



**TORONTO COUNTER HUMAN TRAFFICKING NETWORK**  
*Working together to counter human trafficking in Toronto and around the world*

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## **Press Release**

**Ontario's Human Trafficking Awareness Day – February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**)

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