



## REFUGEE RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS The City of Toronto acknowledges the positive contributions refugees make to our city, and supports their settlement and integration in all aspects of our city's social, cultural, economic and political life. The City of Toronto is at the forefront of efforts to eliminate poverty, violence, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, homelessness, hate crimes, hunger and illiteracy, while empowering individuals and communities to stand up against hatred, intolerance and discrimination. The City of Toronto is committed to promoting fundamental human rights and enhancing the quality of life for refugees, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S, women, children, indigenous peoples and anyone else who is at risk of experiencing discrimination or violence. Now therefore, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2017 as "Refugee Rights Awareness Month"** in the City of Toronto.

### Art Exhibition: *Beyond Fear and Loss, Reaching for Hope 2017*

*Quaker Committee for Refugees/ Salvadoran Canadian Association of Toronto (ASALCA).*

*Visual expression of refugee experience of flight from homeland and the journey to a new life in Canada*

Date: **April 6-8**- Opening: April 06 at 6:00 PM

Thursday April 06 – 1:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday April 07 – 10:00 am to 9:00pm

Saturday April 08 – 10:00 am to 5:00pm.

Place: Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue,  
(Near the Bloor and St. George subway)



### Event: Celebration of Refugee Rights

*Join Amnesty International, Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture and Sojourn House*



*in celebrating the many ways in which refugees enrich our communities.*

3:30pm-6:30pm **Saturday, April 8th**

Place: Bloor Street United Church  
(300 Bloor St. W.) – McClure Hall