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Letter Writing Marathon, Events to Mark Intl Human Rights Day Dec. 10th



December 10th, marking International Human Rights Day at Mykolas Romeris University (MRU), a series of events including a film and a letter writing marathon, are planned.

From 9:00 a.m. - 14:30 hrs., in the second floor foyer of Building II, Amnesty International (AI) and the European Foundation of Human Rights (EFHR) will set up a stand so students can take part in the "Write for Rights" annual global letter

MRU students will send letters to government leaders in Greece, South Africa, Uzbekistan and also to U.S. President Barack Obama to free jailed activists or whistle blowers.

Every December, Al supporters, students, and youth write millions of messages to free imprisoned activists worldwide. Sometimes the petitions help factilitate the release of prisoners of conscience, or change laws to protect people's freedom.

MRU students will be writing on behalf of four individuals including petitioning U.S. President Barack Obama for the release of U.S. Army Private Chelsea Manning, a whistle-blower serving a 35-year prison sentence for leaking classified government material to the website Wikileaks.

Students will also be able to petition Uzbekistan's Prosecutor General for the release of former Uzbekistani Defence Ministry official Erkin Musaev sentenced to 20 years in jail in 2007, after a series of unfair trials.

Musaev was arrested, while employed for a UN agency, and charged with spying and misusing UN funds, which he has flatly denied.

At 14:40 hrs., in MRU's I-414 aud., the recently established MRU International Students Association (ISA) will make a presentation.

EFHR will speak about foreigners' rights in Lithuania and a representative from the Migration Board of the Vilnius County Police will discuss changes in the Lithuanina migration policy affecting international students.

At 15:50 hrs., the documentary film, "Ethnic Kitchen," will be screened featuring MRU student Keisha LaRaine Ingram from Jamaica. She discusses how she came to Vilnius, her studies at MRU and plans for the future.

The documentary film is made possible by the European Economic Area Grants NGO Program Lithuania.

After the film, there will be a discussion. Snacks and beverages will be served.

The one-day event is organized by MRU's Marketing Office in conjunction with the International Students Assocation (ISA), Al and EFHR.

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All invited to attend.

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