

Refugee Rights Day



**Four Faces, Four Values:
What we want for refugees in Canada**



April 4th, 2012



Canadian Council for Refugees
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés

The Supreme Court's Singh Decision: One for the history books

On April 4th, 1985 the Supreme Court recognized that:

- > The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the basic rights of refugee claimants in Canada.
- > Refugee determination must respect the principles of fundamental justice.
- > Fundamental justice requires that, where credibility is an issue, refugee claimants must have an oral hearing.

Since then, April 4th has become recognized as **Refugee Rights Day** in Canada. It is an opportunity to bring attention to the advances made in the protection of refugee rights in Canada as a result of the Singh Decision. Refugee Rights Day is also a time to learn about the threats to those rights.

And Today?

- > Canada's refugee system has won the reputation for being one of the fairest in the world.
- > Canada has an independent, specialized tribunal, the Immigration and Refugee Board, that makes decisions on refugee claims following oral hearings.
- > Courts have recognized in subsequent decisions that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects people from deportation to persecution.
- > Refugees in Canada must still wait unacceptably long times to be reunited with their families.
- > Refugees overseas sponsored by private groups face long delays in processing.



**Speak up for a warm welcome
and fairness for refugees.
Speak out in support of
refugee rights in Canada!**

Here's how:



In 2012, the United Nations is examining Canada on its compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Join the CCR and the CCR Youth Network in speaking out about **children and youth rights under the Canadian immigration system.**

On 16 February 2012, the government introduced **Bill C-31** to reform Canada's refugee determination system. Bill C-31 is unconstitutional, undermines our humanitarian traditions, and violates our international obligations - it should be withdrawn.

Support an immigration system that is fair, independent of political considerations, and affordable.

Protect refugees from Bill C-31!



We want refugees to be treated fairly and honourably, in a process that is independent and affordable. Don't you?

Let others know **what you want for refugees in Canada** this Refugee Rights Day.

Take Action:
ccrweb.ca/en/refugee-rights-day



Did you know...?

For more information about Refugee Rights Day, you can check out the website: ccrweb.ca/en/refugee-rights-day

To speak out in favour of refugee rights in Canada, you can join the campaign for What We Want for Refugees in Canada: ccrweb.ca/en/4faces-4values

You can take action and join in other Canadian Council for Refugees' campaigns at: ccrweb.ca/en/campaigns

You can get more involved! Find a CCR member organization near you: ccrweb.ca/en/links

You can also find out more at: [@ccrweb](https://twitter.com/ccrweb) [@ccrwebvideos](https://twitter.com/ccrwebvideos)



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