



**A Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the
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PRESS RELEASE:

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A 60th Anniversary Celebration of the signing of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights will take place in Hamilton on Wednesday, 10 December 2008. This event is being organized by a wide coalition of Waikato community organisations working in the areas of human rights, social justice, ethnic and migrant communities, refugee services, interfaith, and children and youth organizations.

The event, which follows the Waikato Museum's formal opening of "Walk With Me: The Refugee Experience in New Zealand," will begin at 11:30am with a silent walk to Civic Square in Garden Place. Anyone interested in participating should plan on gathering on Knox Street by 11:15am. The walkers will be formally welcomed in Civic Square and from 12:00-2:00pm, the Square will become the focus of a range of outdoor events and activities for all ages. This includes music and dance performances, interactive art activities for the kids, informational booths and other events. Keynote speakers include Rosslyn Noonan (Chief Commissioner), and Jeremy Pope (Commissioner), both from the Human Rights Commission. A more formal event will take place at 7:00pm in the Hamilton City Council's Reception Room, and will culminate in a presentation by the Human Rights Commission to the Hamilton City Council of a copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (in both English and Maori).

The Waikato Interfaith Council, along with its partners in organizing this important event, invite you to come and celebrate with us the 60th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

For more information, visit the Event's web site at: <<http://wifco.wikispaces.com/events>> or send an email to: <WIFCOevents@gmail.com>.

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