



no one is illegal
vancouver

FIGHTING BACK!

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No One Is Illegal - Vancouver is seeking supporters to help support and assist our events and campaigns though either one time donations or continuous support membership.

NOII is a grassroots anti-colonial immigrant and refugee rights movement, with most of our organizers from immigrant/refugee backgrounds (South Asian, Persian, Latina/o, Arab and Middle Eastern) and predominantly women. Our movement places itself within the broader anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist movement for people's democratic, social and economic rights and is in full public confrontation with the Canadian state; denouncing and taking action to combat profiling, detention and deportation, police and law enforcement brutality, exploitation and wage-slave working conditions of immigrants and refugees.

Our work is carried out through various strategies including organizing public awareness events, multilingual community legal advocacy forums from Vancouver to Surrey, conferences, public rallies and actions, coordinating letter writing and telephone campaigns. Our educational work also involves furthering an analysis that links the "War on Terrorism" abroad to the racist "Fortress North America" agenda at home. We have, for example, coordinated the highly successful "Canadian Refugee Camp" since February 2005. The camp involves the participation from various community groups involved in historical and present struggle against racist border and immigration policies, while making the links to Canadian policies of corporate globalization, war and occupation that result in mass displacement from lands in the Third World.

Meanwhile, we also organize tangible political and legal advocacy to defend families and individuals in the refugee determination process on a DAILY basis by drafting legal submissions, organizing multilingual community forums, providing training workshops in refugee support work, producing a multilingual legal resource booklet, and fighting back through direct actions at immigration offices, detention centers, and airports against deportations.

We have also worked extensively and concretely on building alliances with and supporting indigenous sisters and brothers who are also fighting theft of land and displacement. One active campaign that we have undertaken has been standing in support of the Secwepemc people as they resist the destruction of their land by Delta Inc. and the Sun Peaks Resort. Actions have included various public forums with films and speakers, public rallies in the Vancouver area and at Sun Peaks, prison support for Secwepemc political prisoners, and media work.

In addition to our educational work and community-based organizing, we have several ongoing campaigns at the local and national level such as Regularization: Status for All, Repeal Safe Third Country Agreement, Restore Legal Aid for Refugees in B.C, and Abolish Security Certificates. For over three years, No One is Illegal and others have been working to build the groundwork for a national campaign to push for the regularization of non-status

immigrants living in Canada. Our Restore Legal Aid for Refugees in B.C Campaign demands restoring of legal aid to \$5 million to maintain adequate access to legal services and call for a repeal of any profiling-based pre-screening process. No One Is Illegal is also part of an ongoing national campaign seeking the abolition of security. As part of this campaign we have disseminated a large amount of public information about security certificates, organized concerted media campaigns, made submissions to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, and organized several public actions.

In the past few years, we have written hundreds of letters, collected thousands of signatures, and organized dozens of demonstrations. We have successfully fought deportations and detentions, but have also seen our family members and friends removed, detained, forced underground or forced into sanctuary.

All this work comes at an enormous cost. We operate an office, plan meetings and actions, produce educational materials (including a multilingual educational resource booklet for refugees) and raise emergency funds (such as legal funds or financial support for those in detention) for our communities on about \$600 a month. None of the organizers of No One is Illegal are paid staff, yet we all spend countless hours a week organizing and defending our communities. Unlike many other organizations, we do not accept any government funding. So we are requesting your support, which would help us enormously.

The suggested continuous support membership fee for No One is Illegal is \$10- \$20.00 per month over a six month time period. For one-time donations, we suggest \$ 50-100 for a six-month period.

With your No One is Illegal support membership you will receive a support membership card that will give you free access to various talks, film nights and other special events. You will also receive regular updates on all of our events as well as various informative pamphlets and newsletters. Supporters will also receive various items including: No One is Illegal buttons, posters, CDs, t-shirts, educational booklets and resource material.

Join us in the struggle for the right for our communities to maintain their livelihoods and resist war, occupation and displacement. Any amount helps!

Cheques or money orders may be made out and mailed to:

No One is Illegal

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Feel free to send us post-dated cheques.

To learn more about our campaigns and events, please visit our website at:

<http://vancouver.nooneisillegal.org>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact us at

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In solidarity and struggle
No One is Illegal Vancouver