



Canadian Journalists
for Free Expression Presents:

Pikin News: Out Loud!

Supporting Young Journalists in Sierra Leone



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Join Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE) on July 29th to celebrate the accomplishments of *Pikin News* – a youth-run newspaper in Sierra Leone.

Pikin News, (Children's News), was launched in December 2006 with the support of UNICEF and government agencies to provide a platform for children and youth to discuss issues affecting Sierra Leone.

Prominent artists, journalists, and members of the Sierra Leonean community will take the stage to read articles and poetry from *Pikin News*. These pieces provide insight into the collective experience of the youth of Sierra Leone, one that has been deeply impacted by the country's 11-year civil war.

Host: **Rudy Blair**, 680News radio host

Opening remarks:

Susan McClelland, award-winning journalist and writer

Speakers:

Austin Clarke, C.M., O.Ont., author of "The Polished Hoe"

Jennifer Hollett, former Much Music VJ, journalist and social activist

Mariatu Kamara, UNICEF Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict

Innocent Madawo, Zimbabwean journalist and author

Umu Nabie, student and aspiring journalist from Sierra Leone

Leah Pinsent, Gemini Award winning actress

Performance by:

Ooh La La, traditional African dance group

If you are unable to attend, you can offer your support by making a donation online at:
<http://www.canadahelps.org/gp.aspx?id=4770>

Pikin News: Out Loud!
Fundraising Event

July 29th, 2009

Lula Lounge
1585 Dundas St. W

6 PM Door open/Dining
8 PM Program

Admission: \$10

For advanced tickets call:
416-515-9622 x231

Lula Lounge is located at
1585 Dundas St. West
(West of Dufferin)
Toronto, ON
TTC Station: Dufferin

For dinner reservations:
(416) 588-0307 or lula.ca
Reservations guarantee seating.
Dinner is optional and not
included in admission fee.
Cash bar will be available.

For more event info visit:
[http://www.cjfe.org/eng/about/
events.html#pikin09](http://www.cjfe.org/eng/about/events.html#pikin09)

Copies of the *Pikin News* will be
available for purchase.

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