Local volunteers to welcome 40 new Canadians from 24 countries at a special community citizenship ceremony at Fort York National Historic Site

On Friday, November 8, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) will welcome and celebrate 40 new Canadians from 24 countries at a special community citizenship ceremony at Toronto’s Fort York National Historic Site.

Prior to the ceremony, the ICC will hold another in its series of community-led roundtable discussions organized by its local volunteer committee. The roundtable is a unique experience where members of the community (from neighbours to business professionals and city leaders) are invited to guide a conversation with new citizens that encourages the sharing of stories and a collective reflection on Canadian citizenship. One new citizen, Ilyana, had this to say about the experience: “When I arrived this morning I was excited for me and my family. After the roundtable discussions, I became excited for everyone in the room.”

Presiding Official: Judge Karen J. McMillan  
Clerk: Andre Visser  
RCMP Officer: Constable Terry Russell

Guest Speakers:  
- Sally Armstrong, C.M. & Amnesty International award winner

When: Friday, November 8  
- 10:00 a.m.: Roundtable discussion  
- 11:00 a.m.: Citizenship ceremony

Where: Fort York National Historic Site (100 Garrison Rd Toronto, M5V 3K9)

Photos and video are permitted. Please note: content overheard during the roundtable discussions is off the record, but participants can be approached for interviews during the reception following the ceremony.

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The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is a national, non-profit charity that encourages active citizenship through innovative programs, collaborations and unique volunteer opportunities. Founded and co-chaired by the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul, the ICC works to: ensure new citizens are welcomed and included as equals; create meaningful connections among all Canadians; foster a culture of engaged citizens; reframe the national conversation on inclusion, identity and citizenship; and celebrate what it means to be Canadian. For more information, visit [icc-icc.ca](http://icc-icc.ca) or email [info@icc-icc.ca](mailto:info@icc-icc.ca). Join our conversation by following us on Twitter [@IICCICC](https://twitter.com/IICCICC).

For information on Canadian citizenship ceremonies across the country, please visit the Celebrate Being Canadian section of Citizenship and Immigration Canada’s website, [cic.gc.ca](http://cic.gc.ca) or follow us on Twitter [@CitImmCanada](https://twitter.com/CitImmCanada).

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