

MARCH	14	28
APRIL	11	25
MAY	9	30
JUNE	13	27

Both sessions are free and take place in the afternoon time at the IRB location. If you have clients who would like to participate in these sessions sign in at the FCJ Refugee Centre website www.fcjrefugeecentre.org or just contact Carolina Teves: cteves@fcjrefugeecentre.org. Front line workers are welcome to join the sessions with their clients!

Are you a refugee claimant?

You are invited to participate in a tour of one of the IRB-RPD refugee hearing rooms in Toronto!



What is going to happen during my hearing?

How can I be ready for my refugee hearing?

Who is going to be there?

What is the place like where I have to go for my hearing?

LEARN

- ➔ How to navigate the refugee hearing process
- ➔ What is a refugee hearing
- ➔ What to expect at the hearing
- ➔ Who might participate at the hearing

READY tours take place twice a month at 74 Victoria Street, Toronto, on the 4th Floor.

Registration:

[contact](#)

Carolina Teves
cteves@fcjrefugeecentre.org

[Or visit](#)

www.fcjrefugeecentre.org



FCJ Refugee Centre
Walking with Uprooted People

FREE ORIENTATION FOR REFUGEE CLAIMANTS APPEALING THEIR NEGATIVE DECISION TO THE REFUGEE APPEAL DIVISION (RAD) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE BOARD (IRB)

I received a negative decision in my hearing, what should I do?

Am I eligible to appeal?

Where should I go if I want to appeal?

Who can help me to prepare an appeal?



RAD information session

RAD information sessions will provide the Appellant with a FREE opportunity to be better prepared for the submission of their appeal before the RAD:

- What you need to do to appeal your negative decision?
- The documents you need for your appeal
- What happens during an appeal to the RAD?

REGISTRATION

<http://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org>
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READY TOUR

READY TOUR is a free program for refugee claimants waiting for their refugee hearing .

Thank you to all our participants for sharing your experience at the Ready Tour:



REFUGEE HEARING ORIENTATION SESSION

A free program for refugee claimants

1. We really appreciate it if you can leave a testimony of your experience at the Ready Tour: (describe how was your experience):

The Ready Tour was very helpful and the presentation was very clear. The presenter was also very patient while answering questions we had. Thank you so much for doing this program. Everyone should do this before their hearing.

READY TOUR TESTIMONY

Ready Tour was a beautiful and informative experience that I will forever pass down to any refugee coming into Canada.

I heard about it for the first time from my Counselor at the Shelter at a point of exit when I secured an apartment. I decided to give it a shot. I sent a mail requesting for 'Ready Tour' to FCJ and I was scheduled for the tour. I got there only to find out that I wasn't the only one that got the appointment. The tour was very revealing and informative. It is designed to help refugees with their coming up hearing, to build up a little confidence in them and to reduce the rate of 'Appeal' after the hearing. The Tour like I said was revealing because it revealed that the hearing for the claimants is not a criminal case and it's just going to be the claimant, the Judge and the claimant's lawyer.

Well organized and there was room for all to ask questions and interpreters were also available to those that needed it. At the end of the session, I had a sense of what my hearing day is going to look like, who to expect on that day and how to prepare myself.

My Hearing went well and coincidentally, I had mine at the same room where the tour was actually conducted but the truth is I never had scold feet all through the Hearing and this I believe was because of the Readiness I had with FCJ (Ready Tour).

I must confess the team at FCJ are really fantastic. So grateful that I met them and I encouraged immigrants to seek to know the 'How to' once they arrive into Canada and FCJ is one of the places to visit for knowledge.

Thanks all!

Anonymous

Ontario's Human Trafficking Awareness Day – February 22nd 2019

This **Friday Feb 22nd from 10am-12pm**, the Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network, TCHTN is hosting a free and very informative event titled, “**An Open Conversation on Human Trafficking Through an Anti-Oppressive Lens**”. The event will be taking place at the Mary Ward Centre and will encompass a panel of diverse panelists, speaking on different forms of human trafficking and the current landscape in Ontario. You are welcome to join us. Registration through Eventbrite:

<https://humantraffickingawarenessday.eventbrite.ca>

YOU ARE INVITED TO

AN OPEN CONVERSATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH AN ANTI- OPPRESSIVE LENS

Join a community discussion on *Ontario's Human Trafficking Awareness Day* featuring organizations working against different forms of human trafficking in Ontario, followed by a Q&A and press conference.

Hosted by the *Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network* and other community partners.



FEBRUARY 22, 2019 - 10AM-12PM
THE MARY WARD CENTRE
70 ST. MARY ST, TORONTO

Registration : <https://humantraffickingawarenessday.eventbrite.ca>

Refreshments will be served.

For info contact Lmata@fcjrefugeecentre.org



TORONTO COUNTER HUMAN Trafficking NETWORK

*Working together to counter human trafficking in Toronto and around the world***PRESS RELEASE****ONTARIO'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY – FEBRUARY 22ND 2019**

A Human Rights Based Approach to End Human Trafficking – Conversation and Press Conference Organized by the Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network (TCHTN)

10 AM to 12 PM

At The Mary Ward Centre: 70 St. Mary Street, Toronto, ON, M5S 1J3

Multiple forms of domestic and international human trafficking exist in Ontario, including sex and labour trafficking. While anyone can be affected by human trafficking, poverty, gender inequality and hyper sexualisation of women and girls, racism, colonialism and precarious immigration status are root causes. These and other factors, create greater vulnerability to human trafficking across Ontario.

The Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network provides comprehensive and collaborative responses to human trafficking, bringing together public sector partners with civil society organizations, networks and individuals to end human trafficking in the Greater Toronto Area. The Network is committed to work towards the elimination of human trafficking in Canada and abroad, and to address the needs of trafficked persons through a holistic, human rights-based approach. We call on all members of our City to take steps to understand and combat human trafficking in all its forms.

Ontario's Human Trafficking Awareness Day was proclaimed by the Ontario Government in 2017 to bring awareness to modern day slavery happening in Canada and abroad. On this day (February 22) a TCHTN panel will discuss the root causes of human trafficking, share insights from those with lived experience and examine what grassroots and collaborative networks such as the TCHTN are doing to counter human trafficking and advocate with survivors. The media is invited learn more about our approach to counter human trafficking in the province (press conference start time at 11 a.m.)

FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE YOUTH NETWORK HAD AN EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE DURING THE NEWCOMER YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Newcomer Youth Civic Engagement is a project designed to activate CCR Youth Network Branches across Canada in order to provide newcomer youth with the necessary skills and tools to engage and take leadership on issues of concern to them, and to increase commitment and capacity of the CCR members and other NGOs to



support newcomer youth engagement and leadership in youth-led perspective, as well as to strengthen CCR Youth Network sustainability by establishing structures that support continuous involvement by newcomer youth.

Through this program Youth newcomer between 16 and 25 years old can develop their leadership skills and motivate other newcomer youth to get involved and together strategize around issues that newcomer youth are facing. The CCR Youth Network Branches also facilitate youth engagement with organizations that serve newcomer youth in order to make their services more engaging and relevant to newcomer youth.

During the first meeting the participants shared their experiences on their journey to Canada. They also expressed their vision for the experience of newcomer youth who arrive in Canada and their vision for Youth Engagement. The next engagement meeting will be during the spring time. For more details feel free to contact Sara Hummad, Youth Worker at sara.hummad@fcjrefugeecentre.org or tel. 416 469 9754 ext. 228



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