



Amnesty International Lethbridge Action Circle

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Human Rights Day – Local Group part of International Action

Lethbridge – On Human Rights Day, December 10, Canadians will join thousands of their fellow citizens to protect those whose human rights are being violated as part of Amnesty International's Write for Rights write-a-thon. In 2008, Canadians held more than 1,000 *Write for Rights* events across the country, and wrote over 36,000 letters. The event commemorates the human rights enshrined more than 60 years ago in the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

As part of this global write-a-thon, Amnesty International Lethbridge will host an event for the community to write letters to governments worldwide to end human rights abuses. The group will have local musicians including Dale Ketcheson, Ben Brown, Floyd Sillito, and James Oldenburg. There will be free refreshments, a raffle, and Christmas gifts for sale. Admission is free, and all ages are welcome.

Amnesty International's Demand Dignity Campaign highlights the violations of human rights that keep people poor. The write-a-thon will include actions on the right to adequate housing, including the land rights of Indigenous peoples, as well as other cases around the world.

The idea is powerful and simple. Participants write letters asking governments to protect the human rights of specific individuals and communities at risk of harm. Participants can also write letters of support directly to people whose rights and safety are under attack. In lieu of writing a letter, or in addition to writing one, participants can donate funds to strengthen Amnesty International's life-saving research and campaigns.

Amnesty International's worldwide mission is to undertake research and action to prevent and end grave abuses of human rights. These include the rights to

physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination.

Visit www.amnesty.ca/writeathon for more information.

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