



### **Harvesting Freedom campaign arrives in Kingston, Ontario.**

The Harvesting Freedom campaign a month long 1500 km caravan is organizing a series of events in the Kingston Ontario region. The caravan is being organized to demand that the federal government grants permanent residency status to the migrant workers employed under the Seasonal Agricultural Workers program (SAWP). 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the SAWP program where migrant workers from the Caribbean and Mexico are employed on Canadian farms for up to 8 months a year annually.

The Harvesting Freedom Itinerary for Thursday September 29th is as follows:

10:30am-11:am Harvesting Freedom campaign will leaflet at the Farmers Market at Springer Market Square (216 Ontario st)

1:00pm to 2:30pm Studies in National and International Development at Queens University will be hosting an academic seminar featuring the Harvesting Freedom caravan. The lecture will take place in Mac-Corey D 214, (58 University Ave)

3:30pm-4:00pm Harvesting Freedom and local allies are organizing a delegation to the offices of Liberal MP Mark Gerretsen's office, (located at 841 Princess street, cross street Regent.)

"As the caravan gets closer to Ottawa, the message is getting louder. Status now for migrant workers," says Tanya Ferguson, an organizer with the campaign. "Communities across Ontario welcome the caravan and its simple message that it's time to end the 50 years of injustice that migrant farm workers have endured through this flawed government scheme."

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