

# **GET READY FOR THE NATIONAL FLASHMOB!**

## **Mark your calendars: November 20th, The Universal Day of the Child**

This fall, the Canadian Council for Refugees Youth Network is [organizing flashmobs](#)\* across Canada to raise awareness about the fact that Canada is not respecting the rights of non-citizen children and youth. The time to act is now: the United Nations is getting ready to examine Canada (November 2011-June 2012) on its respect of children rights.

We want to:

- Raise the volume on Canada's lack of respect of non-citizen children and youth rights
- Encourage people to sign a [petition](#) demanding concrete changes.
- Meet with Canadian MPs to give them petition signatures/demand that they speak up in Parliament for change.

Our [demands](#) include asking that **[Canada STOP detaining children in immigration detention centres](#)**. In Canada, children are routinely held in immigration detention, for weeks and even **months** at a time. If [bill C-4](#) is adopted (currently at second reading in Parliament), some children will be jailed for a minimum of **12 months**.

We're also asking that **[Canada SPEED UP family reunification for refugees](#)**. Children often wait years in dangerous situations before they are allowed to travel to Canada to be reunited with their families. The longest wait times are for children in Africa. For example, half the cases of privately sponsored refugees in Nairobi (Kenya) take more than 3 YEARS. For children, 3 years is a lifetime!

**If you want to help organize one of the flashmobs, or if you want to participate, get in touch with the organizers in the following cities:**

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**Your city is not on the list yet? Launch a group in your own city! Call us at 514-277-7223, ext. 3, or email us at [cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca](mailto:cbeaudry@ccrweb.ca)**

In the upcoming weeks, we'll be launching a series of YouTube videos that explain our demands. Stay tuned, subscribe to: [youtube.com/ccrwebvideos](http://youtube.com/ccrwebvideos)

For more information and flashmob resources, go to: <http://ccrweb.ca/en/youthrights/flash-mob>

\*A flashmob is a group of people who gather suddenly in a public place, in order to perform something planned in advance (a street theatre act, a dance etc.). The goals are to catch people's attention and raise awareness on specific issues.