



# B.C. Human Rights Coalition

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## Media Advisory

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### International Human Rights Day Event

**(VANCOUVER, Canada)** – The B.C. Human Rights Coalition and the United Nations Association of Vancouver invite the media to attend our 17<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of International Human Rights Day, Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event provides an opportunity for those working in the human rights arena to come together and celebrate accomplishments. In addition, each year the Renate Shearer Memorial Award is presented to someone who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of human rights. This Award is a memorial to the life and work of Renate Shearer who was a champion of equality and dignity for all.

This year, the United Nations Association of Vancouver has nominated *Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada (LRWC)* as the Award recipient for the exceptional work they do in promoting international standards aimed at protecting the rights and the safety of human rights defenders world wide. LRWC is a non-governmental organization comprised of Canadian lawyers many of whom volunteer their time and expertise to this important work. The group promotes and monitors the implementation and enforcement of international standards aimed at strengthening the rule of law and security of self and lends support internationally to human rights defenders in danger. Gail Davidson, Executive Director of the Vancouver branch, will receive the Award on behalf of *LRWC* and speak to the recent work of this group.

Please join us in honouring *Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada* and in celebrating the birthday of the Universal Declaration of Rights and Freedoms.

Thursday, December 9, 2004  
The Blue Horizon Hotel, Garibaldi Room  
1225 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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