

## **Salam Neighbor Film Screening - Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8:00 pm, Berwyn Public Library**

What's it really like to live in a refugee camp? How can you support refugee and immigration groups in Chicago?

Find out at Organizing for Action's screening of the award-winning film, Salam Neighbor. This gripping documentary follows two American filmmakers as they witness the everyday challenges and victories of the lives residing in one of Jordan's largest Syrian refugee camps.

Following the screening, a panel of speakers who have dedicated their careers to supporting refugees and immigrants in Chicago will speak about how we can get involved with this important cause. The evening will close with a brief Q&A. Light refreshments will be served.

Our panelists and OFA's fellows look forward to seeing you on June 15th, and collectively creating an action plan for welcoming and inclusive communities!

We have three outstanding speakers:

Ms. Heena Musabji is the Director of Operations at PBN. She is also the Principal Attorney at the Musabji Law Offices, focusing on immigration and nationality law. Previously, Ms. Musabji was a partner at Amal Law Group, and has she also served as CAIR-Chicago's first Staff Attorney, counseling and representing its constituency on civil rights. She worked with the National Immigrant Justice Center throughout law school and has served as director of the Sex Trafficking Opposition and Prevention Project with the International Human Rights Law Institute. Heena recently served as Vice President of the Board for the Muslim Civil Liberties Union, and is also on the board at her mosque. Heena has served on the board at West Suburban Montessori School and at the Terraces of Oak Park. She holds a law degree from DePaul College of Law.

Ms. Suzanne Akhras Sahloul is the founder & president of the Syrian Community Network. She is also the founder of Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) Midwest Foundation, having served as its president from 2004- 2006. She has a bachelors degree in history and education from the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC), a Masters of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) from Lewis University, and is currently pursuing a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership at the Kellogg School of Management Suzanne currently resides with her husband and three children in the West suburbs of Chicago and in her spare time she enjoys reading, hiking, and traveling.

Verónica Cortez is a Staff Attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). Founded in 1968, MALDEF is the nation's leading Latino legal civil rights organization. Often described as the "law firm of the Latino community", MALDEF promotes social change through advocacy, communications, community education and litigation in the areas of education, employment, immigrant rights, and political access. Ms. Cortez is a graduate of Brown University and Chicago-Kent College of Law. As a Staff Attorney in MALDEF's Midwest Regional office, Verónica works to further MALDEF's goals through litigation in the areas of voting rights, education, immigrant rights, and employment. Prior to joining MALDEF, she worked as a paralegal and law clerk at a socially conscious Chicago law firm where she worked on civil rights impact litigation both in Chicago and across the country. Verónica graduated from Brown University with a degree in Hispanic Studies and International Relations and received her law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

For further questions about the event please contact Laurra Pils, 847-951-3167.

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